ARE YOU READY FOR THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE SPORT?

The Sporting Chance Forum is finally back in-person, bringing all actors in the sport ecosystem together at the Palais des Nations in Geneva to discuss the future of sport and human rights. Coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Forum is part of Human Rights 75, a year-long United Nations initiative to commemorate the anniversary.
KEY DETAILS

- Organised by the Centre for Sport and Human Rights, the 2023 Sporting Chance Forum will take place in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX), Palais des Nations, Geneva.

- Accreditation is essential. All participants must register via INDICO, the official UN accreditation system, which requires users to sign up or log in to a personal account, and follow the steps to register.

- The UN strongly advises that most participants pick up their badges on 4th December to allow for smoother entrance on the day of the event. If you are not able to pick up your badge on the 4th, please make sure you arrive well ahead of time on the 5th as there will be long queues at the accreditation desks.

- When attending the Forum, you will be able to access the Palais des Nations through Porte de la Paix (Peace Gate) located on Place des Nations (Broken Chair). Accreditation desks are open from 8am to 4:45pm. Upon presentation of a valid passport registered participants will be issued with a badge and proceed through airport-style security to access the Palais des Nations.

- A full logistics note will be sent to all participants ahead of time and published on a dedicated Sporting Chance Forum LinkedIn Group set up specifically for the event.

SLIDO

Given the tight schedule at the forum, we will be taking questions via Slido only.

To use submit a question during the forum follow this link and type the code: #2965485 before choosing the session and submitting a question.

LIVESTREAM

The Sporting Chance Forum is an in-person event but will simultaneously be livestreamed on UN TV here.
CHAIR & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Honorary Chair of the 2023 Sporting Chance Forum: Mary Robinson, Patron & Founding Chair of the Centre for Sport & Human Rights, former President of Ireland, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Master of Ceremonies: Tracey Holmes, Journalist & broadcaster.

4 DECEMBER: WELCOME TO GENEVA

- **08:00 to 16:45H**: Accreditation open for collection of badges from Palais des Nations
- **17:30-20:00H**: Speakers' reception and welcome drinks hosted by the Swiss Mission to the United Nations - by invitation only.
Tackling systemic issues including discrimination and human rights violations now requires bold, empathetic and respectful leadership together with sincere levels of humility, transparency and openness within sports governance in order to create cultures that are truly fair, accessible, inclusive, and enabling. How can we move beyond institutional commitments to human rights and core labour standards and increase the pace of change within the sports ecosystem? What does a people-centred culture of sport look like, and how can we institutionalise and operationalise responsible sport in day-to-day activities and sporting events?
ANITA RAMASASTRY, Professor of Law, University of Washington; former member of the UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights
TIHANA BULE, Head of Governance & Multilateral Relations, OECD Centre on Responsible Business Conduct
RAE LINDSAY, Partner & Co-Head of Business and Human Rights, Clifford Chance LLP; Co-Chair, Business & Human Rights Lawyers Association
MAGALI MARTOWICZ, Head of Human Rights, International Olympic Committee

Regulations that apply to the sports ecosystem are changing, with a greater focus on human rights due diligence across many sectors and value chains. How can the industry respond to new frameworks and increased expectations to identify risks and develop responses? What steps can sport take to maintain and uphold a social licence to operate that addresses the expectations of athletes, governments, investors, consumers and civil society?

12:30-14:15H LUNCH BREAK

14:15-14:25H REMARKS FROM THEODORE THEODORIDIS

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14:25-14:30H SPECIAL VIDEO MESSAGE FROM VINICIUS JR.

14:30-15:50H TRUTH, JUSTICE, REPAIR & RECONCILIATION: OPPORTUNITIES IN SPORT TO ADDRESS RACIAL INEQUALITY & LEGACIES OF COLONIALISM

DAVID GREVEMBERG, Chief Innovation & Partnerships Officer, Centre for Sport & Human Rights
STAN GRANT, Journalist, broadcaster, writer
MARJORIE GUILLAUME, Head of Pre-Game Training Camps, Impact & Heritage 2024, Inter-ministerial Delegation for Major Sporting Events at the French Sport Ministry
KEITH JOSEPH, President, Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees
AZEEM RAFIQ, Ex-Professional Cricketer and Athlete Activist

How do we discuss and address the uncomfortable truths related to the history, structures and systems of sport derived from colonialism, racism and patriarchy that have led to European / North American centrism in modern-day sport. What are practices and initiatives that can be implemented to both democratise and forge a more inclusive world of sport that acknowledges historical truths, instigates reparative justice and enables communal reconciliation as the foundation for sustainable and impactful sport?
15:50-16:10H BREAK

