

TAFISA Mission 2030 Workshop

Creating Safe Environments to Build Cohesive Communities

How can Sport for All foster a culture of mutual understanding and tolerance?

4 July 2023, 13:00 - 15:00 (UTC+2)

Creating safe environments where people can come together and build cohesive communities is a crucial goal for societies around the world. According to UNHCR, 89.3 million people have been forcibly displaced in 2021 “as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or other events disturbing public order.” This has led to an increase in xenophobia, discrimination, and intolerance, particularly towards refugees, migrants, and other marginalized groups. The Sport for All Movement has a role to play to curb these issues; after all, a safe environment is a prerequisite to playing sports. Beyond this consideration, the situation calls for further efforts to promote mutual understanding and tolerance, and Sport for All can contribute to that endeavour.

At its core, the Sport for All Movement aims to provide equal opportunities for everyone to participate in physical activity regardless of their background or ability. In addition to its physical benefits, Sport for All has the potential to bring people together and promote peace and development by transcending boundaries. In a current world that sometimes appears fragmented and divided, creating a safe environment is essential to building cohesive communities where mutual understanding and tolerance thrive.

The workshop aims to explore the ways in which Sport for All can be used as a powerful tool to promote peace, encourage community building, and support conflict prevention. Our panel of expert speakers will share their insights and experiences on how Sport for All can be used to create the conditions to build safe environments. Our panel of leaders from across the Sport for All and development sectors will inspire action and encourage participants to think about how they can use sport to make a positive impact in their own community. Join us to learn, engage, and be part of the conversation!

*Moderator: **Gaëtan Garica**, Head of Operations, TAFISA*

12:00 – WELCOME

12:10 – IMPULSE

Marion Keim, UNESCO Chair in Sport, Development, Peace and Olympic Education, South Africa
Unfolding paradigms in sport for cohesive communities: An innovative intergenerational approach

12:30 – CASE STUDIES

- **Susanne Gaerte**, IOC Olympism 365, Germany
Olympism365. Sport for a better world. Every day, everywhere
- **Katie Thompson and Naomi Hayes**, Bluearth Foundation, Australia
Walking Together on Country
- **Frankline Olukohe**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Kenya
Building Peaceful Communities through Sports: Insights from GIZ’s Sport for Development Project in Kakuma, Kenya

13:30 – PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A

13:55 – CLOSING