Dear Stakeholders & Friends

The Foundation for Sport Development and Peace in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Foundation is excited to celebrate the Centenary of Madiba in 2018.

Nelson Mandela had experienced the power of sport in the struggle against the apartheid system in South Africa. He recognised the important role of sport in providing a platform to unite people of different cultural, political and religious backgrounds and thus for peace building and social transformation in South Africa today.

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination ”. Nelson R. Mandela

In the spirit of Madiba’s passion for sport, education, development and peace we would like to encourage activities of your institution /organisation in this specific area throughout in 2018.

We are in the process of creating an Events Calendar for Sport, Development and Peace where we will list and publicise your activities nationally and globally.

We are also planning to create a special publication of the theme: Nelson Mandela and the Power of Sport: Be the Legacy in Sport and Life where your activity can feature as a story.
The partners will also join hands for the 2018 International Sport and Peace Conference to be held on 19-20 September 2018 in Cape Town with the theme Nelson Mandela and the Power of Sport - Be the Legacy in Sport and Life.

We trust our collaboration will create the foundation for an effective and far reaching local and international cooperation to reach the common goals of all those who cherish the values of Sport and Peace and enjoy the benefits of a strengthening Sport for Peace movement through the development of a global Sport and Peace network in commemoration of Nelson Mandela.

Yours sincerely

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