16:10-16:50H THE TRANSFORMATIVE FUTURE OF WOMEN’S SPORTS: EMBRACING INTERSECTIONALITY & SOLIDARITY IN POLICIES & PRACTICES

LOMBE MWAMBWA, Research Director, Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport
GABRIELA GARTON, Footballer & Player Relations Coordinator, World Players Association
KHALIDA POPAL, Footballer & human rights defender
NATALIE WASHINGTON, Footballer & activist

How can sport policies consider the specific needs of different groups, adopt an intersectional approach, and foster solidarity around women’s common challenges and aspirations? This session brings together a diverse group of women athletes to share their experiences, and provide their perspectives on how to enable inclusive and women’s rights-respecting sport.

16:50-17:30H GAME CHANGERS: LANDMARK CASES REDEFINING RESPONSIBLE SPORT

MARY ROBINSON, Founding Chair and First Patron, Centre for Sport and Human Rights
PAYOSHNI MITRA, Gender & Sport Expert; Athlete Rights Advocate

SPECIAL GUEST

17:30-19:00H RECEPTION AT THE SERPENT BAR

MARY ROBINSON & MARY HARVEY
Launch of Routledge Handbook on Mega-Sporting Events & Human Rights
6 DECEMBER: DAY 2

8:00H REGISTRATIONS OPEN

9:00-9:20H OPENING REMARKS, DAY 2

MARY HARVEY, Chief Executive, CSHR
TATIANA VALOVAYA, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva
DAPHNE PANAYOTATOS, Senior Policy Advisor, Open Society Foundations

9:20-10:20H VOICE, AGENCY & ACTION: ENGAGING YOUNG JOURNALISTS IN COMMUNITIES & AT MEGA-SPORTING EVENTS

SABRINA RAZACK, Canada Project Lead, CSHR; Course Instructor, University of Toronto
SHIREEN AHMED, Multiplatform Sports Journalist, TEDx Speaker
NÉNUCHA CISS, Journalism student
MONIFA MONDEROY, Journalism student
MIRIAM WALKER-KHAN, Diversity & Inclusion reporter, Sky Sports

Mega-Sporting Events impact local communities, and young people are not often engaged in decisions that directly impact them. How can we engage and hear from young people reporting on major events that impact their daily lives and communities? Journalists and story-tellers convey the inspirational power of sport, while also revealing abuses, strengthening transparency and accountability, and leading to change in actions by sports bodies, clubs, and host governments. In this session, young journalists and broadcasters address shifting power, tools for safely engaging young people, reporting on community impacts, and making the media more inclusive.

10:20-10:30H SHORT BREAK
10:30-11:30H RESPONDING TO & REMEDYING ABUSE IN SPORT: CONDUCTING SAFE, EFFECTIVE & APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIONS

KAT CRAIG, Special Advisor, CSHR; Founder & CEO, Athlead
MILES BENJAMIN, Former Professional Rugby Player; Trainee Solicitor, Clifford Chance LLP
KIRSTY BURROWS, Head of Safe Sport Unit, International Olympic Committee
JOANNA MARANHAO, Athlete; Network Coordinator, Sport & Rights Alliance

How can sport respond to cases of abuse by conducting safe, effective and appropriate investigations? Voices of expert survivors and technical specialists address opportunities and challenges to advance trauma-informed practices developed in consultation with affected persons.

11:30-12:00H CLOSING PLENARY
BRINGING SPORT & HUMAN RIGHTS TO LIFE AT THE HOST CITY LEVEL

MARY HARVEY, Chief Executive, CSHR
MINAL DAVIS, Director, Mayor's Office of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence and HOU26 Human Rights Chair
DANNE DIAMOND, Director of Policy & Programs, Athlete Ally
MATT MULLEN, Head of Human Rights, FIFA World Cup 2026
LEE STRIEB, International Affairs Team, AFL-CIO

12:00H DEPARTURES

SIDE EVENTS
Following the close of the Sporting Chance Forum at noon on 6 December some delegates will remain at the Palais des Nations to attend one of two special invitation-only side events for (i) representatives of host cities and (ii) representatives of broadcasters. Those staying on for the afternoon will have received personal invitations to the relevant session. In addition, the Advisory Council of the Centre for Sport and Human Rights will meet at the Palais des Nations on the morning of 7 December - which requires separate additional accreditation to attend.
Welcome to the Sporting Chance Forum 2023!

