



## TAFISA “VIPS” Program *Volunteer Initiative for Peace through Sport*

### TAFISA & TAFISA Africa & Africa

TAFISA is the leading international Sport for All association, with over 250 members in 140 countries from all continents, including 40 African member organisations from 30 African countries. TAFISA is officially recognized by, and in active cooperation with, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO). TAFISA Africa is the regional body under the umbrella of TAFISA.

With significant experience and networks in Africa, and the recognition of both the level of development and potential of Sport for All in Africa in comparison to other regions, TAFISA with TAFISA Africa is an organisation positioned to initiate and support the Sport for All movement in Africa. Sport for All aids the development of peace, integration, socialisation, sustainability, health and economic stability. The realisation of this development relies fundamentally on the education and development of local people, in particular volunteers. TAFISA’s experience and expertise is reflected by the TAFISA Volunteerism Charter, adopted by the General Assembly 2005 in Warsaw, Poland.

### TAFISA VIPS Program – Volunteer Initiative for Peace through Sport

**Structure:**

1. **VIPS Training Course in Sport for All:** Targeted educational programs to develop leaders in the field of Sport for All with specialisation in key demand areas, including volunteerism, strategy development, integration, peace promotion and socialisation.
2. **VIPS Peace Festivals:** Local, national or international festivals to showcase the vast traditional and cultural importance of Sport for All in Africa and promote understanding and peace between nations.
3. **VIPS Volunteer Corps:** A network of trained volunteers across the African continent that will be responsible for local promotion and coordination of VIPS programs and events at both national and international levels.
4. **VIPS African Sport for All Academy:** As the final ‘nucleus’ of the VIPS program, the Academy will be located in Tanzania and coordinated by the Ministry of Information, Culture and Sports through the Malya Sports College, and will be responsible for coordination of VIPS and its courses and events, VIPS communications and research and development in the field of Sport for All.

**Core Values – A program from Africa, for Africa:**

- **Education:** Education and development go hand-in-hand. In order to develop Sport for All in Africa and benefit from that development, we must educate the local people.
- **Sustainability:** The prolonged existence of the VIPS program is assured because it builds on the inherent African culture and has been developed using African knowledge and experience. The VIPS program will build a network of local people and programs that will be maintainable and sustainable.
- **Understanding:** VIPS programs and events will promote understanding between cultures, countries and individuals through education, networking and experience sharing, leading to increased social cohesion.
- **Peace:** The culmination of providing a sustainable, educational program that builds understanding between individuals and nations such as VIPS means a better chance at peace for Africa.

**Supporter:**



UN Secretary General  
Mr. Ban Ki-Moon

**Partners:**



National Sports  
Council of  
Tanzania

**Partners:**

- **UNOSDP:** Following a meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, UNOSDP, under the chair of Mr. Wilfried Lemke, was appointed to be the responsible UN agency. Please see attached support letter.
- **UNESCO:** In October 2011 TAFISA and UNESCO signed a partnership agreement on the VIPS program.
- **Ministry of Information, Culture and Sports of Tanzania:** With the efforts of TAFISA Vice President for Africa, Leonard Thadeo, the Ministry has agreed to become the central contact point for the VIPS Program together with the National Sports Council of Tanzania.
- **TAFISA Africa:** As the regional body, TAFISA Africa coordinates the practical implementation of the VIPS program.

**Timeline:**

