



**UNITED  
THROUGH  
SPORTS**



**IMPACT REPORT  
2023**





**KINDNESS**



**PEACE PROMOTION**



**INCLUSION**



**NON-DISCRIMINATION**



**EQUALITY**



# OUR MISSION

We aim to create inclusive and equal environments where every child is valued, without discrimination and empowered by the positive impact of sport and education towards their physical, emotional, and social well-being





The youth is our future, and we are proud to place them at the centre of everything we do. By giving them a place to flourish through the power of sport, we are creating a brighter tomorrow. We believe in the power of unity and shared values, and we will continue to work towards a world where every young person can thrive and reach their full potential.

**STEPHAN FOX**  
UTS President



# THE UTS YOUNG LEADERS ARE THE NEXT GENERATION



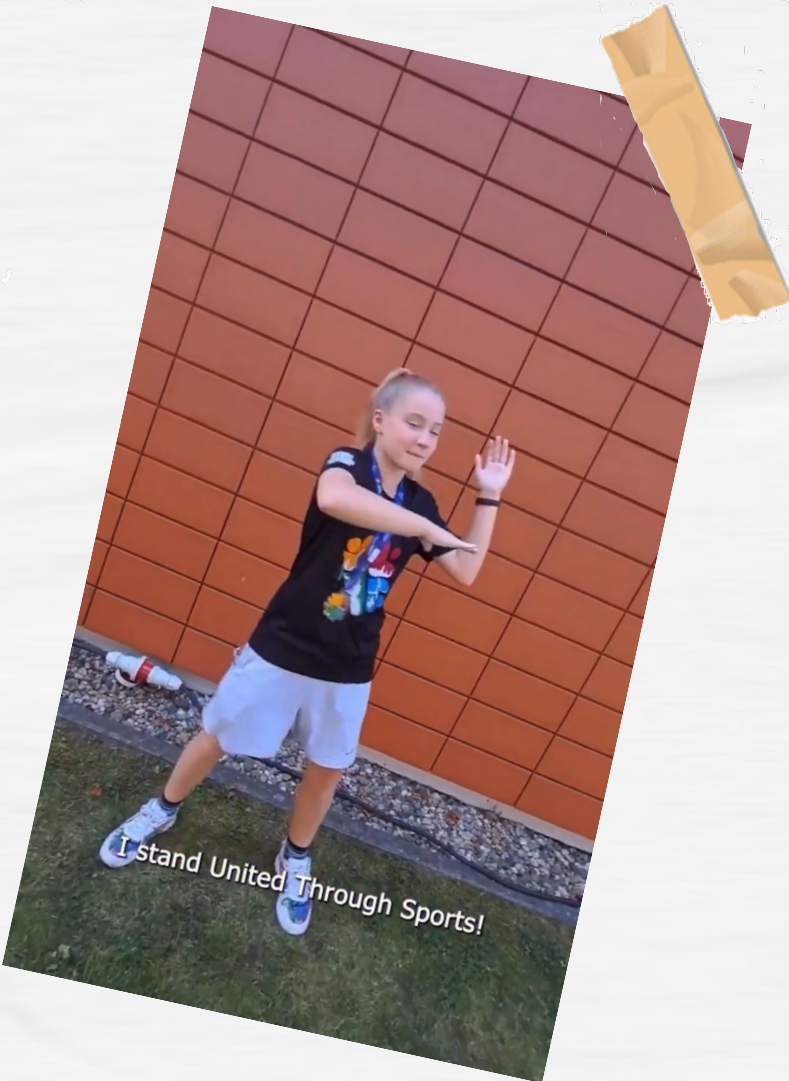
**Ezra Frech** Track & Field Athlete (IPC)   **Bassam Murthasa** Muaythai Athlete (IFMA)   **Kyra Seow** Pentathlon Athlete (UIPM)   **Sarah Schumacher** Minigolf Athlete (WMF)   **Husnah Kukundakwe** Swimming Athlete (IPC)   **Heer Hitesh** Swimming Athlete (FINA)   **Noa Duxbury** Parkour Athlete (FIG)   **Imani Cintado** Journalist Intern United Through Sports   **Sylar Alcantara** Football Athlete (FIFA)   **Aya Shata** Gymnastics Athlete (FIG)   **Stefan Dogaru** Teqball Athlete (FITEQ)

Paving the way for a better society. They are at the forefront of what UTS is about because they are changemakers, all fighting in their own way for a truly inclusive world



