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Union of Africa Traditional Sports and Games established

The first official continental body for the African Continent of the International Council of Traditional Sports and Games was established in March 2020. Headed by Mr. Yahya Al Matarr Jobe, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Gambia to UNESCO, the Union of African Traditional Sports aims to safeguard and promote African traditional and indigenous sports. UATSG will continue the mission of the Council by ensuring that the African countries make TSG a full part of national sports policies. Mr Michael Shamsu Mustapha of Sierra Leone is the UATSG Secretary General.



ICTSG signs Memorandum of Understanding with various governments

In continuation of its core objective and mission for development and promotion of traditional sports and games around the world, the Council has signed MoU of cooperation with the Governments of Mongolia and North Macedonia.

President ICTSG Mr. Khalil Ahmed Khan signed the MoU with Mongolian Vice Minister Mr. Ganbayar Ganbold and North Macedonian Minister of Culture Dr Hysni Ismaili. More details are available on the Council's official website.

Nadaam Festival 2020 held in Mongolia

The annual cultural Nadaam Festival was held in Mongolia in July 2020. Mongolian Archery, Mongolian Horse Race and Mongolian Wrestling were three games that were played during the festival.

The President of ICTSG Mr. Khalil Ahmed Khan also commended the efforts of Mongolian nation under its President Mr. Battulga in a video message.





Traditional sports affiliated with ICTSG

As the TSG family is growing worldwide day by day, more and more international sports federations are getting affiliated with the Council.

Currently, International Qazak Kuresi Federation, Sport Jiu Jitsu International Federation, World Federation of Kowat Alrami, World Silambam Federation, Mongolian Traditional Archery Federation and Asian Pencak Silat Federation are approved Members of the Council whereas, other International Federations who have applied for registration are under due scrutiny and will be affiliated after approval.

ICTSG Research and Publication Commission

The Executive Board of ICTSG on 2nd June 2020, constituted a Commission of Research and Publication of TSG which has been tasked to formulate proposals and recommendations on TSG contributing to the world heritage of sport culture. The Commission is headed by Mr Shahid Islam (Pakistan) as Chairman along with Mr. Kenneth Middleton (Botswana), Prof Jerono Rotich (USA), Prof Zinaida and Prof Tatyana (Russia) as Members.



Research and Publication Commission



First World Traditional Games to be held in 2022

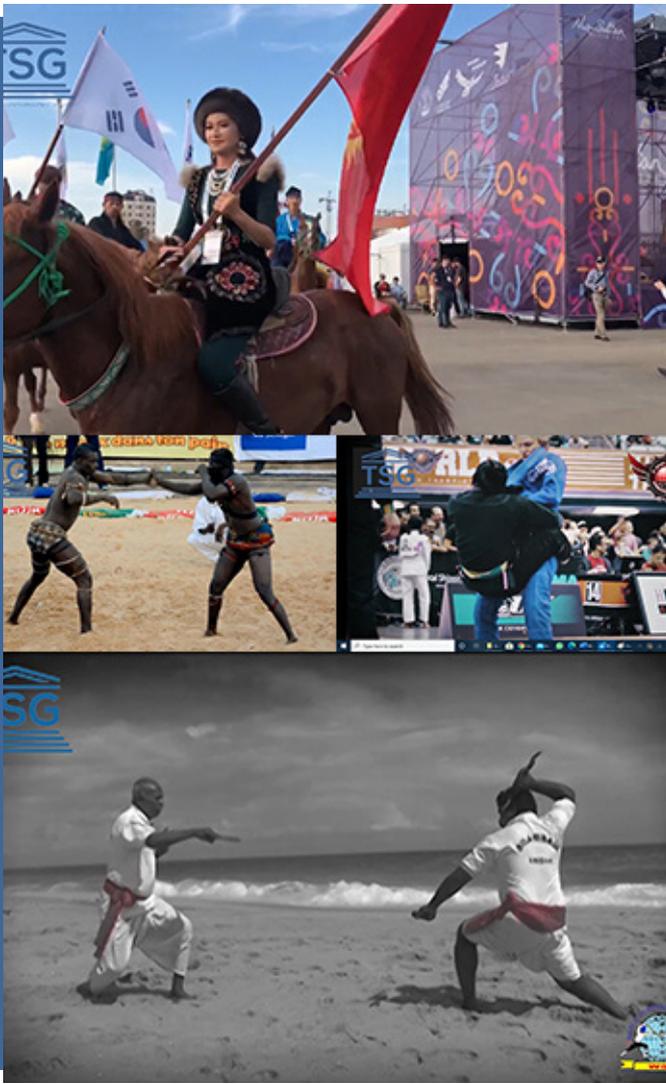
The First-ever World Traditional Sports and Games are scheduled to be held in 2022 under the decor of the ICTSG. These games will prove to be one of their kind by gathering together all stakeholders and participants of traditional and indigenous sports from around the globe.

