



INTERNATIONAL
WORKING GROUP
ON WOMEN AND SPORT

determine the future. be part of the change

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Gaborone Botswana

8TH NEWSLETTER EDITION

Discover Botswana



Welcome to the 8th Edition of our Catalyst Newsletter.

We are now well into the new year and have made substantial progress especially towards preparations for the up coming 7th IWG World Conference On Women and Sport. As we go into the final year of IWG hosted in Botswana Gaborone, we review the progress of projects that we have over the years embarked on. Projects that will form part of our legacy plan at local, regional and International level.

In this edition we give an extensive update of the preparations of the conference thus far. We also look at the various projects that we have been running in the local realm and related activities.

We continue our work with our various international partners and in this edition we give an update of the engagements that we have had in the past months. We celebrate great achievements including our new signatories and achievements received by some of our leaders.

We continue to promote and activate for participation at the **7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport to be held in Gaborone, Botswana from 17-20 May** both in the region and internationally. We encourage and call on all to now visit our website www.iwg-gti.org to register for the conference and also appreciate the various participation options available. These including the opportunity to submit abstracts and present, to host side meetings during the conference and also to exhibit at the conference.

The call for bids to host the IWG for the quadrant 2018-2022 has been extended and we continue the search for our next host. The call is still open and will close on the 30th November 2017

Please feel free to keep sharing your stories with us and continue to follow our journey through our various pages including our Web page www.iwg-gti.org, Facebook page, Twitter and more recently our Instagram page.

Happy Reading!



Ms. Boitumelo Kenosi
IWG Marketing & PR manager

GICC – 7TH IWG World Conference Venue



7th IWG World Conference On Women And Sport

The 7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport scheduled for the 17-20 May 2018 will be held at the Gaborone International Convention Centre. The conference venue is located at Bonnington Farm, Molepolole Road, Gaborone. The conference venue also boasts 2 hotels, The Grandpalm and Metcourt Inn located within the same compound of the conference venue. Other hotels recommended for participants are located around Gaborone all less than 30 minutes away from the conference venue.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the conference is now open. All participants can now register online at www.iwg-gti.org. Below is a list of available registration options;

Early Bird Registration

Early Bird Registration: 01 May 2017- 31 December 2017 Developing Countries: USD300

Developed Countries: USD350

Students: USD100

Normal

January 2018 - May 2018

Developing Countries: USD400

Developed Countries: USD450

Students: USD100

Safari Packages:

Registration USD 300 + Conference Accommodation + Tour Package. Visit www.iwg-gti.org

CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference will be held under the overarching theme "Determine the future. Be part of the change". The conference will feature 6 plenary sessions, Workshops and side events that will cover various issues under the following topical sub themes;

1. BEING WELL to PLAY WELL

"Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages is essential to sustainable development." UN Sustainable Development Goals! Government and non-government organizations including sport agencies must provide access to physical activity and sports as a strategy to support girls' and women's health. We must address their training, nutritional and psychological needs. We must also commit resources and education to addressing unique barriers, such as eating disorders and sexual and reproductive health. We must open this dialogue to HIV/AIDS and chronic disease treatment, mental illness support, and related needs for girls and aging women. All of these physical and lifetime participation struggles beg attention, research and inclusion in our effort to open doors for the health benefits of sport.

2. SAFE SPACE: Protecting Women in Sport

"Believe me, the reward is not so great without the struggle." ~ Wilma Rudolph. But the struggle should not include fighting violence against women for the right to play sports. Nor should bullying or violence on the field of play be an obstacle to participation. Sport culture should be free of abuse and harassment...safety of coaches and athletes must be a priority for real change. Without safe space to play, the human right to participate in sport is unreachable. Safe access to sporting facilities be accorded to girls and women.

3. WELCOME and EMPOWER ALL through SPORT

The welcoming inclusion of girls and women in physical activity and sports requires both an accommodating culture and leadership structure. The inclusion of girls and women in turn impacts that culture in positive and productive ways. Explicit and implicit bias against gender and gender roles, but also religion, political affiliation, economic and marital status, race, sexual orientation, immigrant status, and disability must be overcome through education, access, resources and appreciation for the positive impact of empowering girls and women through sport. Girls and women need equitable opportunities, quality coaching and safe facilities, safe and affordable access, and leadership role models at all levels of sport to realize acceptance as athletes and citizens and full inclusion and celebration of their participation.

