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CIFAL Saudi Arabia - THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

People

Deadline: 24 Feb 2024

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Riyahd, Saudi Arabia
Date:	26 Feb 2025 to 27 Feb 2025
Duration:	1 Days
Programme Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
Website:	https://cifal.mu.edu.sa/about
Price:	\$0.00
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Partnership:	CIFAL Saudi Arabia, Saudi Olympic Academy

BACKGROUND

This workshop was organized in collaboration with the Saudi Olympic Academy as part of CIFAL Saudi Arabia's sports diplomacy and sustainability initiative. It aimed to highlight the strategic potential of the Olympic Games and national sports systems in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in areas such as health, education, inclusion, gender, infrastructure,

and peacebuilding.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

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- Identify key SDGs that are most relevant to sports governance and national sports development strategies in the Saudi context.
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- Apply practical tools for aligning sports federation activities with SDG targets, including impact measurement, community outreach, and institutional reporting.
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CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

- Part 1 – Introduction to SDGs in the Context of Sports
- Part 2 – Case Studies and Global Practices
- Part 3 – Integrating SDGs in Saudi Sports Institutions
- Part 4 – Interactive Group Exercise

METHODOLOGY

The workshop used a participatory and practice-oriented approach, combining:

- Expert presentations on SDGs and Olympic Agenda 2020+5
- Case studies from international Olympic initiatives
- Facilitated discussions on local applications in Saudi sports institutions
- Interactive group exercises for designing SDG-aligned initiatives
- Visual learning tools to support engagement and understanding

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Leaders and decision-makers from the Saudi Olympic Committee and national sports federations involved in governance, planning, and aligning sport with Vision 2030 and the SDGs.