

## JJIF Ju Jitsu International Federation Member of GAISF, IWGA

## JJIF Sustainability Section

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**Subject:** JJIF Congress 2021: Annual Report to the JJIF Session/Assembly from the JJIF Representative for Sustainability /Sport4 Climate

The following Annual Report is presented to the JJIF Session/Assembly, as requested.

JJIF is a signatory to the initiation of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework. The implementation of sustainability programmes is one of the important measures for recognition by the IOC. In this context, JJIF has established in 2020 a climate and sustainability section. Dr. Tsegaye Degineh was appointed by the Board as representative for JJIF Sustainability. The Benefits of implementing sustainability measures in JJIF are to improve cooperation and maintain transparency within the organization, inspiration for the entire sport community, giving incentives to spread the Ju-Jitsu sport art and Implement a results-oriented management program. It also generates long-term benefits for optimising financial and material needs, long-term knowledge transfer, cultural competence development and networking. The sustainability action brings JJIF one step closer to IOC recognition and contribute to improve the image internationality. (Please note that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals refer to Poverty, Hunger, Health, Education, Gender Equality, Energy, Economic Growth, Industry, Inequalities at all levels, Sustainable Communities, Responsible Consumption, Climate Change, Marine Life, Environment, Social Justice and International Partnership.)

The first kick off meeting was held on 13.12.2020, highlighting the focus areas and the Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs, the benefits of implementing sustainability measures in JJIF and the working structure.

In this context, a JJIF Climate and Sustainability Officer started to be established as an outline of the <u>working structure</u> in each continental union and in the national federations. Independently of this, parallel to the fixed line of the bottom-up structure, a <u>swarm</u> work method was also presented, in which every active Ju-Jitsuka / interested person can directly participate with creative ideas.

1. Continental Unions / National Federations (JJNO) started to explore, and reported sustainability activities: Reported JJNOs: Indonesia, France, Germany, Romanian, Belgian, Ethiopia, Belgian, Niger, Argentinian, Mauritius, Trenidad and Tobego

Summarize Highlights

Cleaning trash at the river, encouraging organization of eco-responsible events, use of public transportation and car-sharing initiative, avoiding plastic cup and use of flasks and/or special cups, impose selective sorting in every dojo and during competitions, project to involve the National Federation to ISO procedure, choice of providers offering eco-responsible services, providing hotels within walking distance from the venue and train station, caterer using eco-friendly practices, creation of an ecoresponsible booklet (hygiene rules etc.) and distribution of delegates' brochure (with detailed information about the sustainable development project), signature of ecoresponsible charter, changing an education system from a main physical event to a part by part event and provide some education lessons in digital forms, reducing traveling expanses and the emissions from car or train, centralized work meetings location which has a cheap arrival by public transportation, special education programs for trainer and officials in different departments for example for youth or special groups like women and seniors, providing a summer camp for the youth with focus of soft skills like team play, fairness, social network and sustainability education, regular presentations on "Avoiding Plastic" and presenting short film "Plastic Planet" to children and young people that followed by a discussion, children and family members perform theatre, play parts, ballet, poetry, organizes an academic conference around the topic of martial arts in cooperation with university, sensitizing communication on the daily behaviour with care and respect towards the environment - go as paperless as possible, use only electrical devices with power class A++ or A+++, keep temperature no higher than 19 degrees even in winter, participating in the tree planting green legacy program, involved in cleaning and collecting plastic and other waste in public places in association with the Young Leaders for safe environment, involved in program to fight against desertification in arid zone done buy Ju-Jitsu students in a location choose by Ministry of environment, training session in safe environment outside than in a close dojo, action for health by donating blood in Paediatric, promoting sustainability and responsible consumption in the official social media, cleaning public spaces or green spaces or beaches, working on paperless communications, helping "green" NGOs in their projects, Gardening and tree planting

2. 2 Continental Unions (Africa and Europe) and 16 National Federations (JJNO) appointed an Officer/Representative for climate and sustainability (see below)

Indonesia, Tajikistan, France, Germany, Romania, Ethiopia, Montenegro, Portugal, Belgian, Zambia, SRPSKA, Malta, Niger, Argentina, Mauritius and Denmark

3. Meetings and panel discussion.

The International Ju-Jitsu Federation organized Webinar meeting and a panel discussion.

• On 07.03.2021, the Zoom meeting on sustainability tracking took place.

The reports of JJNOS were discussed, particularly the variety of innovative measures taken by the French, German, Niger and Romanian JJNOS. With these measures, JJIF can be seen on par with other IOC member federations.

With the help of the whiteboard, JJIF GM Joe facilitated an effective brainstorming session. The participants also got creative input from JJIF Honorary President Rinaldo Orlandi, Christian Wassmer as well as JJAFU President Nuvin Prog , Rebekka Dahl and others. We set up a swarm for "sustainability in competitions". Rebekka Dahl has been as a contact person for the swarm. The swarm is a self-organised system and a working group that works without hierarchy to develop creative ideas and guidelines to be used by the JJIF.

• The JJIF Roundtable4Sustainable took place on 5 June on the occasion of the United Nations Environment Day on 5 June with the topic "My Experience with the Environment".

The participants from different JJNOs shared their impressive experiences on sustainability and environment. The representatives from Trinidad and Tobago presented a live stream visiting of gardening and greening project of the Ju-Jitsu Federation.

• JJIF participated in sport for Climate action meeting of the UN and participated in the webinar about Planet Super League as well.

## 4. Reporting

- JJIF as a signatory has reported to the UN in a timely manner on the activities to adapt to the 1.5 degree target and answered the questionnaires on climate strategies, projects and actions.
- The JJIF Sustainable representative reported regularly to the JJIF Board about the progress

Please note that we have been implementing the sustainability programme since short time and due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are not able to work as planned and work progressed from the swarm are waited.

Presented on November, 2021

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