First African Sport Policy Index Research

Just in time for the first International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Sport Science and Development (ICESSD), University of the Western Cape, South Africa is launching its new book titled: *Sport and Development Policy in Africa – Results of a collaborative study of selected cases*. ICESSD conducted the first African Sport Policy Index research of in a total of 11 countries in Africa between 2011 and 2013 and is proud to publish the results in this new ground-breaking book which is the first of its kind worldwide. This is to be seen as a contribution from Africa to the first International Day of Sport for Development and Peace by the following researchers: Prof Marion Keim and Prof Christo de Coning (Eds) (South Africa), Orou-Toko Ousmane and Yaya Bio Bawa (Benin), Dr. Tony Karbo (Ethiopia), Traore Rufin (Burkino Faso), Joseph Kiarie Wambui Fungo (Kenya), Dr. Richard Nyirongo (Malawi), Dr. Romualdo Mateus Sansão Muthemba (Mozambique), Paul Gschwender (Namibia), Prof. Ademola O. Abass (Nigeria), John Ndengeye (Rwanda), Dr. David Maralack (South Africa) and Charles Birungi (Uganda).

*This publication has the potential to assist African countries establish evidence-based monitoring and evaluation systems, as well as inform policy analysis and content. As health budgets have been shrinking and health problems and demands been escalating in Africa, innovative policy development will play a crucial role in guiding our collective efforts henceforth.*

-- Hon Fikile Mbalula, Minister of Sport and Recreation South Africa