

# ACES WOMEN & ALLIES GLOBAL SUMMIT 2026 PUGLIA EUROPEAN REGION OF SPORT 2026

5 giugno 2026 – ore 9:00

aula “Attilio Alto” Politecnico di Bari

## ORE 8:00 – PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION – WELCOME COFFEE

Presented and moderated by **Max Sisto**, TRM and **Hugo Alonso**, ACES

## ORE 9:00 – INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

Video “W by ACES”

Video Teaser “Puglia Regione Europea dello Sport 2026 – Cerimonia di inaugurazione”

**Fiorenza Pascasio**, President of ANCI (Italian National Municipalities Association) – Puglia Region

**Umberto Fratino**, Magnificent Rector of the Polytechnic of Bari

**Salvatore D’Aluiso**, Presidente dell’Ordine degli Avvocati di Bari

**Cristian Casili**, Councillor for Sport and Welfare, Puglia Region

## ORE 09:30 – OPENING PLENARY

Videomessage by Mr. Philipp Müller-Wirth, Chief of Sport Section – Division for Social Policies, UNESCO

**Vincenzo Lupattelli**, VicePresident ACES & President ACES Italy

**Marta Fernández Quiñones**, Affiliate Members & Public-Private Collaboration Dept. UN Tourism

**Benedetto G. Pacifico**, Head of the Health and Sports Budget Section of the Puglia Region

## ORE 9:40 – LEADERSHIP CONVERSATION

Moderated by **Hugo Alonso**

**H.E. Ambassador Sabine Böhlke-Möller**, Ambassador of Namibia – Permanent Representative to UNESCO

**Endrit Hoxha**, Deputy Minister of Education and Sport, Albania

**Adriana Sánchez Parés**, Former Minister of Sport, Puerto Rico & President, ACES America

**Isabelle Bonnal**, Former Commissioner-General for Education, Youth and Sport, Monaco

## ORE 10:05 – VOICE OF THE FUTURE

**Milena Maggio**, Puglia Regional Delegate of FIM – Powerboating Federation (Italy)

## ORE 10:10 – WHY THIS SUMMIT, WHY NOW

**Kreena Govender**, Founder, & CEO of BOLD

## ORE 10:15 – PANEL I – SAFE SPORT EVERYWHERE & FOR ALL: FROM AWARENESS TO ACCOUNTABILITY

Moderator **Yolanda Sosa**

**Roberta Chyurlia**, International Judo Referee, Lawyer & Olympian  
**Saba Zariv**, Strategic Advisor on GBV & Humanitarian Systems, BOLD Global Alliance for Women, Girls & Sport (BOLD)

**Angela Melo**, Former Director, UNESCO

**Nuria Diosdado**, Olympic Artistic Swimming Athlete

**Dilek Okuyucu**, former- President, Turkish Ice Skating Federation &

Professor of Civil Engineering, Erzurum Technical University

**Angela Levanto**, Experienced Police Officer with over 28 years engaged in law enforcement

**Elisabetta Tricase**, Security Operations FS Security Spa

## SPORTS EXHIBITION

## ORE 11:05 – PANEL II – INVESTING WHERE IT MATTERS: WOMEN, GIRLS, HEALTH & SPORT

Moderator **André de Jeu**

**Ilze Kalnina** Project Manager, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), WHO, Geneva

**Michelle Vorel-Adams**, Managing Director, Sphere Connect Limited European Cycling Director & UK/Ireland Delegate, ACES

**Anca-Maria Ionescu**, Head of Non-Reimbursable Funds Service, National Agency for Sport Romania and European Week of Sport Front Manager for Romania

**Laura Capranica**, Professor of Sport Sciences, University of Rome “Foro Italico”

**Yolanda Sosa**, Founder, W by ACES & President of Pro Women & Sport Foundation Without Borders

**Annamarie Phelps**, Vice-Chair, British Olympic Association & Representative of the European Olympic Committees (EOC)

## ORE 11:50 – PANEL III – THE FUTURE IS LOCAL: POWER, LEADERSHIP & SYSTEM CHANGE

Moderator **Adriana Sánchez Parés**

**Annamarie Phelps**, Vice-Chair, British Olympic Association & Representative of the European Olympic Committees (EOC)

**Sofia Miranda**, Former Sports Councillor, Madrid World Capital of Sport 2022

**José Antonio Román Venticuaga**, Councillor for Sport, Elche Mediterranean Capital of Sport 2026

**Domenico Costantino**, Associate Professor of Family Law at the Department of Law, University of Bari (Italy)

**Mauro Pantaleo**, Group President & CEO, P&P Patents and Technologies; Board Member, Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx), Geneva & Chairman, Fondazione Ecosistemi, Italy

## SPORTS EXHIBITION

## ORE 12:40 – PANEL IV – HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY LIVES: ACTIVATING PEPAS TO ADVANCE WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ HEALTH, RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT

Moderator **Kreena Govender**

**Ilze Kalnina**, Project Manager, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), WHO Geneva

**McPherlain Chungu Jr.** Ethics Office, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria and Former UNAIDS Advisor, Geneva

**André de Jeu** Director, EUROCITIES Working Group “Inclusive Cities through Sport & Director, Dutch Association of Municipalities – Sport

**Saba Zariv**, Strategic Advisor on GBV & Humanitarian Systems, BOLD Global Alliance for Women, Girls & Sport (BOLD)

**Yolanda Sosa**, Founder, W by ACES & President of Pro Women & Sport Foundation Without Borders

**Paola Romano**, Councilor for Culture, with responsibilities for Culture, Protection and Promotion of Cultural Heritage, Management of Museums, Theaters, and Libraries of the Municipality of Bari

## ORE 13:25 – THE COMMITMENT & CLOSING

### Voices from the Room

### The Puglia Kayseri Handover

**Hugo Alonso**, Secretary-General, ACES

**Yolanda Sosa**, Founder, W by ACES & President of Pro Women & Sport Foundation Without Borders

**Cristian Casili**, Assessore al Welfare e allo Sport

**Vincenzo Lupattelli**, Presidente ACES Italia

**Benedetto G. Pacifico**, Dirigente Sezione Bilancio della Sanità e dello Sport

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## ORE 13:55 – CLOSING PHOTO

## ORE 14:00 – LIGHT LUNCH