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Following the third Collective Consultation on the Safeguarding and Promotion of Traditional Games and Sports (JST), organized by UNESCO at Headquarters on 6 and 7 July 2017, the Secretariat convened a technical meeting of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Specialized Working Groups and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to build on the foundations of series of collective consultations, including the one held in July 2017, aimed at refining the progress made, and forging the establishment of a common framework for the protection of traditional games and sports.

1. This report summarizes the contributions of the Technical Meeting for the Safeguarding and Promotion of Traditional Games and Sports (TSG), organized by the Secretariat at UNESCO Headquarters on 8 December 2017. The chairpersons and rapporteurs of the working groups and the ad hoc advisory committee, set up after the third collective consultation, met to discuss the points of the proposed agenda, in particular the strategy implemented by each group to publish guidelines, create a digital encyclopedia and establish an international platform.
2. In accordance with the objectives set, the meeting opened with a presentation of the programme, strategy and inputs from the third collective consultation. The Secretariat thus invited participants to comment on the agenda and working documents. After amending the agenda, participants divided themselves into working groups following the composition of the established specialized working groups.
3. Participants reviewed the tools and documents that were adapted to gradually progress. It has been agreed that working papers will be sent to participants to be returned completed in early 2018. Following recommendations were delivered by the working groups:

a. Specialized Working Group on Guidelines for the Safeguarding and Promotion of Traditional Games and Sports:

- Define the concept of TSG and the contexts in which they are practiced (social, geographical, historical, political, economic, etc.);
- Identify the scope of the directives and target the existing and potential beneficiaries;
- Guarantee the objective and scientific scope of the contributions of the directives;
- Develop a global approach of TSG under the cultural, educational, public health and sport prisms while valuing as well the identity of communities;
- Emphasize the educational, inclusive, cultural scopes of TSGs and the values conveyed that empower communities and build sustainable societies;
- Identify criteria for the selection of future working group members.

b. Specialized Working Group on the Online Encyclopedia:

- Define and differentiate the concepts of games and sports as well as the traditional dimension of these practices in order to preserve and enhance ludodiversity;
- Develop media for quick, easy and interactive access to TSG;
- Aside the digital version of the Encyclopaedia which incorporates a multimedia dimension, draw up a paper version of the Encyclopedia for dissemination and research, that will not be a mere synthesis of the latter and will be addressed in particular to communities not benefiting from any Internet connection ;
- Scientifically define the selection criteria for the TSG that will be presented in the Encyclopaedia;

c. Specialized Working Group on the International Platform:

- Define the objectives to be pursued by platform members;
- Define the nature (network, umbrella organization, etc.) of the platform and its level of institutionalization;
- Reach consensus among stakeholders and reconcile antagonistic approaches ;
- Build a consolidated approach between establishing the platform and developing guidelines ;
- Increase the visibility of the project by seeking external partnerships in order to reintegrate TSG into our daily practices ;

- Develop a roadmap proposing different scenarios with feasibility and impact studies ;
- Study existing projects of similar networks as examples of good practice and source of inspiration to catalyze the process of formalization of the UNESCO-TSG platform, keeping in mind its "international network character" of relevant stakeholders, and mutualizing efforts of all stakeholders according to UNESCO practices and regulations in the field of NGOs and cooperation with the private sector.

d. Specialized Working Group on Human Resources, Finance and Communication:

- Develop an ambitious fundraising strategy to achieve the objectives of the programme ;
 - Defining a global and creative communication strategy.
4. It was also recommended that the expertise and political ownership dimensions should be strengthened, in particular through the implementation of the following mechanisms:
- Creation of a Group of Friends of Ambassadors (GFA) to strengthen political advocacy and structure exchanges with experts;
 - Establishment of a Technical and Financial Support Task Force Advisory Group.
5. Participants agreed on the need to translate work into five components :
- Digitalization of the Encyclopedia and elaboration of a complementary book;
 - Platform under construction designed as a network of exchanges and impulses for programmatic objectives;
 - Build on the guidelines for cooperation with NGOs and UNESCO's private sectors and initiate a process of determining the criteria for acceptability or admission to the global and inclusive platform ;
 - Organization of cultural and sport events by host countries to promote TSG among a wide audience;
 - Implement TSG Flagship Projects (see annex).

Annexes:

Annex I: Agenda

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Annex III: TSG Flagship Project

ANNEX I

Agenda

9h00 Opening coffee, welcoming invitees

9h15-9h30 Opening

- Welcome words by UNESCO;
- Introduction to the technical meeting: rationale of the technical meeting, objectives and expected outcomes.

9h30-10h00 Outlines of the outcomes of the 3rd Collective Consultation on TSG

- 9h30-9h45: Presentation of the outcomes and the final report of the 3rd Collective Consultation on the Safeguarding and Promotion of TSG held at UNESCO HQ, on 06-07 July 2017;
- 9h45-10h00: Discussion.

10h00-12h30 Working Groups Sessions – ToRs, Timelines, Implementation Strategies

- 10h00-10h15: General overviews by Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the *Ad Hoc* Working Groups of the progress achieved in their fields of expertise and with regards to the progress achieved by the *Ad Hoc* Working Groups and the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee;
- 10h15-11h15: Divided in 5 groups – equivalent to the 4 *Ad Hoc* Working Groups and the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee – participants will identify specific short and long-term objectives, based on SWOT analyses and propositions for improvement.

11h15-11h25: Break

- 11h25-12h30: Based on questionnaires/checklists, development of a set of ethical principles to guide the work of the specialized groups and the achievement of the strategic goals.

