Play the Game 2025

Draft programme overview (subject to change)

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Hour	Room	Sunday 5 October	Hour	Room	Monday 6 October	Hour	Room	Tuesday 7 October	Hour	Room	Wednesday 8 October
		Sunady 5 Stieses	07:00-08:00)	Morning excercise	07:00-08:00		Morning excercise	07:00-08:00		Morning excercise
			09:00	Small	From silence to safeguarding: The rise of abuse on the global sport agenda	09-00	Small auditorium	Anti-doping: Can trust and transparency be restored?	09:00		Athletes power: Owning their narrative, shaping a collective future
									09:00		Rethinking sport ethics and integrity: Learnings from Finland
									09:00		From games to gains: How states leverage sport for geopolitical influence
						09:00	Duetto 1	Legacy revisited: What mega sporting events leave behind	09:00		Coaching under scrutiny: Preventing harm and promoting accountability
									09:00		Sport for All? A new vision for inclusive sport
									09:00		Reimagining governance: Lessons across sports and borders
									09:00		Parallel session to be defined
			10:45		Coffee break	10:45		Coffee break	10:45		Coffee break
			11:15		Nobody's coming to save us: Ways forward for sport integrity	11:15		Between inclusion and regulation: Transgender athletes in the sporting arena	11:15		Documentary: The NBA, Rwanda, and sportswashing
			11:15		Documentary: 'Spielverderber' - How global match-fixing networks operate	11:15		The illusion of independence, neutrality and autonomy in sport	11:15		WADA and the fallout from the Chinese swimmers case
11:00		Arrivals and registration	11:15		Who can wear what? The Hijab ban and questions of inclusion on sport	11:15		Broken trust, blurred lines: Is the anti-doping system still working?	11:15		From overlooked to oversight: Governance failures in global sport
			11:15		TALE - What about us? Emotional, ethical, and practical realities of anti-doping meassures	11:15		From Palestine to Pakistan: Football's struggles with political power	11:15		Manipulation in sport and how to deal with it
			11:15		The sustainability playbook: From rhetoric to reality in sport	11:15		Mitigating public-health challenges from sports betting	11:15		From policy to practice: Making safeguarding real in sport
12:30	Small auditorium	Words of welcome and opening keynotes	11:15		From Africa to Asia: Cases of abuse and how to tackle it	11:15		Producing child prodigies or offering meaningful competitions	11:15		Whos rights, whos game? Sports struggle with human rights
			11:15		Parallel session to be defined	11:15		Parallel session to be defined	11:15		Parallel session to be defined
14:30		Coffee break	13:00		Lunch	13:00		Lunch	13:00		Lunch
15:00	Small auditorium	Protest and play? The upcoming battles between	14:15		From Riyadh to the Ring: Saudi Arabia's sports endeavor	14:15		The voices that matter: Survivors and the future of systemic reform in sport	14:00		Sport for developtment and peace
			14:15		Risking everything: Whistle-blowing for athlete human rights	14:15		The return of sex testing to international sport: Is it justified? Is it ethical?	14:00		Different aspects on transgender athletes in sport
			14:15		Cleaning up the game: Crime and fraud in sport	14:15		Activists and diplomats: Athletes challenging the system	14:00		Breaking barriers: Leadership, inclusion and athlete empowerment
16:45		Coffee break	14:15		From clubs to portfolios: How MCOs and investors are reshaping football	14:15		Fields of change: The future of sustainability in sport	14:00		Elite sport systems in international perspetive: New competitive models in the global arms race
17:15-18:30		Beyond the flag: Indigenous and refugee athletes in global sports	14:15		From crisis to culture shift: Confronting abuse in sport	14:15		Gender and sport corruption: The missin links to understanding anti-corruption and integrity reform in sport	14:00		The politics of image: Sportwashing, soft sower or just double standards?
17:15-18:30		Safe sport solutions: From frameworks to real impact	14:15		Inclusion of marginalized and persons with disabilities in sport	14:15		Parallel session to be defined	14:00		Gender-based violence and online abuse in sport
17:15-18:30		Empowering whistleblowers: How RealResponse is transforming anti-doping intelligence and protecting those that chose to report	14:15		Parallel session to be defined			Parallel session to be defined	14:00		Parallel session to be defined
17:15-18:30		Playing with fire: Fossil fuels' grip on world sport	16:00		Coffee break	16:00		Coffee break	15:30		Coffee break
17:15-18:30		Illegal betting: A black spot on sports integrity									
17:15-18:30		Financial mismanagement in sport: Examining the application and use of the soft budget constraint approach	16:30	Small auditorium	The troubled quest for good governance in sport: Can we get from paperwork to practice?	16:30	Small auditorium	Football's geopolitical game: Are we heading towards a new world order?	16:00	Small auditorium	From monopoly to market: Who's entering Finland's gambling space?
17:15-18:30		Parallel session to be defined									
18:30		Welcome reception	18:30		Dinner	18:30		Dinner	18:00		Break
20:00-21:30		Tell the truth and pay the price: How sport fails to protect its whistleblowers	20:00-21:30		Who has the right to compete? Exploring the inclusion of transgender athletes in sport	20:00-21:30	Small	ClearingSport: Paving the way for stronger enforcement of sports integrity standards	19:30		Cocktails
									20:00	Duetto 1+2	Farewell party with dinner, dance and the Play the Game Award
Colour codes		Plenary session			Main session			Parallel session			Social event