

46th United Nations Inter-Agency Games

Paris, 8 February 2019

Dear Friends,

On behalf of UNESCO, the UNESCO Inter-Agency Games Committee is pleased to announce that we shall host **the 46th United Nations Inter-Agency Games (UNIAG)**, which will be held in **Lisbon, Portugal** from **30 April to 4 May 2019**.

UNESCO is the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture. UNESCO's founding vision was born in response to a world war. Seventy years on and many liberation struggles later, UNESCO's mandate is as relevant as ever. Cultural diversity is under attack and new forms of intolerance, rejection of scientific facts and threats to freedom of expression challenge peace and human rights. In response, UNESCO's duty remains to reaffirm the humanist missions of education, science and culture. UNESCO is also the United Nations' lead agency for Physical Education and Sport.

Lisbon is the stunning capital city of Portugal, and is one of the most charismatic and vibrant cities of Europe. It is a city that effortlessly blends traditional heritage, with striking modernism and progressive thinking. Lisbon is a bustling and exciting city that boasts a wide choice of activities and fascinating tourist attractions. The city has a welcoming and liberal atmosphere, while still embracing its deep-rooted heritage and extensive history. Lisbon is close to a stunning coastline of beautiful sandy beaches and dramatic natural scenery, and many of the region's finest beaches are only a short bus or train ride away. We are excited to welcome you to this warm, friendly and beautiful city!

More information about the Games as well as details about the city of Lisbon, will be posted on the website below in the course of February: <https://www.interagencygames.org/> (presently under construction).

Sport Disciplines

The sport disciplines that will be offered in 2019 are:

Athletics (men and women), Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Darts, Football (men and women), Golf, Petanque, Swimming (men and women), Table Tennis (men and women), Tennis and Volleyball (men and women).

Please note that a minimum of 4 teams per discipline is required for competitions to take place.

Medical certificates:

It is recommended that, for their own safety, participants consult with their general practitioner before engaging in any sporting activity and have their medical certificate on hand. Participants and supporters are responsible for **their own medical insurance**. The host organization will not be held liable.

IAG Package:

All participants and supporters must register for the Games exclusively via the Focal Point in their Organization. No direct registration will be accepted or considered. We would like to remind all participants and their respective registrars, that those participants requiring visas should only be registered once their visa has been approved. We are ready to provide assistance to those requiring an official UNIAG invitation.

The Registration cost is **EUR 530** per person for a double or twin room and **EUR 660** for a single room. This includes:

- 4 nights at the hotel with breakfast
- Welcome dinner (drinks included)
- Gala Dinner (drinks included)
- Welcome bag with goodies
- Free transport to and from the airport, hotels and discipline sites
- Wi-Fi available in the hotels
- Access to swimming pools, spa, jacuzzi and fitness room.
- We are also trying to acquire special free entrance tickets to the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Lisbon (more information will be sent to you soon).

For children below 12 years of age, the cost will be **EUR 350**.

We would be grateful if you would confirm the participation of your Organization in the various sports by **28 February 2019**.

To ensure the reservations of your participants please transfer **50%** of the total amount due before **Friday, 01 March 2019**. The balance should be paid before **Friday, 29 March 2019**. The **Bank Account details** will be provided to all focal points by email.

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, 27 March 2019**. Deadline for payment is set at **Tuesday 02 April 2019**. Nevertheless, we encourage all focal points to transfer the fund as early as possible.

Please ensure that all participants have the necessary visas for entry into Portugal and we would like to remind you that all participants must bring an identity card issued by their Organization. Please also remember to draw up, in line with Article 13 of the General

Rules, a **list of participants certified by your Personnel Department**, which will be checked by the Control Committee before the beginning of the competitions. Any team that does not meet all criteria will forfeit their turns and will not be allowed to take part in any competition until their situation has been rectified.

Cancellation:

Full reimbursement of the IAG package cost will be possible for cancellations up to Monday, 18 March 2019. Cancellation due to visa issues will be accepted until 12 April 2019. We reserve the right to assess refunds for cancellations after that date on a case-by-case basis.

Organizational matters:

The first Control Commission is scheduled on Tuesday, 30 April 2019. The Captains' meeting is scheduled on 30 April. The opening ceremony and welcome cocktail will start on **Tuesday, 30 April at 19h00**. More details about the venues for these meetings will be shared with you soon.

Transportation:

Humberto Delgado Airport (also known as Lisbon Airport) is an international airport located 7 km from the city centre of Lisbon. During the Event, free transportation will be available to and from the hotels and discipline sites as well as between the various disciplines. In addition, there will be free transportation between all locations involved with the Event.

Security

The UN Department of safety and security (UNDSS) recommends that each participant should register in the common security system DRITS. This would allow for UNDSS to know who is at the Game and to react efficiently in case of unexpected event. We strongly encourage individuals to register into the system which is available here <https://fdss.un.org/fdssweb/Home.aspx> and create a request in TRIP. If you are not already registered, you may need to create a new profile.

Entry visas

Kindly ensure that all participants have the necessary visas for Portugal (and any countries they might need to travel through). There will be no reimbursement for no-show due to visa-related problems. For help with visa letters, please write to: **iag2019visas@unesco.org**

Our Committee remains at your disposal for any further information you may require. We look forward to welcoming you to Lisbon.

Sincerely,



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