

[CONCEPT & INFORMATION NOTE]

# 2022 5<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN MARTIAL ARTS CONGRESS

*MAIN THEME:*

『SOLIDARITY IN ACTION: BEYOND MARTIAL ARTS PARTNERSHIPS』

ORGANISED BY

UNESCO ICM

ICM, CHUNGJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

25 – 28 OCTOBER, 2022

## 1. Rationale

2022 5<sup>th</sup> African Martial Arts Conference, being organized by the UNESCO International Centre of Martial Arts (ICM) in collaboration with the UNESCO Member States in Africa and its National Commissions for UNESCO, and various martial arts, sports, youth and educational organizations is purposed to provide in-person discussion platform to dialogue on current issues for shaping strategic partnerships between ICM and AFRICA and to strengthen martial arts network in Africa

2022 5<sup>th</sup> African Martial Arts Congress, which is on the theme: *'Solidarity in Action: Beyond Martial Arts Partnerships'*, After a successful hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> African Regional Martial Arts Congress in Kenya in 2018, and Ghana in 2019, respectively, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> online conference due to the continuous state of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, ICM has identified ICM-AFRICA partnership strategies by reviewing various agendas, opinions, discussions and its comprehensive study on the ICM-AFRICA Martial Arts Action Plan. With this, the direction and specific goals of ICM have been established with the keywords of Africa, martial arts and youth and women in Africa to be shared and discussed together.

Therefore, we, ICM are organizing the 2022 5<sup>th</sup> African Martial Arts Congress, scheduled to take place on 25 – 28 October 2022. The Congress is expected to convene more than 40 related experts from the UNESCO Member States in Africa, UNESCO Regional Offices, National Commissions, International and regional organizations, and the field of youth education and women empowerment aligned with martial arts topics and SDGs across the African Continent.

## 2. Overview

- Date: 25(Tue) to 28(Fri) October 2022
- Venue: International Conference Hall of ICM, Chungju, Republic of Korea
- Time: 08:30 ~ 20:00 pm for each day
- Conference Theme: **“Solidarity in Action: Beyond Martial Arts Partnerships”**

Date	Topic
D-1 24 Oct (Mon)	<u>Arrival of International Participants at Korea (Chungju)</u> <u>Hotel Check-in and Pre-registration</u> <u>Preparation of the Congress</u>
Day 1 25 Oct (Tues)	<u>09:00 ~09:30 Registration</u>
	<u>09:30~10:15 Opening Ceremony – Opening Remarks &amp; Welcoming Remarks &amp; Congratulatory Remarks, Introduction of Participants and Schedules, Group Pictures</u>
	<u>10:15~10:40 UNESCO ICM Martial Arts Demonstration Performance</u>
	<u>10:40~ 11:00 Coffee /Tea Break (Morning)</u>
	<u>11:00~11:20 Keynote 1 –“Solidarity in Action: Beyond Martial Arts Partnerships”</u> Changhyun, PARK, Secretary General of UNESCO ICM

	11:20~11:40 Keynote 2 – TBC								
	11:40~12:00 Special Session – Voices of Youth: Martial Arts for African youth Jean Claude Rugigana, Rwandan Olympic Committee								
	12:00~13:00 Lunch Break								
	13:00~14:20 Session 1 – Martial Arts Values and Its Education (4 Speakers)								
	14:20~14:40 Coffee /Tea Break (Afternoon)								
	14:40~16:00 Session 2 – Martial Arts for African Development and Peace (4 Speakers)								
	16:00~18:00 Field Visit to the World Martial Arts Museum & National Research Institute of Cultural Heritage in Chungju								
	18:00~20:00 Welcoming Dinner / Musical Performance / Rest								
Day 2 26 Oct (Wed)	08:00~09:00 Breakfast at the Hotel								
	09:30~10:40 Session 3 – Round Table Sessions by the Theme (4 groups) (Parallel Focus Group discussions on Addressing issues)								
	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group 1</th> <th>Group 2</th> <th>Group 3</th> <th>Group 4</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Martial Arts Education and Leadership for Children and Youth in Africa</td> <td>Capacity Building and Equality for Girls and Women in Africa</td> <td>Building a Network and Strengthening Partnership in Africa</td> <td>Martial Arts Research in Africa and Understanding of African traditional martial arts</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Martial Arts Education and Leadership for Children and Youth in Africa	Capacity Building and Equality for Girls and Women in Africa	Building a Network and Strengthening Partnership in Africa	Martial Arts Research in Africa and Understanding of African traditional martial arts
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4					
	Martial Arts Education and Leadership for Children and Youth in Africa	Capacity Building and Equality for Girls and Women in Africa	Building a Network and Strengthening Partnership in Africa	Martial Arts Research in Africa and Understanding of African traditional martial arts					
	10:40~11:00 Coffee /Tea Break (Morning)								
	11:00~11:40 Session 4 – Group Presentations (4 Groups' outcome presentations)								
	11:40~12:30 Session 5 – Final Discussion and documenting final draft of Action Plan								
12:30~13:30 Lunch Break									
13:30 ~ 18:00 Field Trip – CHUNGJU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tangeundae Height, Chungju (Archery Experience)</li> <li>2. Chungju Cultural Centre (Korean Traditional Musical Instrument and Calligraphy)</li> <li>3. Visit to Taekkyeonwon / Taekkyeon Performance by the Chungju Team</li> <li>4. Return to ICM and Martial Arts Experience (Taekkyeon)</li> </ul> 18:00 ~ Dinner / Rest									
Day 3 Oct 26 (Thur)	10:00~11:00 Final Session – 'Chungju Declaration (Chungju Communique) Congress Commitment and Way Forward								
	11:00~11:30 Closing Ceremony – Closing remarks / Ceremonial photos								
	11:30~13:00 Lunch Break								
	13:00~15:00 Internal trip in ICM and Martial Arts Training 15:00~18:00 Return to the Hotel /Free Time 18:00~20:00 Farewell Dinner /Preparation to the SEOUL Trip Tomorrow								
Day 4 27 Oct (Fri)	Field Trip – SEOUL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit to Kukkiwon</li> <li>2. Visit to War Museum / Visit to Deoksugung Place (Or N Tower)</li> </ul> Dinner / Return to Chungju / Rest								
	Day 5 28 Oct (Sat)	Hotel Checkout Departure of International Participants							

