

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between CSIT and ISCA

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Memorandum of understanding on co-operation between:

**International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)**

and

**Confédération Sportive Internationale du Travail (CSIT)**

**International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)** as an international association, whose members are primarily non-governmental entities in the field of sport and culture for all from Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America understands sport as an integral part of cultural life.

As people manifest their culture through their participation in sport, it is important to promote and deepen a coherent view of sport and culture.

Sport as movement culture is, thus, a field where cultural identity as well as international understanding can be developed.

In the context of Sport and Culture, sport is understood not only as competitive activities and health-related exercises, but also as recreation, pastimes, games and leisure activities.

Sport and Culture is an essential part of education and a way of educating people to become responsible citizens in their society.

Besides sport and games, culture as a way of life also includes traditional customs and festivities, dance, music, song, theatre and other creative and social activities.

### **The objectives of ISCA are primarily:**

- to promote an understanding between people across borders through sports and cultural activities.
- to stress the view of sport as a bearer of local, regional or national cultural identity, thereby placing it in the centre of international exchanges of ideas, views and cultural expressions.
- to encourage the broadest possible participation in sporting and cultural activities among all affiliated members.

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## **Confédération Sportive Internationale du Travail (CSIT)**

The CSIT is an international multi-sports organisation based on the ideas of the international labour movement: equality and solidarity in sport. CSIT was founded 1913 in Ghent/Belgium and re-established after the 2nd World War in the year 1946.

During the last decade the CSIT has been growing quite fast to a world wide organisation with 36 national member unions from 32 countries, 3 continental member unions and in total 12-14 million individual memberships today. Within the world of international sport, the CSIT maintains its support for everyone to benefit from sporting activities regardless of their qualifications, talent, nationality, age, sex and social circumstances.

The obligations of the CSIT are becoming increasingly important in these terms, when commercialisation and the lack of facilities and economic resources are reducing sport to passive entertainment for the vast majority of people.

The CSIT is an organisation which aims at promoting and broadening workers' sport activities and thus develop into a world-wide movement. This will support our aspirations for democracy, solidarity and improving the quality of life through sport. This movement will encompass all sports federations and hence will be able to provide better opportunities for varied physical exercise for all citizens.

There are equal pillars for CSIT sportswomen and sportsmen:

- CSIT World Sports Games
- CSIT Championships,
- International Tournaments,
- International Festivals and
- Sport for All-activities,
- International Projects,
- Health and Fitness Activities.

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## Confédération Sportive Internationale du Travail (CSIT)

and

## International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)

Acknowledge that CSIT and ISCA are two independent international organisations and respect the differences of the two organisations.

Recognise that ISCA and CSIT are both international organisations promoting Sport for All.

Acknowledge that CSIT and ISCA have different as well as complementary areas of activities.

Consider that both of the organisations could benefit from a more formal link of co-operation

The parties ISCA and CSIT have agreed on the following ways for a mutual Co - operation:

1. The parties will openly exchange information and keep each other informed about its activities.
2. The parties will invite each other to their respective General Assemblies.
3. The parties will consider opportunities to jointly organise events and festivals. Within this field, specifically the possibility to establish cooperation around the 2013 CSIT World Sports Games will be analysed. Such cooperation will be established on the objective, to contributing to the Sport for All sector in general as well as profiling the respective organisations.
4. The parties will during the coming year analyse and identify areas and topics of common interest. The areas and topics identified will be evaluated and eventually be a platform for further cooperation.

Date

Signatures

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