4. TELL THEIR STORY: Leveraging Media to Advocate for Women's Sport

An improved future for women's sports requires a telling of their stories - women as competitors, leaders, role models. Compelling accounts that celebrate women's sports and that demonstrate participation's positive impact on individual lives and a stronger community. Those stories can take many forms - research, promotion by sport federations, journalists as advocates for change, and the use of social media to advance attention to and support of women as athletes. The change agents in women's sports need best practices for persuading the media and public to support women's achievement and access. Our athletes need their voices to be lifted to the mainstream. They need to leverage media support and also benefit from the increasing spectator and financial support.

5. SPORT WITHOUT BORDERS: Cross-Cultural Collaboration

Explore the possibilities of cross-cultural, trans-national and partnerships with non-sport entities to advance positive change for women in sport. Discuss how these partnerships can open new opportunities such as non-traditional sports development, disability access, migrant and refugee participation. Incorporate technology and strategies from other industries to reduce gender role myths and barriers. Transformative change requires innovative thought, courageous leadership, and a movement that brings diverse people and approaches to the effort.

6. LET THEM LEAD: Changing the Leadership Landscape of Sports

"The leadership in international sport is an exclusive club of men" ~ Richard Lapchick, Sports Researcher and Advocate. From the Olympic to NGO and federation to local level, women are excluded from positions of leadership in dramatic fashion. Leadership and coaching opportunities need the light of research and meaningful change in representation. Key stakeholders in women's sport must value women's governance contributions and involve women in policy and resource allocation debates. Participation in sport helps women lead healthier lives and develops leadership skills that should not be left on the bench. We must create leadership avenues for women at all levels of sport to change the future of sport access for all.

Call For Abstracts



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS 7th IWG WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND SPORT DETERMINE THE FUTURE & BE PART OF THE CHANGE

INVITATION

The International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG) invites you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the 7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport. This Conference will be hosted in Gaborone, Botswana from 17 to 20 May 2018. **CONFERENCE VENUES**

The conference will be hosted in Gaborone at the Gaborone International Convention Center (GICC), one of the premier conference destinations in Africa. The GICC is situated adjacent to the Peermount Metcourt Hotel at The Grand Palm Hotel Casino Convention Resort, a state-of-the-art and a multifaceted convention facility. Take advantage of the IWG Conference to experience the out of this world safari, mesmerizing landscapes and a wide range of camps and lodges. Home to the Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park, and Makgadikgadi Pans. This is a great opportunity for those seeking more than the big five.

See more information on Botswana tourism, visitor information, travel agents @ www.iwg-gti.org.

CONFERENCE AIM

Furthering the IWG vision of sustainable sporting culture based on gender equality that enables and values the full involvement of girls and women in every aspect of sport and physical activity. The 7th World Conference seeks to bring expert researchers and practitioners together with the world's sports community to advance the mission of the IWG to serve as a catalyst, engaging governmental, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations and individuals for the advancement and empowerment of women and sport globally.

The Conference objectives are

- * Review the progress for women and sport since the 6th World Conference on Women and Sport in Helsinki, Finland, 2014, sharing experiences and celebrating achievements
- * Build a global community supporting sport women and human rights
- * Strengthen and promote the development of women and sport in the Africa Region
- * Provide a vision for sustained development and progress of the global women and sport movement from 2018-2022

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The conference program comprises: Keynote presentations

Plenary sessions

Parallel workshops

Poster session

All submissions for abstracts to be done online @ www.iwg-gti.org.

Exhibition

The conference will feature a 4 day exhibition. The exhibition targets various companies globally and a call for exhibitors will be published online at www.iwg-gti.org on the 1st August 2017. The exhibition target includes;

- * Sport product companies,
- * Women and sport organizations,
- * Sports promoters,
- * International Sport federations and organisations
- * Botswana manufacturing companies.
- * Cultural promotion material

Programs



Mentorship and Empowerment Program For Women and Girls-MEMPROW

Our on going Mentorship program that was launched in 2016 is now rolling out and we have had engagement with both our primary beneficiaries and secondary beneficiaries.

The 8 primary beneficiaries are young girls aged between 14 and 18 years of age and are provided with skills and knowledge that they need to become successful, confident and self reliant individuals. The program also provided space for peer and intergenerational learning.