- Language: **English** (Korean - Simultaneous Interpretation)
- Host/Organizer: **UNESCO International Centre of Martial Arts (ICM)**
- Participating Countries: Ghana, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Cameroon, Algeria, Egypt, Uganda, UNESCO and the Republic of Korea

### **3. Sponsors**

2022 5<sup>th</sup> African Martial Arts Congress is being supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Republic of Korea, and the Province of Chungcheongbuk-do as well as the City of Chungju

### **4. Congress /Hotel Venue**

**Congress:** International Conference Hall, ICM Building, 73 Otgat-gil, Chungju-si, Republic of Korea

**Hotel:** Hotel The Base, 8 Hoam-daero, Chungju, North Chungcheong, Republic of Korea, 27502

*The hotel is located in 7 minutes-drive from the ICM building, and vice versa.*

### **5. Working language: [English](#)**

### **6. Arrival/Welcome**

Staffs from ICM Congress Secretariat will be at the airport to facilitate participants' shuttle to and from the airport. Also, participants from Seoul or other cities in Korea (those who are coming from inside Korea), they can come to ICM(73 Otgat-gil, Chungju-si) straightaway to meet the Congress schedule.

### **7 Participants**

Between 40~50 participants (UNESCO Delegations, Scholars, Sports and Martial Arts Organizations, Experts and students from the UNESCO Member States in Africa).

### **8. Immigration Regulations**

Foreign nationals entering Korea are required to have a valid passport.

### **9. Climate**

Normally, the climate in Korea is temperate with 4 distinct seasons. There are heavy monsoon rains in the summer season(June to August) with temperatures exceeding 35°C. The winter months can see temperatures dropping to -10°C in the northern province. However, the weather in October in Korea is very mild. The average monthly temperature is 15°C (Daytime: 18°C, Night-time: 7°C)

### **10. Time Zone**

Korea has a one-time zone, Korea Standard Time (UTC +09:00), which is abbreviated as KST. Official working hours are from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm in Korea.

## **11. Required Clothing**

In Korea, the days may still be warm enough but please be prepared for chilly nights (sweaters or outers). Also, bringing small umbrella or disposable rain jacket (in case of rain) is recommended.

## **12. Electricity**

The standard voltage in Korea is 220 volts at 60 Hertz, and the outlet has two round holes. If you do not have a multi-voltage travel adapter, ICM will provide you with one but it is advisable to carry a suitable adapter.

## **13. Internet**

Internet Service is often provided in public places such as Airports, Bus terminal in Korea. And Free Wifi is always available at the ICM building and the Hotel the Base during the Congress

## **14. Currency**

Korea's official monetary unit is the Won(₩) and you can exchange your USD dollars into Korean Won in either airports and banks in Korea. Also, Credit cards are widely used at major markets, hotels, stores and shops. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and other credit cards can be used.

\*Currency Converter: [www.xe.com/currencyconverter](http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter)

## **15. Correspondence and Contacts**

All inquiries on the Congress should be addressed to:

***Chang-hee HAN (Mr.)***

Programme Specialist

International Cooperation Team

UNESCO International Centre of Martial Arts (ICM)

Tel: +82 43 845 6728

Fax: +82 43 857 7437

E-mail: [ch.han@unescoicm.org](mailto:ch.han@unescoicm.org) / [korean313@snu.ac.kr](mailto:korean313@snu.ac.kr)

Website: [www.unescoicm.org/eng](http://www.unescoicm.org/eng)

SNS: [facebook.com/unescoicm](https://www.facebook.com/unescoicm)

[instagram.com/unescoicm](https://www.instagram.com/unescoicm)