

2nd Magglingen Conference on Sport and Development: International Highpoint in the Year of Sport

More than 400 participants from 60 countries, including high-ranking decision makers and top athletes, are expected in Switzerland from 4 to 6 December for the 2nd Magglingen Conference on Sport and Development. The event marks the culmination and end of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005.

The 2nd Magglingen Conference will be opened by the Swiss President Samuel Schmid. Among the participants will be Boris Becker, former German tennis ace and holder of several Wimbledon titles, the long distance runner Tegla Loroupe of Kenya, the four-time Olympic gold medalist in speed skating Johann Olav Koss, and hurdler Nawal El Moutawakel of Morocco, the first woman from an Islamic country, to win an Olympic event. Among the government ministers present will be the Russian Minister of Sport and former international ice hockey great Vyacheslav Fetisov. High-ranking representatives from international sports organizations, the European Union and the United Nations will also be on hand, as well as members of the scientific community, the private sector, the media and non-governmental organizations active in sport and development.

The Conference will take stock of what has been achieved so far in the sphere of Sport for Development and Peace, exchange experiences and knowledge, present examples of path-breaking ideas and develop an action-oriented agenda for the future with the aim of ensuring that the enormous momentum generated over the past years continues and grows.

The conference is hosted by Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and the Swiss Federal Office of Sport (FOSPO).

The conference programme includes a plenary meeting with keynote speeches and panel discussions as well as workshops on selected themes. One of the highlights is the "Marketplace", where more than 30 organizations will present concrete projects and initiatives. With the "Magglingen Call to Action 2005" and the Roadmap 2006+" two future-oriented documents will be elaborated. These will be included in the report on the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 to be submitted to the UN General Assembly by Mr Ogi.

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BASPO Bundesamt für Sport Magglingen
OFSP Office fédéral du sport Magglingen
UFSP Ufficio federale dello sport Magglingen
UFSP Uffiz federal da sport Magglingen

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