The secondary beneficiaries are current national athletes in different sporting codes that were identified through the various codes.

Supported by BoFinet, BNSC and MYESCD



IWG Sec. Gen Ms. Game Mothibi handing over gifts



Beneficiaries of MEMPROW Program



Group photo of MEMPROW Program participants

HeForShe For Sport

The IWG on going campaign launched in 2015 continues to grow and gain momentum. The main aim of the campaign is to enlist men as allies in the fight for gender equality.

Various events have been held since 2015 to increase awareness and educate about the Campaign which originates from UN Women and is a global campaign.

Recent Events held;

* HeForShe Fun Run 2017

* HeForShe Target 20 000 Game in partnership with Township Rollers FC * Presence at various National Events

At the time of publishing the Botswana commitments stand at 5,159



Team Captain pledging his support for the HeForShe campaign



Township Rollers VS Platinum Stars HeForShe campaign game



Selfie frames used to sensitise people on the HeForShe campaign game

Gender Mainstreaming

The International Working Group on women and Sport (IWG) on the 30th and 31st of May hosted a 2 day consultative workshop as part of the gender mainstreaming in sport project. The project was initiated in 2015 with the IWG approaching the gender sector of the country made up of various organisations, both Government and Non- Governmental, and forming a gender-sport network. The mainstreaming exercise is done in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat which provides technical expertise through an appointed consultant, Gender Links- expert in gender mainstreaming.

The aim of this was to look at the issues of gender in sport and establish a road map that would help guide the sport industry in Botswana. From the road map it became apparent the need to conduct a gender mainstreaming exercise in sport with the aim being to develop a wide Gender in Sport Strategy for all sporting bodies in Botswana. As part of the process the workshop were held specifically to engage key stakeholders that will be final beneficiaries and administrators of the outcome of the exercise.

The 2 day workshop objectives were to;

- * Increase knowledge and enhance understanding of gender mainstreaming in sport
- * Promote the benefits of gender mainstreaming in sport in Botswana
- * Identify priorities, success stories/case studies, lessons learned, mechanisms and tools to advance gender equality in sport

The workshop was held with supporting organisations including the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, sport and Culture Development, IWG, Botswana National Sport Commission, Gender Links and the Commonwealth Secretariat. Various topics were tackled including;

- *key gender and sports concepts
- * Gender & Sports policy framework
- * Sport as a tool for promoting peace, development and gender equality * Gender, sport and the media

Outcomes of the 2 day workshop will be collated and used to develop the Gender in Sport Strategy which will in future inform Government structures of sport in developing sport programmes.

Tafisa



TAFISA

IWG has been instrumental in Gaborone being chosen as an active city- a Development pilot project led by TAFISA in partnership with IOC, Evaleo, a Swiss based NGO specialised in sustainable health. The city will undergo a scoping exercise in June which will profile the city as an active city.

TAFISA will run a Certified Leadership Course in Sport For All which aimed to train and qualify national Sport For All Leaders around the globe in Gaborone in June 2017. The program saw 65 participants graduate And become qualified.

TAFISA Certified Leadership Course in Sport for All

The CLC Program commenced on 13th June to 17th June 2017 in Gaborone at the University of Botswana Library Auditorium. The aim of the leadership course was to equip volunteers with skills needed to perform their duties at any given event and to perform them to their level best. The topics included Botswana Code of conduct, Volunteerism and Olympic and Universal Values Presentation Sport events – Types, Variations and Examples, Volunteerism in the field of Sport, Volunteers' Action Fields, Tasks and Responsibilities, Volunteers Botswana Sports Volunteers Movement and Volunteers' Competences & Skills. The TAFISA facilitators included Prof. Peter Kapustin, Jean-Francois Laurent, Dr. Marion Keim and Prof. Christo De Coning, all who have experience in the field of sport and education.

The program was targeted at 68 volunteers spread across the country and involved in different sporting fields. Through the assistance of Botswana Sport Volunteers Movement, we were able to source volunteers from their different regions where they operate. Regions included Maun, Tsabong, Lobatse and Molepolole whilst sporting codes were Netball and Softball. The intention was to prepare the sport specific volunteers for their upcoming major events being the Netball World Youth Cup and Softball and Baseball World Congress and also the IWG 7th World Conference in 2018.