**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW YOUNG LEADERS**

**MEET VANESSA POWER,  
UTS' LATEST YOUNG LEADER!**







# WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL 2022 BANGKOK

With support of



Under patronage of





*"The IOC is proud to be a patron for this unique event, spreading the values of sport and the Olympic spirit."*

*"It is vital that we aim to unite youth of all abilities through sports."*

*"We need the young people for a new era of inclusion in sport."*

*"Let us unite as one voice in sport in the service of youth for a better future."*

# LEADERS OF SPORTS JOINED THE FESTIVAL

**THOMAS BACH**

PRESIDENT  
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC  
COMMITTEE

**ANDREW PARSONS**

PRESIDENT  
INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC  
COMMITTEE

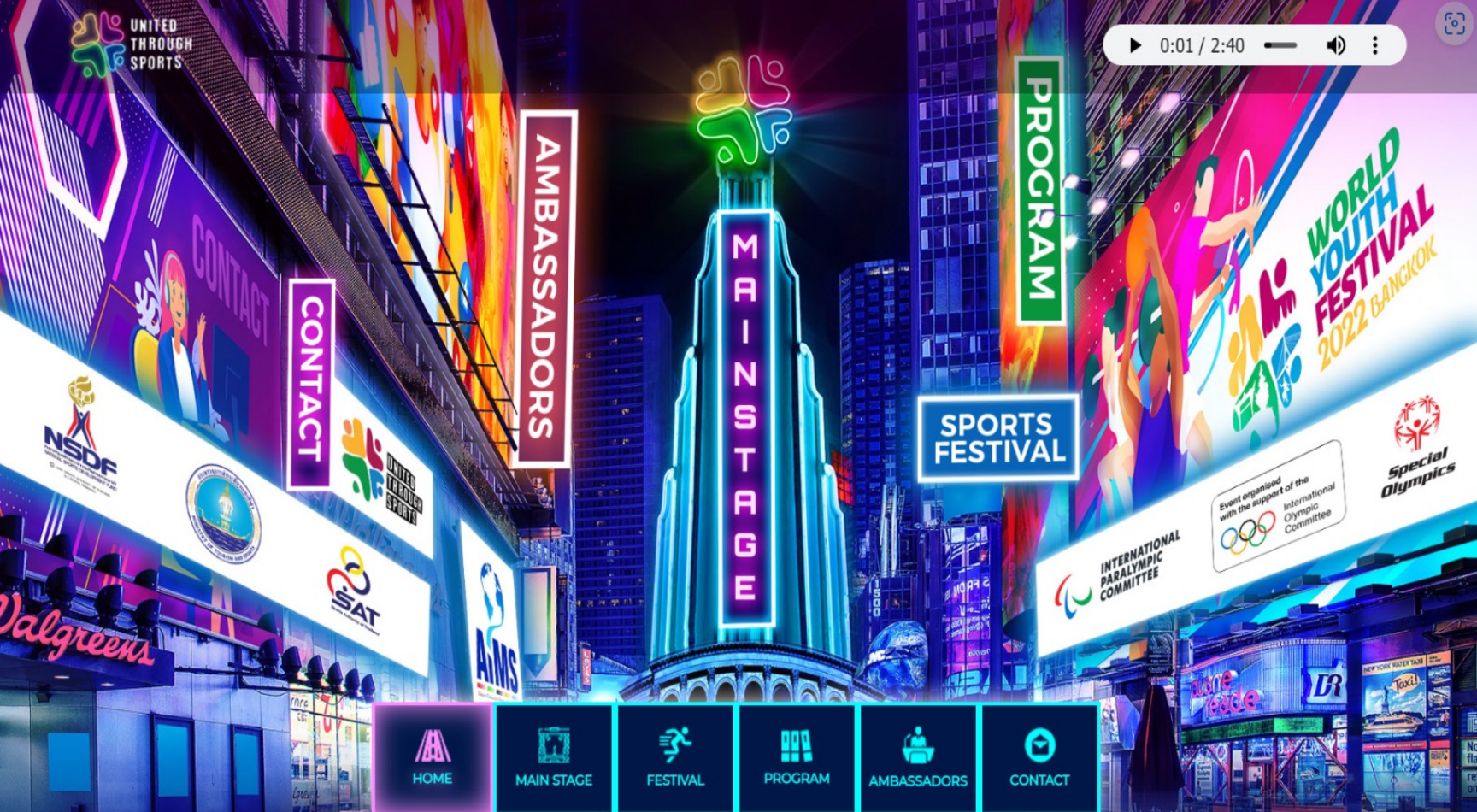
**TIM SHRIVER**

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**IVO FERRIANI**

PRESIDENT SPORTACCORD





# A Hybrid Festival

During the covid pandemic, where all physical sports events were cancelled, UTS adapted and devised a solution to combat youth inactivity and promote sports no matter their location in the world. Through the development of our virtual platform, youth from around the world were invited to take part in active and creative online competitions.



