

6 April

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

"Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair."

– Nelson Mandela –

## Why do we mark this day?



Sport is one of the most effective tools to promote peace and and to strengthen partnership and solidarity of a community.

International day of sport for development and peace emphasizes the role of sports in communities and people's lives.

We can learn about important values such as teambuilding, cooperation, equality, respect, fairness and inclusion through sports and physical activities. Also, sports can help us reduce stress and anxiety, and furthermore build resilience. Sports can cross boundaries and defy stereotypes and inspire hope across nations.

## Questions for Discussion

What are the effects of sports in our life?

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• What is the idea behind the International Day of Sport for Development and P?

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## Meet Today's Global Citizen



### Didier Drogba

Didier Drogba is a football player from Ivory Coast. He was the all-time top player and captain of the national team. In 2005, Ivory Coast team secured qualification for the 2006 FIFA World Cup for the first time in history. Back then, the country was divided by the civil war which has began in 2002. After the match, the player interviewed saying to his own people "Men and women of Ivory Coast. From the north, south, centre, and west, we proved today that all Ivorians can coexist and play together with a shared aim - to qualify for the World Cup. We promised you that the celebrations would unite the people - today we beg you on our knees."