The Objectives for the course were:

- * To promote Sport for All and physical activity
- * To provide a platform for debate, exchange of experience networking etc.
- * To showcase research and development in the global Sport for All an physical activity sector * To develop and train leaders and managers in the Sport for All sector



TAFISA Traditional Sports and Games

On June 15 2017 TAFISA hosted by Botswana National Sport Council held a Traditional Sports and Games workshop in Gaborone, Botswana. The workshop was aimed at sensitizing sports stakeholders and policy makers on the importance of traditional sports and games. The focus was also on the promotion and safeguarding traditional sports and games and its benefits. It also looked at the development of a framework toward the traditional games in Botswana, the policy development, research and practise. The topics covered included “Traditional Sports and Games Vade Mecum” its benefits, Strengths and Weaknesses, Promotion and Safeguarding Traditional Games, policy definition and development as well as Research Strategy.

Among the facilitators were Jean-Francois Laurent. Other attendees were Botswana Traditional Games President Evans Kesilwe, Treasurer Kingsley Mathwanye and two volunteers Keneilwe Lekalake, Moitshephi Mathiba.



Some of the delegates who graced TAFISA programs

TAFISA Global Active City Development – Diagnostic Meet

The GACD delegation was hosted by Gaborone City Council at President Hotel on 16-17 June 2017. The aim of the meeting was to identify Gaborone as an active city. The motivation behind Active Cities came through the realisation of a world which is faced by an epidemic of physical inactivity. This being the case, municipals play a key role in providing infrastructure and facilities which promote physical activity for its citizens. Thus a city promoting sport for all, physical activity and sustainable health for its citizens is hailed as an Active City. The 3-day long meeting targeted at stakeholders such as Gaborone City council, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development, Botswana National Sport Commission, Department of Public Health, TAFISA as well as IWG all whom play a vital role in the promotion of sport for all access to infrastructure and development of policy guides for sustainable health for its citizens.

The diagnostic meet was officiated by The City Clerk Mr Mathe. Delegates included Mr Jean-François Laurent, Mr John Marsden (GAC Team), Mr Michael Gross (GAC Team) and Mrs Susan Greinig, IOC, Mr Steve Bogatsu from BNSC, Mr Tuelo Serufho from BNOC.

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International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW) 18th World Congress



The International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women on the 17-21 May 2017 held their 18th World Congress in Miami, USA. The Congress hosted by Barry University was themed “Women and Girls. Research to Action”.

The program was designed and made up of oral presentations (plenary and abstract presentation) and an exhibition. IWG took part in the congress presenting in one of the plenaries in partnership with GSMP. The session was themed Global Programs Moving Local Action focused on various programs that the organisations have running in their local communities and the effect they have on women and girls in sport. IAPESGW as an academic organization since 1949 has been promoting academic debates informing the scientific,

cultural, economic, historical, and political foundations and challenges of women/gender and sport in national and internationally context. The organisation focuses on promotion of research, inclusion, cultural understanding, respect and acceptance in topics that embrace gender issues in relation with physical activity, physical education and sport.



IWG Conference Manager Mrs. Tshagofatso Jeremaiah and a colleague at the IAPESGW



IWG Marketing & PR Manager Ms. Boitumelo Kenosi and a colleague at the IAPESGW

Iwg Co-chairperson



IWG CO-CHAIRPERSON DR CAROLE OGLESBY AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD (2017) IAPESGW



IWG Co-chairperson Dr. Carole Oglesby

IWG Co-chairperson Dr. Carole Oglesby, recipient of International Leadership Award (IAPESGW)

The IWG Co-chairperson Dr Carole Oglesby, was on the 20th of May awarded the International Leadership Award by the International Association of Physical Education For Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW). The award historically has been awarded to individuals who have demonstrated active leadership, especially with regards to international understanding and relationships that further the aims of IAPESGW. Dr Oglesby is no exception to the rule and has been bestowed the title for the year 2017. We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr Oglesby and commend her on the good work she has done over the years.

6th MINEPS Conference

Wednesday, July 05, 2017 to Friday, July 07, 2017

The 6th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) will take place in Kazan, Russian Federation, from 5th until 7th July, 2017.

Organizer: UNESCO

ISU 29th Summer Universiade



ISU 29th Summer Universiade- Taipei city

Taipei City plays host to the FISU 29th Summer Universiade and Conference. The games take place from the 19-30 August 2017.





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