

Promoting Good Governance in Sport

More than 50 Ministers from UNESCO Member States meet in Berlin

Over 500 delegates including 50 leading politicians, sport officials and representatives from civil society convene to promote equality, integrity and sustainability in international sport. The 5th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials for Sport and Physical Education (MINEPS V) will be opened by the Federal Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, and the Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova.

Coordinated by ICSSPE and chaired by UNESCO and the Ministry of the Interior of Germany, the programme committee – including amongst others the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee and the German Olympic Sports Confederation - established three international working groups prior to the conference. Accordingly over 90 international experts from the sport world, governmental representatives and researchers contributed to the production of the contents and formulated recommendations.

The key messages of MINEPS V include calls for implementation of inclusive policies in all areas of sport. Furthermore the development of national visions for sport and physical education policies under consideration of the socio-economic benefits has been put on the agenda. The experts recommend a comprehensive perspective on major sporting events, grassroots and physical education programmes in the context of national sport systems. Moreover they call for the preservation of the integrity of sport through adequate prevention measures, international coordination and appropriate policies.

ICSSPE's Executive Director, Detlef Dumon commends the effort and commitment of the many experts towards developing the declaration and he is impressed that "ICSSPE's network has taken a strong role in facilitating exchange between politics, sport, science and other areas of society." One of the major achievements of this process, he feels was that it led to the mobilisation and establishment of communication across various regions, disciplines and areas of civil society. While "it will be challenging to keep the momentum alive", he sums up that "the thorough preparations over the last few months have created a very promising basis for successful MINEPS V outcomes and their implementation."

For more information on MINEPS V please visit www.mineps2013.de

For further information or questions regarding the MINEPS V Conference, please contact Mr. Ben Weinberg (bweinberg@icsspe.org).

The conference venue is the InterContinental Hotel in Berlin.

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