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Sexual violence against women and children in Sport

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Ending sexual violence against women and children in sport: When **equality** makes the **difference**

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ALL
HUMAN
BEINGS
ARE BORN FREE AND
EQUAL IN DIGNITY
AND RIGHTS
THEY ARE

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Violence against women

Violence against children

In common ...

- ▶ a violation of the victims' **human rights and dignity**
- ▶ **widespread** and often socially **tolerated**
- ▶ there is an **abuse of power**
- ▶ call for an **integrated approach** including prevention, protection prosecution and participation.

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Differences...

► violence against women

Male dominance: historically unequal power relations

Gender-based

Gender equality: de jure versus de facto

Socially constructed roles

► violence against children

Vulnerability

Dependency : protective role of adults

Social norms AND Legal status



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Fighting sexual violence : a strong framework!

Council of Europe Convention

Protection of Children
against Sexual Exploitation
and Sexual Abuse

Prevention
Protection
Prosecution
Participation/cooperation

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CONVENTION ON
PREVENTING AND
COMBATING VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

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Sexual violence is everywhere.

Sport is no exception 😞



Some more standards ...

- Ministers of Sport Resolution on the prevention of **sexual harassment and abuse** of women, young people and children in sport, 2000
- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on **gender mainstreaming in sport**, 2015
- Ministers of Sport Resolution on **Sport and human Rights**, 2018
- Committee of Ministers **Recommendation to prevent and combat sexism**, 2019
- PACE Resolution "Stop **hate speech and acts of hatred** in sport", 2019

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Standards Monitoring Assistance





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



« All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood »

Universal Declaration of Human Rights





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