Post- pandemic, UTS saw the need to maintain a hybrid structure and to introduce the virtual platform as a way to invite more youth to get active regardless to where the physical event would occur.





## HEAR FROM OUR YOUNG LEADERS

As much as I am busy between school, sport and other projects, I cannot just get over the week I and my fellow UTS Young Leaders spent in Bangkok for the World Youth Festival 2022. The little free time I have, I find myself thinking about the new friends I made and how amazing the world can be.

**HUSNAH KUKUNDAKWE**

Swimming Athlete  
International Paralympic Committee



# GOALS OF WYF2022

- Promote our values, particularly Inclusion across every aspect of the festival
- Invite youth of all abilities to take part either physically or virtually
- Strengthen relationships between National and International Sport Federations
- Unite people, organizations, NGOs, governments, and cities through sports
- Bring underprivileged youth and provide them with positive opportunities
- Encourage and promote youth leadership
- Give sports an opportunity to showcase their disciplines
- Encourage a healthy and active lifestyle





# WORLD LEADERS THAT JOINED THE FESTIVAL



**HRH Princess Dilayl  
Bint Nahar Al Saud**  
Advisor  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
NOC



**HRH Prince Feisal Al  
Hussein of Jordan**  
Founder & Chairman of the  
Board  
Generations for Peace



**General Prawit Wongsuwon**  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Thailand Government



**Ban Ki Moon**  
Former 8th General  
Secretary  
United Nations



**Christophe de Kepper**  
Director General  
International Olympic  
Committee (IOC)



**Kit McConnell**  
Sports Director  
International Olympic  
Committee (IOC)



**Gabriela Ramos**  
Assistant Director-General  
for the Social and Human  
Sciences  
UNESCO



**Mary Davis**  
CEO  
Special Olympics



**H.E. Khunying  
Patama Leeswadtrakul**  
Member of Executive Board  
National Olympic  
Committee of Thailand



**Dr. Chungwon Choue**  
President  
World taekwondo Federation



**H.E. Keisha McGuire esq**  
President & CEO  
PFI and former Permanent  
Representative of Grenada to the  
UN



**H.E. Lachezara Stoeva**  
President  
UN Economic and Social  
Council



**Pr. Muhammad Yunus**  
Nobel Prize Winner &  
Founder  
Yunus Sports Hub



**Witold Banka**  
President  
World Anti-Doping Agency



**Eric Garcetti**  
Mayor  
Los Angeles



**Astrid Guyart**  
Secretary General  
France National Olympic  
Committee



**Kim Chulmin**  
Secretary General  
Gangwon 2024



**Lerina Bright**  
Executive Director & Founder  
Mission 89



**Sisan McIsaac**  
CEO  
Right To Play



**Leonz Eder**  
Acting President  
FISU



**Lina Khalifeh**  
Founder  
SheFighter



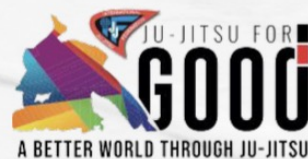
# EDUCATION FORUM

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO DELIVERED  
EDUCATION SESSIONS DURING THE FESTIVAL



**IOC YOUNG  
LEADERS**

Founding Partner  
**Panasonic**





# IMPACT

## *The Festival in numbers*



Dates of the  
Festival

14th to 20th  
November 2022

Host City  
**Bangkok,  
Thailand**

Physical  
Attendees

**25,000**

Countries  
Involved

**126**

Olympic Cities that took  
part in the Festival

**6**



# IMPACT

*The Festival in numbers*



VIP Speakers

90

International Organisations

146

Sports played

48

Underprivileged youth invited

75

Education Sessions held

Dedicated Parasports

7

35

Virtual competitions videos

1,000

Hours watched on the virtual platform

300

Medals delivered

900

Cumulative impressions

2,480,000





## HEAR FROM OUR YOUNG LEADERS

Participation in such events gives us a bigger perspective on the world and shows our young generation's power. The way we communicated and became friends in such a short period and the number of things we learned from each other makes me believe that we will be able to build a better future for everyone.

