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The word 'SPORTS' is rendered in large, bold, uppercase letters. Each letter is filled with a vibrant, multi-colored pattern of horizontal and diagonal stripes in shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The letter 'O' is uniquely designed with a blue shield shape in the center. To the left of the text is a colorful, abstract graphic of a runner in motion, composed of overlapping, translucent shapes in various colors.

GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON SECURITY OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS &  
PROMOTION OF SPORT & ITS VALUES TO PREVENT VIOLENT EXTREMISM



# Intro to the UN Global Sports Programme



**Launched in 2020 and co-implemented alongside UNAOC, UNICRI, and ICSS, the Global Sports Programme aims to**

- Promote sport and its values to build resilience especially youth
- Increase Member States' awareness of threats against Major Sports Events and their ability to prevent terrorist acts



# Overview of key Achievements since 2020

- **Networks and Community of Experts**

- Created a Global Network of National focal Points (NFPs) representing over 100 Member States. Implemented regional meetings for NFPs in Europe, Asia and the Pacific and Africa. Regional meeting for the Americas a priority for the Programme.
- Inclusive platform for over 1,000 national and international institutions, sports federations, civil society, and private entities

- **Tools**

- [Guide on the Security of Major Sporting Events: Promoting Sustainable Security and Legacies](#)
- [Guide for Policymakers for The Use of Sport for the Prevention of Violent Extremism](#)
- [Preventing Violent Extremism through Major Sporting Events – A Handbook for Organizers](#)
- [Digital Map](#) of sport-based PVE initiatives and MSEs.

- **Tailored technical assistance:**

- Supported Member States in the operationalization of sports based PVE activities and the security governance of Major Sporting Events: Costa Rica, Chile, Maldives, Cameroon, Ghana and Mexico.

- **Regional and Global Youth Fora**

- To advocate for youth's incorporation into sport-for-PVE policies → [policy recommendations](#) on PVE through sport from a youth perspective

- **Civil Society Grant Initiative**

- Launched in 2021, received 440 applications from CSOs in 74 Member States: 10 grants awarded to CSOs across 4 continents
- Beneficiaries have delivered: over 130 trainings involving over 2,900 participants and over 330 activities involving over 8,000 participants

- **#MoreThanAGame Media Campaign**

- The [campaign](#) promoted the power of sport for peace, launched on the margins of the upcoming FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar
- Generated 39M impressions on social media, watched 548K times on @UN\_OCT Twitter channel



# UN Global Sports Programme's Regional Capacity Building

Strong partnership established with **OAS/CICTE**, collaborating on the delivery of training:

- 2021 and 2022: training packages to **Costa Rica and El Salvador** (2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and 2022 Central American Games), in collaboration with the FIFA LOC and the OAS/CICTE
- August 2022, 3 day-technical assessment mission in **Santiago, Chile** (XIX Pan-American Games and XIX Parapan American)
- January 2023: in Santiago Chile, (XIX Pan-American Games and XIX Parapan American)
- March 2023: Subregional Workshop on the Security of Major Sporting Events in Mexico City, (co-host of the FIFA World Cup 2026™)

## Regional Major Sporting Events 2022 – 2026:

- 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica™, 10 - 28 August 2022
- 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games, El Salvador, 23 June - 8 July
- 2023 CONMEBOL Copa America Futsal Femenina, Paraguay, 24 Sep - 1 Oct
- 2023 CONMEBOL Libertadores Femenina, Colombia, 5-21 October 2023
- 2023 Parapan American Games, Santiago, Chile, 17 - 26 November 2023
- 2023 CONMEBOL Libertadores Beach Soccer, Paraguay, 3-10 December 20
- 2026 FIFA World Cup, Canada, USA, Mexico, 11 June - 19 July 2026



