

Application of Millennium goals to coaching and sport development

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The goal of this communication is to present my own perspective on how an organization like the International Council of Coach Education can become a key actor in the actual 'Sport for development and peace' movement. I will first present a brief overview of how sport is being used by different Non Government Organisations (NGOs) through their sport-in/for-development projects in developing countries. Then I will list the eight millennium goals (to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, develop a partnership for development) and discuss to what extent sport can be used to reach each of them. Thirdly, I will focus on some of the major recommended features of training programs for coaches/teachers/leaders involved in sport-in/for-development projects. Finally, I will present some of the recent initiatives undertaken by the United Nations to assist in the development of materials to help make sport a contributor to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).