



## Save the Dream and Global Child Forum Unite to Advance Children's Rights in Sports

**26 November 2015; Doha, Qatar / Stockholm, Sweden: Save the Dream and Global Child Forum** are pleased to announce a strategic partnership aimed at safeguarding children in sport. Global Child Forum, a leading global platform for the promotion and advancement of children's rights will collaborate with Save the Dream on a series of specific initiatives which address the situation of children's rights and sports at a global level.

The agreement, signed today at the 2015 Global Child Forum at the Royal Palace in Stockholm, will act as a starting point for cooperation between the two organisations and lead to better understanding and mapping of the sport-related risks children face in different countries and regions. This partnership follows on from Save the Dream's on-going collaboration with UNICEF which aims to protect children from misconduct which may occur in sport and threats to children which are associated with the organisation of major sporting events.

"The Save the Dream initiative is globally active in child protection and we applaud the Global Child Forum for the work they do around children's rights. GCF's inspired leadership and vision to promote a sustainable world where children's rights are respected and supported by all stakeholders in society is one that aligns closely with our own ambitions of a safe and secure future for children participating in sport.

"The International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) Save the Dream and the GCF share a commitment to support the fulfillment of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to act in the best interest of children. By setting up this framework for cooperation, we hope to be able to facilitate a fruitful collaboration, which will see us play a more active role in driving best practice in child protection in sport globally" said Mohammed Hanzab, founder of Save the Dream and President of the ICSS.

"The purpose of the Global Child Forum is to promote and facilitate cross-sector partnerships to further the rights of the child," said Ulf Karlberg, Chairman of Global Child Forum. "We are therefore proud and honoured to join hands with ICSS and their programme Save the Dream on a series of concrete initiatives to address the situation of children's safety in sports."

Also present at the Global Child Forum 2015 at the Royal Palace in Stockholm were The Royal family of Sweden, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, Mr Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, chairman of Nestlé Group, Irina Bokova, Director-General for UNESCO, Yoka Brandt, Deputy Executive Director for UNICEF, Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director for Oxfam International and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and some 400 international delegates and speakers.



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#### **About the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS)**

The ICSS is an international, independent and not-for-profit organisation. With an aim to improve security, safety and integrity throughout the world of sport; the ICSS works with governments, federations, clubs, leagues and event organisers. The ICSS provides expertise, services and global knowledge - advising on event and venue safety, strategic security and investigations into corruption in sport. For more details please visit [www.theicss.org](http://www.theicss.org) or follow us on twitter at [@The\\_ICSS](#)

#### **About Save the Dream**

Working on a global scale with leading organizations across sectors, Save the Dream implements and inspires activities to empower youth and communities through sport, while promoting inter-cultural dialogue and social innovation. Save the Dream is also actively engaged in programs protecting youth from misconducts sport such as violence, corruption and discrimination.

#### **About Global Child Forum (GCF)**

Global Child Forum is an independent, global multi-stakeholder initiative for informed dialogue and thought leadership on how to advance children's rights in support of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The initiative aims at gathering leaders from business, governments, academia and civil society in a joint effort to implement children's rights with the vision of promoting a sustainable world where children's rights are respected and supported by all stakeholders in society. Their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden initiated Global Child Forum in 2009 on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For more details please visit <http://globalchildforum.org> or follow us on twitter at [@GCForum](#)