
UN Promotes Sport as Tool of Inclusion

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United Nations, Apr 6 (Prensa Latina) On the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace the UN calls today for its practice as promoter of human dignity and inclusion. In this third annual celebration, it urged governments, organizations, companies and all agents of society to take advantage of the values and the power of sport to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, stated the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, in his message for the date.

Ban called the sport a unique and powerful tool to promote the equal and inalienable rights of individuals, as well as a positive social change.

'That is the reason why some of the greatest athletes have dedicated and continue to dedicate themselves to helping the United Nations to raise awareness on important issues, such as hunger, HIV/AIDS, gender equality and environmental management, "pointed out speaking about the date established by the General Assembly in August 2013.

According to the Secretary General, the International Day is celebrated in the context of a major global challenge, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted here last September by the international community.

To realize these goals we should involve all sectors of society, for which sports has an essential role to play, he noted.