Registrations
Registrations for the Sporting Chance Forum are mandatory. Please make sure you have registered via this link before 28th November 2023.

How to get to the Palais des Nations
Access from Cornavin railway station:
- Bus lines 20, F ("Appia" stop)
- Bus line 5 or tram line 15 ("Nations" stop), then a 2mn walk to Peace Gate

Access from Cointrin airport:
- Bus line 5 ("Nations" stop), then a 2mn walk to Peace Gate
- Other bus lines with stop at "Nations": 11 and 22, then a 2mn walk to Peace Gate

A large underground parking is available at the Place des Nations, next to the United Nations, and can be accessed via Rue de Varembé.

Accreditations
To facilitate and shorten your (and others’) entry to the Palais des Nations:
- Register online
- Bring your passport/ID
- Pick up your badge on 4th (between 8am and 4:45pm)
- Bring as few items as possible with you (e.g., suitcases).

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On the day of the event, you will be able to access the Palais des Nations through Porte de la Paix (Peace Gate) located on Place des Nations (Broken Chair). The usual entrance Pregny Gate is currently closed.

Accreditation desks are open from 8am to 4:45pm. Upon presentation of a valid passport (or ID for Schengen countries) and previous registration to the event, a badge will be issued for you and you can then proceed through security to the Palais des Nations.
If you registered online before 28th November, receiving your badge should be quick and straightforward.

The Sporting Chance Forum takes place in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX), located in Building E, level 3 (see this map for more details), a 10mn walk from Peace Gate.

During the SCF
General information
The Sporting Chance Forum programme can be found on our website. We will add more information in the lead-up to the event so please keep an eye on our website and social media.

We will be using a dedicated SCF23 LinkedIn group to share the most recent information about the event. We encourage all participants to join the group, as this will also enable you to connect with other participants and help you plan networking and side-meetings at the event.

We will be using the #SCF23 in all our social media posts in and around the event. Feel free to amplify CSHR’s official posts on our various platforms (LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter/X). We will be monitoring and re-posting the #SCF23 hashtag so feel free to write your own posts while attending too!

Photography at the Forum is permitted but we ask delegates to refrain from recording video at the event - an official recording is being produced by UNTV.
**Code of behaviour/safeguarding**

Please note that we expect all attendees to the Sporting Chance Forum to adhere to this specific [Code of Behaviour](mailto:events@sporthumanrights.org). We kindly ask that you read this document carefully and in its entirety before attending the event. We are at your disposal at [events@sporthumanrights.org](mailto:events@sporthumanrights.org) for any question you might have.

Please note the Sporting Chance Forum addresses sensitive topics that may be triggering or might affect participants in unexpected ways. If you feel affected by the content of the SCF please take the time you need to be kind to yourself. If you feel the need for some quiet space, we have provided room **E-3064 (corridor behind Room XX)** for you to have some time away from the main event.

If you would like to speak to someone about the content of the SCF please reach out to our Safeguarding Advisor: Claudia Villa-Hughes +44 7942264516 or [claudia.villa-hughes@sporthumanrights.org](mailto:claudia.villa-hughes@sporthumanrights.org)

**Meals**

The Centre is pleased to announce that a small lunch (choice of sandwiches) and coffee break will be offered to all SCF participants for lunch on 5th December only.

**Location:** Bar Serpent  
**Time:** 12:30-14:30  
**Entry:** all SCF participants wearing a CSHR lanyard (these will be distributed in Room XX).

In order to access the dedicated SCF lunch area in the Serpent Bar, participants must wear the SCF lanyard they will have been given at the entrance of Room XX.

**Accessibility**

Persons with disabilities are automatically granted priority access upon arrival to Peace Gate. They are also given [this map](#) of the Palais which indicates accessible doors, elevators, and restrooms.

Persons with disabilities may be accompanied at all times by a support person, as long as they have registered on Indico and bring their national identification document with them.

Participants of meetings can indicate in their Indico registration form that they would need vehicle access (private cars, not taxis) due to reduced mobility. Please also inform the Centre if that is the case so that we can follow up.

There is a prayer room in Building E, located on the ground floor. There is also a breastfeeding dedicated space on the 3rd floor (office PN E.3054-2).

**Contacts**

For any questions prior to the event, please write to [events@sporthumanrights.org](mailto:events@sporthumanrights.org)

During the event, feel free to approach any Centre’s staff member who will advise as appropriate.

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