

# Statement made by the Chairperson of the Media, Youth, Sports and Culture Committee in commemoration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

“Sports Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,” the theme for this year, reminds us of the extraordinary ability of sports to promote equality, inclusion, and connection. It challenges us to confront disparities such as gender inequality, disability exclusion, racism and to see sports as a force for change.

This day is a celebration of the impact of sports in our communities. We also recognise its role in promoting health, physical activity, and social cohesion.

On this International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, observed on Monday 6th April 2026, we honour the power of sports to unify the community, break barriers and cultivate youth potentials, restore unity as one race, and ignite hope for inclusivity.

As we mark this occasion, let us pledge not only to strive for victory in the games, but also to achieve peace, equality, and a promising future for all.

**Chairperson of the Media, Youth, Sports and Culture Committee, Hon.  
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