The following Closing Statement was formulated by the ‘International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women’ (IAPESGW) and Barry University Miami from 17 to 21 May, 2017.

Over 150 delegates and guests from 33 countries across the world exchanged ideas on how to transform research to action through keynote and scientific presentations, symposia, seminars, posters, and workshops.

Congruent with the values of IAPESGW and Barry University, the 18th IAPESGW World Congress in Miami ‘Closing Statement’ are committed to achieve the following aims:

1. Governments, corporate sector, sport federations, non-governmental organizations as well as civil society sustain individual and collective responsibility to enable and fulfill the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals 2030 with special emphasis on:

   SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
   SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
   SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

2. Leaders and advocates in the lives of girls and women in sport and education think globally and act locally with sensitivity for cultural, linguistic, religious, ethnic, political, and socio-economic specificity.

3. Interdisciplinary researchers provide evidence to support policy, projects, programs, and initiatives continuously commissioned by national and international key stakeholders.