

A photograph of two athletes in a wrestling match. One athlete is wearing a blue shirt and white pants, while the other is wearing a green shirt and white pants. They are on a yellow mat. In the background, there is a banner with text in Cyrillic: "МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ МОНАТ МИРА ПО БОРЬБЕ В ПОЯСАХ".

WELCOME TO **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES**



International Council of Traditional Sports and Games

Traditional sports

Local and traditional sports are a country's invaluable asset which not only are valued by the locals but by people from around the world.

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The International Council of Traditional Sports and Games known as **"ICTSG"** was formally established and announced during the 4th UNESCO Collective Consultation Meeting 2018 that was attended by Ministers, UNESCO Permanent Delegations, government officials, diplomats, international organizations and experts.

The ICTSG was established in light of the UNESCO Roadmap on Traditional Sports and Games and to continue the work of UNESCO's Advisory Committee on Traditional Sports and Games



AS TSG grows rapidly around the globe today, we assure you our best efforts to preserve, promote and safeguard them.

**Khalil A. Khan
President ICTSG**



Projects of ICTSG

World Traditional Sports and Games



World Traditional Sports and Games is one of the projects being supervised by the ICTSG. It is the initiative of the UNESCO Advisory Committee and approved by UNESCO. These Games will be the first of their kind whilst giving boost to tourism, local traditions and culture of its Host Country.

Anti-Doping in Traditonal sports

In today's highly competitive sporting environment, athletes and athlete support personnel are under increasing pressure to do whatever it takes to win. ICTSG and UNESCO Convention against Doping in Sport are committed to preserve fair sport and to protect young people involved in traditional sports from use of prohibited substances.



Gender equality through Traditonal sports



Promoting gender equality and empowering women through traditional sports and games is one of ICTSG's main objectives.

Discussions were held and presentations were made by experts and professors during the UNESCO Collective Consultation Meeting on TSG 2018.

Traditional sports across regions

Traditional sports and games are being played since centuries and every region has its intrinsic value. The locals hold such sports in high esteem.

Similar sports are played in different regions, they have similar rules but different names as per their respective cultures.



For example in Europe, bull fighting and bull sports are one of the oldest cultures, it is called *corrida de toros* in Spain whereas *La course Landaise* in France. This sport is also played in other parts of the world including the Americas.

In most parts of Asia and the Middle East, *camel racing* and *falconry* are practiced as traditional sports. International festivals are held for their promotion. While in Central Asia, Africa and some parts of Europe, *belt wrestling* is one of the most popular traditional sport.



In Australia (Oceania) various hockey games are played including the traditional *Kokan*.

Similarly, *Hurling* is Ireland's traditional game that is valued a lot especially in Europe, whereas *Lacrosse* of North America is also a similar traditional game.

Promotion of indigenous sports

Promotion of traditional and indigenous sports is one of the core missions of the ICTSG. Hence, ICTSG cooperates with organizations promoting indigenous people and their culture that also includes indigenous sports.



Indigenous People, as defined by the UN mean indigenous communities and nations that, having historical continuity with pre-invasion and precolonial societies that developed on their territories, consider themselves distinct from other sectors of the societies now prevailing in those territories.