The bidding process for these games is underway, and, the name of the host country will be finalised in due course. As soon as the host country is finalised by the Council, preparations for the mega event will begin. The Council hopes to organize a successful event that will safeguard and promote TSG and at the same time boost the talent of TSG participants.

ICTSG extends deadline for submitting EoI for 1st World Games

Due to the widespread of COVID-19 , the Council has decided to extend the deadline for the submission of Expression of Interest Form for the World Traditional Sports and Games 2022. In a letter addressed to Ministers of interested governments, Mr. Shammi Rana stated "ICTSG stands behind the TSG community and hereby offers hand of facilitation by extending deadline of Expressions of Interest from 15th May 2020 to 30th September 2020."





ICTSG promoting indigenous sports using social media

As the world is improving technology and the usage of social media platforms is increasing day by day, the ICTSG is also taking a step forward for the promotion and awareness of traditional and indigenous sports.

Interactive videos and photos about traditional and indigenous sports practiced around the world are posted on the official website along with social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube etc. Follow us to have more updates.

Promoting gender equality through TSG

The International Council of Traditional Sports and Games is committed to promote gender equality and women empowerment through traditional sports and games.

The Council undertakes best efforts to encourage the participation of both genders equally in traditional sports and games, both in the field of play and in the administration.



Membership of ICTSG

As per the Statutes of International Council of Traditional Sports and Games (ICTSG), members of the Council shall consist of following categories, excluding any commercial organizations.

Group A: *governmental organizations and non-governmental bodies which are recognized in their respective countries as being the major organizations responsible for physical education, sport and TSG;*

Group B: *international organizations responsible for the coordination and promotion of work to unify co-ordinate and promote activities in the field of physical education, sport and TSG, such as international organizations concerned with TSG, physical education, sport and recreation, international sport federations, international organizations (cultural, artistic, scientific) with an interest in sport and physical education and TSG;*

Group C: *governmental and non-governmental organizations at the national level, to the exclusion of those covered under Group A as above;*

Group D: *publicly recognized research institutes and schools of higher Education in sport, physical education and TSG; and*

Group E: *Traditional Sport Clubs*

Criteria for Eligibility of Membership

No modern sport organisation, or sports recognized by international modern sports organizations shall be eligible to seek membership with the Council and/or to participate in TSG events to avoid conflict of interest in entities. All entities wishing to become Members of ICTSG must apply to the TSG Secretariat by submitting a signed Membership Application Form along with relevant supporting documents in duplicate sets. More details can be found on the Council's official website.



COVID-19 Virus

Due to the widespread of COVID-19 virus, many activities and organisations around the world were affected. The President ICTSG Mr Khalil Ahmed Khan in a Letter of Solidarity addressed to all TSG stakeholders, stressed that to overcome this virus all of us need to stand united by self-isolating ourselves and taking precautionary measures.

He further advised that we should continue staying fit by practicing indoor exercises to enhance a feeling of relaxation and well-being. Mr. Khan also wished for the safety and health of all the traditional sports fraternity and hoped that things would get better as soon as possible.



Steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19

It is necessary for us to take precautionary measures and steps to stay safe and prevent the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), a person must wash their hands often. It's especially important to wash before eating food, touching your face etc. A person must avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth and avoid close contact. Also, cover your mouth and nose by wearing a mask when around others. All Members of ICTSG hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands



- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste





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