

MINEPS VI Programme Committee Meeting
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Meeting Summary

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Opening Session

The Programme Committee (PC) Meeting was opened by the representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation. They welcomed all participants, thanked UNESCO and other stakeholders for their preparation of MINEPS VI, and expressed their determination in making the Conference a success.

Angela Melo, Director Division of Ethics, Youth and Sport, Sector for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO emphasized the importance of MINEPS VI for international sport policy development. MINEPS VI will help all stakeholders to place their future programmes in the SDG context.

Gert Oosthuizen, CIGEPS Chairman, pointed out that CIGEPS has the potential to bring member states together and to engage governments in monitoring concrete initiatives to which MINEPS VI will commit. He expressed his commitment to the preparations of and follow-up to MINEPS VI.

UNESCO reminded all participants of the context and goals of MINEPS VI and outlined the goals of the Programme Committee Meeting. Following a summary of all activities since CIGEPS' decision to hold MINEPS VI in 2017, the agenda for the Programme Committee Meeting was adopted.

ICSSPE provided some statistical information: three informal Working groups (WG) composed of expert organizations and individuals have contributed to the advancement of the three conference themes and the MINEPS Sport Policy Follow-Up Framework.

- Working Group I is composed of 84 members, Working Group II has 91 members and Working Group III 67;
- For WG I, 19 written contributions had been received at the time of the meeting, for WG II, 8 and for WG III, 14 contributions; many more, further contributions from the working groups can be expected;
- 53 participants participated in the meeting of WG I in Paris, 26 in the WG II meeting in Monaco, and 36 in the WG III meeting in Lausanne.

UNESCO then presented the current status of the MINEPS Sport Policy Follow-Up Framework and opened the discussion, based on the proposed comments and amendments received by the WG members. The result of the discussion can be found in the overview below.

MINEPS VI: Focus on Action

The meeting confirmed the four main conference objectives:

- (i) Acknowledgement of the MINEPS Sport Policy Follow-up Framework as a useful tool for fostering international convergence in assessing progress of sport policy development; several participants mentioned that they were initially skeptical with respect to the framework but had come to appreciate it as a useful, practical tool for structuring and sharing information; the IOC mentioned that this framework could be the basis for a future UNESCO sport policy observatory;
- (ii) Recognition of the concrete information gathered by the working groups to inform the framework; participants expressed that the scope and quality of this information was remarkable and that it should be made more easily accessible to conference participants; the current Excel sheet format is considered too complex;
- (iii) Strengthening linkages between sport policy development and the SDGs;

- (iv) Commitment to international cooperation for specific actions; the Chair of CIGEPS repeatedly emphasized that MINEPS VI should commit to concrete actions the implementation and impact of which should be monitored by CIGEPS.

Conference Themes and Topics

The meeting clarified the definition of topics under each of the three main themes of the follow-up framework, as follows:

Theme I – Developing a comprehensive vision of inclusive access for all

- Align with the overall development priorities and the SDG framework
- Establish multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Foster quality physical education and active schools
- Enforce gender equality/Empower girls and women
- Foster empowerment and inclusive participation

Theme II - Maximizing the contributions of sport to sustainable development and peace

- Improve health and well-being of all, at all ages
- Make cities and settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Provide quality education and promote lifelong learning for all
- Build peaceful, inclusive and equitable societies
- Provide economic growth and full and productive employment and work for all
- Advance gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns and take urgent actions to combat climate change and its impacts
- Build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Theme III - Protecting the integrity of sport

- Safeguard athletes, spectators, workers and other groups involved
- Foster good governance of sports organizations
- Strengthen measures against the manipulation of sports competitions
- Strengthen measures against doping
- Protect children, youth and other vulnerable groups

The meeting agreed that the working document of MINEPS VI should refer anti-doping issues as much as possible to the Conference of Parties and highlight anti-doping crosscutting dimensions such as prevention/education, information exchange, national capacities, integrated legislation, etc.

With respect to the agenda of MINEPS VI, participants supported that a round table of non-sport ministers be included in the agenda of the formal part of the conference; they were invited to make proposals with respect to different types of speakers / side events (sport and other ministers; sports stars; other personalities or happenings presenting a novel and stimulating approach).

The Chair of CIGEPS agreed to elaborate, for the working and the draft outcome documents, a draft proposal with respect to the role of CIGEPS in monitoring the implementation of the action plan to be adopted by MINEPS VI; he also agreed to convene asap a phone / Skype conference with the other CIGEPS Bureau members to mobilize them for the preparations of MINEPS VI.

Poster Exhibition

ICSSPE introduced the poster exhibition concept and explained the main purpose of the exhibition is to provide additional opportunities for MINEPS VI delegates to showcase programmes and further initiatives related to the three conference topics. The set-up of the exhibition concept shall encourage communication between presenters and other conference delegates.

Other items addressed

- The preamble of the outcome document shall emphasise the inclusive spirit of the entire document.
- It was requested that measurable indicators should be developed across policy sectors.

Proposals for panellists and keynote speakers

UNESCO invited PC members to propose keynote speakers for the expert forum and for the ministerial conference. Speakers for the expert forum can be representatives of governmental and non-governmental organisations, researchers as well as practitioners. Keynote speakers for the ministerial conference shall be high-level government representatives. Presentations must focus on conference themes. Regional and gender balance must be considered for both fora.

Kazan Action Plan

Finally, main actions to be endorsed by MINEPS VI were determined:

Ministers will commit to cooperate for the following actions:

- (i) Elaborate an advocacy tool presenting evidence-based arguments for investments in sport, physical education and physical activity;
- (ii) Develop common indicators measuring the contribution of sport to the identified prioritized SDGs & targets;
- (iii) Elaborate a comprehensive and holistic set of international guiding principles orienting sport ministers' interventions in the field of sport integrity;
- (iv) Develop a clearing house for sharing information according to the sport policy follow-up framework endorsed by MINEPS VI.

All actions are considered highly relevant and having a good potential for mobilizing partners and resources. It was agreed that the rationale, overall objectives and main actions for each of these "projects" will be outlined in the draft outcome document of MINEPS VI to be prepared for the 2017 CIGEPS session, while these projects, if approved by CIGEPS, can be elaborated in more detail for presentation at MINEPS VI (experts forum); the Russian Federation informally indicated its interest in supporting (iv) above; the Chair of CIGEPS suggested (iii) above.

Closing remarks

Based on contributions received from PC and working group members, UNESCO and ICSSPE will jointly draft a working as well as an outcome document which will be presented to CIGEPS. The next CIGEPS meeting will be held on 30th and 31st March 2017 in Paris. The revised MINEPS Sport Policy Follow-Up Framework and the presentations during the meeting will be uploaded to the virtual work space.

The Minister expressed his appreciation of the work that has been accomplished during the meeting of the Programme Committee and presented further information regarding the implementation of MINEPS VI. The revised conference dates are 13th until 15th July 2017.

List of Participants

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