St John's Sports Pledge for a Resilient & Prosperous Commonwealth [DRAFT]

Resilient, Healthy and Inclusive Societies
positioning sport as a tool for population health, empowering youth and ensuring access and representation for all through inclusive sport systems.

Commitments:

1. Scale investment and delivery of physical activity and preventative health systems including through partnerships between sport, health, communities, and the private sector
2. Empower children and youth through sport, including by strengthening pathways into education, employment, and leadership, and integrating sport within youth development and skills programmes
3. Strengthen inclusive, safe and accessible sport systems, including investment in facilities and programmes, and advancing disability inclusion and equitable participation in sport
4. Enhance awareness of climate change and ensure that sport development in the Commonwealth is climate-resilient

Economic Prosperity Through Sport
Elevating sport as a contributor to economic growth, trade, and sustainable development.

Commitments:

5. Expand sustainable sport hosting and sport tourism, supporting inclusive economic growth and community benefit
6. Grow sport-based enterprises, manufacturing and technology, supporting employment and livelihoods, particularly for women and youth
7. Integrate sport into trade, investment, and economic development strategies, strengthening the contribution of the sport sector to jobs, innovation, and productivity

Unity, Culture & International Cooperation
Reflecting the Commonwealth's shared history, diversity and unique strengths in connection, identity, and common values.

Commitments

8. Embedding cultural heritage and identity within sport and major events, including support for indigenous populations and traditional sports
9. Leveraging sport to promote social cohesion, peacebuilding, reconciliation and community resilience
10. Strengthen Commonwealth cooperation, exchange and global partnerships through sport, fostering collaboration across governments, institutions, and communities

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