12h30-14h00: Lunch Break (covered by UNESCO)

14h00-16h45 Working Groups Sessions – Monitoring, Creating a Digital Work Space

- 14h00-14h15: Oral synthesis of the morning session and presentation of the afternoon session;
- 14h15-15h15: Development of a follow-up and tutoring strategy based on a concrete calendar on the basis of checklists/questionnaires provided by the Secretariat;
- 15h15-15h45: Presentation of the TSG UNESTEAMS digital workspace.

15h45-16h00: Coffee break

- 16h-16h45: Ownership and tutoring on the UNESTEAMS platform.

16h45-17h45 Working Groups Sessions – Composition of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee and the *Ad Hoc* Working Groups

- 16h45-17h15: Divided in 5 groups – equivalent to the 4 *Ad Hoc* Working Groups and the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee – participant will elaborate a the set of criteria for the selection of future members of each specialized group that should be fulfilled to be part of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee and the *Ad Hoc* Working Groups on the ground of orientations/checklists provided by the Secretariat;
- 17h15-17h45: Collective discussion of the selected and proposed set of criteria to establish the groups.

17h45-18h00 Closure of the Technical Meeting

- Closing speech by UNESCO.

ANNEX II

List of Participants

NAME	Ad Hoc Working Groups Ad Hoc Advisory Committees	STATUS	ORGANIZATION
Mr Khalil Khan	Chairperson, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee	President	IATWS
Mr Pere Lavega	Chairperson, Working Group on the TSG Guidelines	President	European Traditional Sports and Games Association
Mr Wolfgang Baumann	Chairperson, Working Group on the International Platform	Secretary General	TAFISA
Mr Pierre Parlebas	Chairperson, Working Group on the Encyclopaedia	Président d'honneur	CEMEA et AIPRAM
Ms Areeba Khalil	Rapporteur, Working Group on the TSG International Platform	Legal Adviser	IATWS
Mr Ezzeddine Bouzid	Rapporteur, Working Group on the TSG Encyclopaedia	President	Association Tunisienne de Sauvegarde des Jeux et Sports de Patrimoine
Mr Shammi Rana	Rapporteur, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee	General Secretary	Asian Belt Wrestling Federation
Mr Guy Jaouen	Observer	President	AEJEST/ITSGA
Mr Finn Berggren	Observer	President	Gerlev PlayPark/Gerlev Sports Academy
Mr Alexey Kylasov	Observer	President	Ethnosport

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Permanent Delegation of Malaysia to UNESCO		
Permanent Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to UNESCO		
Permanent Delegation of the Russian Federation to UNESCO		

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ANNEX III

TSG FLAGSHIP

TSG Flagship Project

The **TSG Flagship Project** would be a visionary, holistic-driven, large-scale creative initiative addressing the **challenging safeguarding and promotion of traditional sports and games**. This is a long-term initiative bringing together excellent experts in the fields of research, policy-making, and sport movement across various disciplines, sharing a unifying goal and ambitious roadmap on how to achieve it.

TSG Flagship will establish **UNESCO** as a **leading organization** in this specific domain and a pole of attraction for **international cooperation, nurturing creativity** from a **multilayer approach**. Strategically and scientifically defined, this Flagship project will address the following:

Objectives	Rationale	Recommendations
Promote Values Education Through TSG	TSG provide educational and ethical values tackling global challenges (public health, sustainable development, conflict) fostering the development of cognitive skills and physical literacy, individual and collective fulfillment notably through inter-cultural and inter-generational dialogues, youth empowerment, peace-building, inclusion and gender equality	Promote active learning for instance through the development of several tools presenting the benefits of TSG values, organizing workshops during TSG festivals, peer-education programmes, etc.
Develop prevention against doping and unethical behaviors in TSG	TSG as intangible cultural heritage in danger are threatened by moral haphazard, doping, extreme standardization, etc, that are challenging mainstreamed sports	Promote prevention against doping and unethical behaviors notably with the support of the International Convention against Doping in Sport and the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport
Increase visibility of TSG	Marginalized and played in the shade of mainstreamed sports by communities beneficiating from poor visibility, TSG must be duly promoted	Build partnerships with countries hosting sport events in order to include and associate TSG during these sport events and promote high visibility
Build a sustainable approach notably in line with sustainable	TSG develop cognitive, emotional and social skills that foster dialogue,	Develop instruments and encourage innovative approaches

<p>development goals (SDGs 1,3,4,5,8,10,11,12,13,15)</p>	<p>empowerment, healthy life styles, active citizens notably promoting the improvement of problem-solving and critical thinking, academic achievement, and financial, social, individual capital.</p> <p>TSG represent an important lever valuing the environment in which they are played by the communities.</p> <p>Moreover, TSG offer an interesting potential for sensitizing wide public to eco-responsible and eco-citizen behaviors, particularly in the context of cultural and sport events</p>	<p>to safeguard and promote TSG in line with relevant SDGs</p> <p>Foster the establishment of sustainable communities and societies, with eco-friendly initiatives notably promoted in the organization of TSG festivals and events to enhance environmental citizenship and participation</p>
<p>Develop a cultural and educational approach of TSG</p>	<p>TSG are at the crossroad of culture, education, social and human sciences and sciences. This domain should therefore be approached from a holistic perspective</p>	<p>Highlight cultural diversity and historical richness conveyed by TSG unveiling for instance handicraft, traditional cuisine, traditional costumes worn by players, languages and dialects spoken by communities, etc</p>