**ALENA TIMOFEEVA**

Sambo Athlete

International Sambo Federation (FIAS)





## HEAR FROM OUR YOUNG LEADERS

To me, United Through Sports is more than just a community; it's a family, a home for everyone, no matter the background, gender, colour or abilities. UTS provides a sense of belonging and is a platform that gives us, the youth, a voice to be heard!

### **SYLAR ALCANTARA**

Football Athlete

International Association Football Federation (FIFA)





## HEAR FROM OUR YOUNG LEADERS

Regarding people with disability in general, if we were given a dollar every time we are excluded or discriminated against, we would be extremely rich. I want to be treated the same way anyone else would, and I want people to not limit what they believe I'm capable of or have those preconceived notions about me strictly based on my disability, which tends to happen. That is a theme that I've worked on my whole life, to put myself in positions to help break these stereotypes regarding a person with disability.

**EZRA FRECH**

Track and Field Athlete

International Paralympic Committee (IPC)





**2017**  
Establishment of UTS



**2021**  
UTS World Virtual Youth Festival 2021  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



**2022**  
UTS World Youth Festival 2022  
Bangkok, Thailand



**2023**



**2020**  
UTS Virtual Youth Festival 2020  
Bangkok, Thailand



**2018**  
Sports Festival 2018  
Bangkok, Thailand



**2019**  
Gold Coast Sports Festival 2019  
Queensland, Australia



# UTS COLLABORATES WITH IFs

The UTS Team is proud to collaborate with AIMS Members whether it be to motivate the youth, inspire them, educate or connect. Each year the partnerships with IFs grows and ensures youth of all abilities have a positive opportunity through sports.

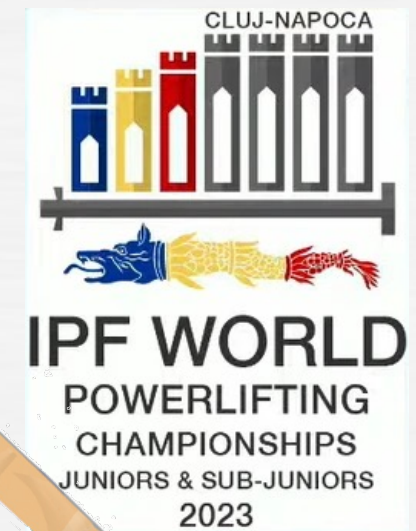
**SAVATE YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
SLOVENIA, JUNE 2023**



**WORLD FISTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
GERMANY, JULY 2023**



**WORLD POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
JUNIOR & SUB-JUNIOR  
ROMANIA, AUGUST 2023**





# UTS COLLABORATES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



UTS has a responsibility to ensure they protect, safeguard and keep updated on any youth sport-related topics. By working with these organisations and broadening the international network, we are better equipped to support the youth everywhere.

**INKLUSIV GEWINNT  
POTSDAM, SEPTEMBER 2023**



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Potsdam

**MISSION 89  
UNITED NATIONS 78TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA 78)  
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 2023**



**MISSION 89**



**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



# UTS AT THE WORLD COMBAT GAMES 2023



United Through Sports, alongside the Saudi Arabian Local Organising Committee, partnered with the Saudi Arabia National Olympic & Paralympic Committee, Ministry Of Sport and Saudi Olympic Academy, to bring positive impact by merging education and sports for the local youth as part of the World Combat Games 2023. Every morning of the week, UTS and their partners have been visiting local schools in Riyadh introducing children to martial arts while encouraging them to keep active and healthy.

**The Youth & School program ensured that UTS made positive impact to 2200 youths of all abilities.**



# UTS NEXT STEPS

## UTS Can:

- Support and activate your youth during Youth Championships and Tournaments
- Provide Interactive Education Sessions, tailored to your needs and focus
- Inspire, assist to nurture and determine your Young Leaders / They can potentially join the UTS YL's
- Organise side events such as a talent show evening, movie night, fun and games etc.
- Support your social media outreach and impact with diaries, interviews, articles and reels.



# LET'S WORK TOGETHER!





LET US INSPIRE AND  
BE INSPIRED

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