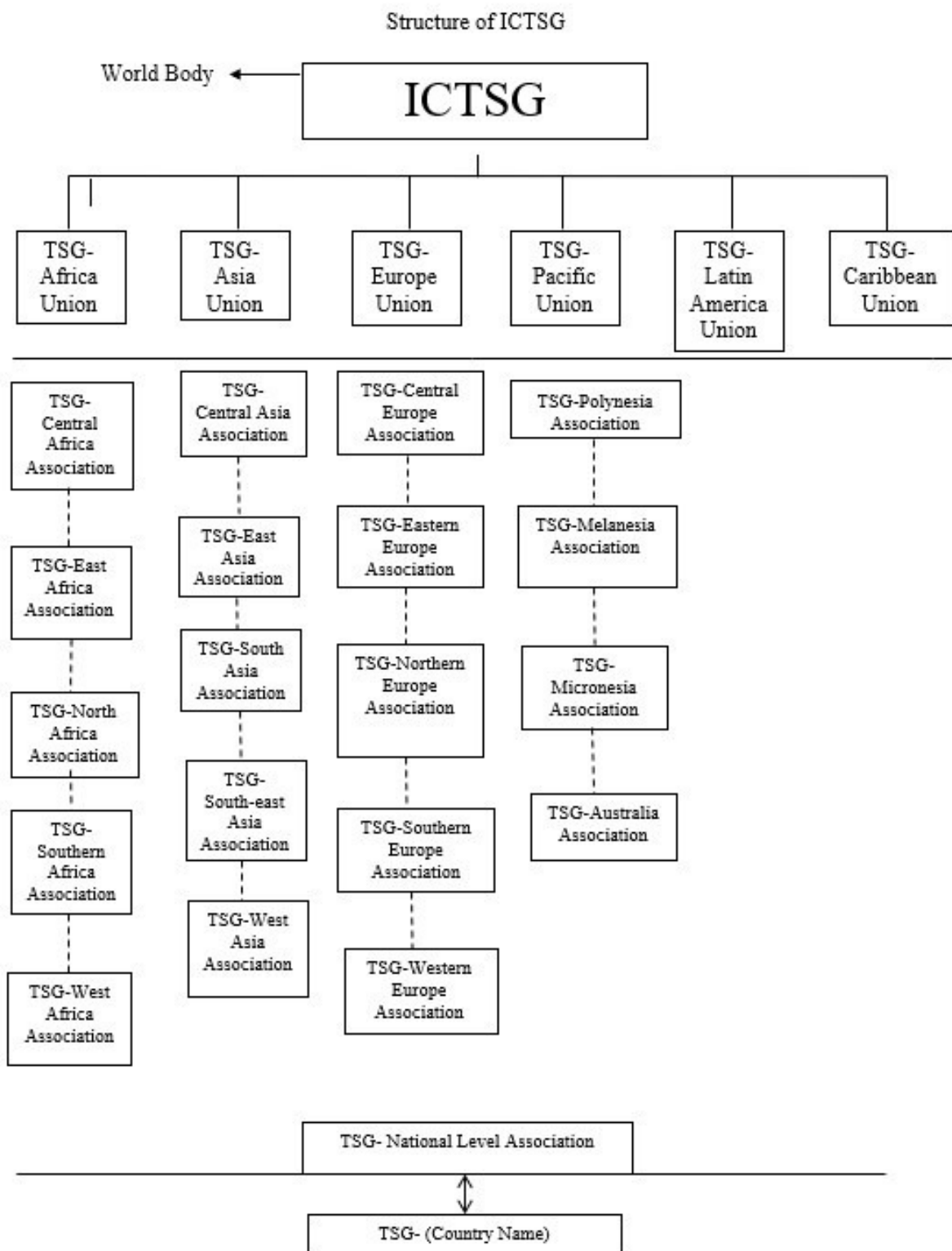
Many governments and international organisations are committed to serve and promote indigenous people and their traditions including indigenous sports. *Kai, Parndo* and *Koolchee* are some of the recognized indigenous sports of Australia. Similar sports exist all around the world.



Numerous events and festivals are held on indigenous people but the ICTSG will include indigenous sports in the first-ever biggest event in traditional sports and games i.e. *World Traditional Sports and Games 2021*.

Structure of ICTSG

ICTSG is an international umbrella organisation made to ensure the safeguarding and promotion of traditional sports and games whilst aiming to support and assist governments, non-governmental organisations, as well as the sport movement.



Membership of ICTSG

Group A

governmental
organizations and non-governmental bodies
which are recognized in their
respective countries as being the major
organizations responsible for physical
education, sport and TSG;

Group B

international organizations responsible for the
coordination and promotion of work to unify
coordinate and promote activities
in the field of physical education, sport and TSG

Group C

governmental and non-governmental
organizations at the
national level

Group D

publicly recognized research institutes and
schools of
higher Education in sport, physical education and
TSG

Group E

Traditional Sports Clubs

ICTSG also endorses a Group of Patrons (GoP) that shall consist of political/diplomatic representatives of the Member States of the Council.

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