## SPORT DIPLOMACY EVENT

**Title:** World Table Tennis Day

**Leading organisation:** ITTF Foundation, Germany

Country: 99 countries across the globe



World Table Tennis Day is an annual event organised on 6 April. Since 2015, people from all over the world have been invited to celebrate table tennis on this day, as well as the universality and social inclusiveness the sport represents.

The event uses the heritage of "Ping Pong Diplomacy" and uses table tennis to encourage friendships and build bridges between people, communities, and countries. This event developed gradually, being able to mobilise individuals, clubs, sports federations, NGOs, and political authorities.

Now the event is covered by a 24-hour online stream and activities are broadcasted from the entire world. Debates, discussions with table tennis idols, workouts to stay physically active, coaching sessions to improve skills, and other entertaining sessions are all part of the action. This variety of activities makes the event entertaining and popular.

## **FURTHER READING:**

https://ittffoundation.org/programmes/tt4all/world-table-tennis-day