# Security-Guide



## Target Groups

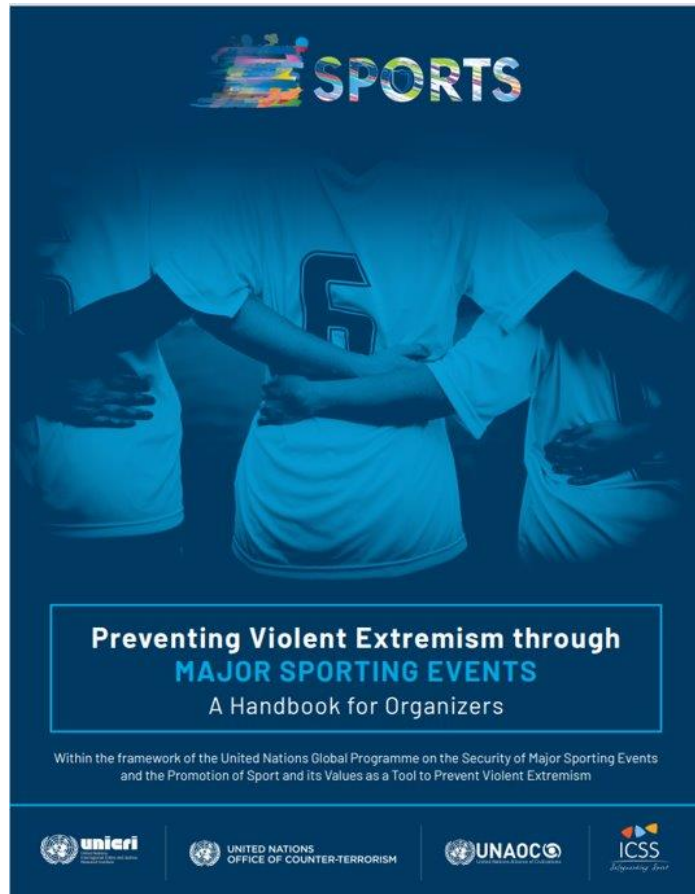
High-level stakeholders engaging in the organization of MSEs

## Aim

Provide guidance to address challenges & opportunities that organizing MSEs implies for the Host Authority and the international community, from a security perspective.



# PVE-Handbook



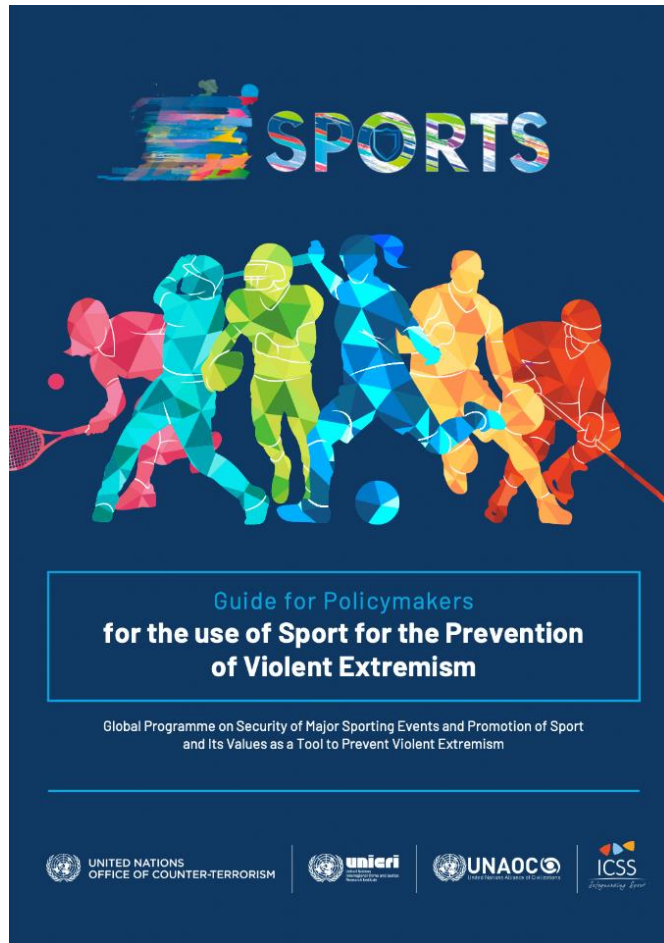
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Organizers of Major Sporting Events

## Aim

To encourage and support organizers' efforts to leverage events to contribute to PVE

# PVE-Guide



## Target Groups

Policymakers, sport federations, civil society, and private sector stakeholders

## Aim

Integrate sport and its values into policies aiming at the PVE

**Launched** during the Programme's [side event](#) during 2023 Counter-Terrorism Week on the role of youth in PVE through Sport



## Titles:

1. Preventing Violent Extremism through Sport”
2. Vulnerable Targets Protection and Major Sporting Events Security

## Target Groups

National policy/decision-makers, civil society, private sector, international, regional and national sports federations.

## Aim

Provide information and guidance on existing international cooperation mechanisms and legislative frameworks as well as an overview of best practices, experiences and opportunities.

**Launch:** UNOCT’S platform Connect & Learn, Q3 2023



# #MoreThanAGame global digital campaign



#MoreThanAGame generated **39 million impressions** globally

**657k**

video views

**1.5M**

direct tweet reach

**27**

campaign related posts

**900**

mentions on social media





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