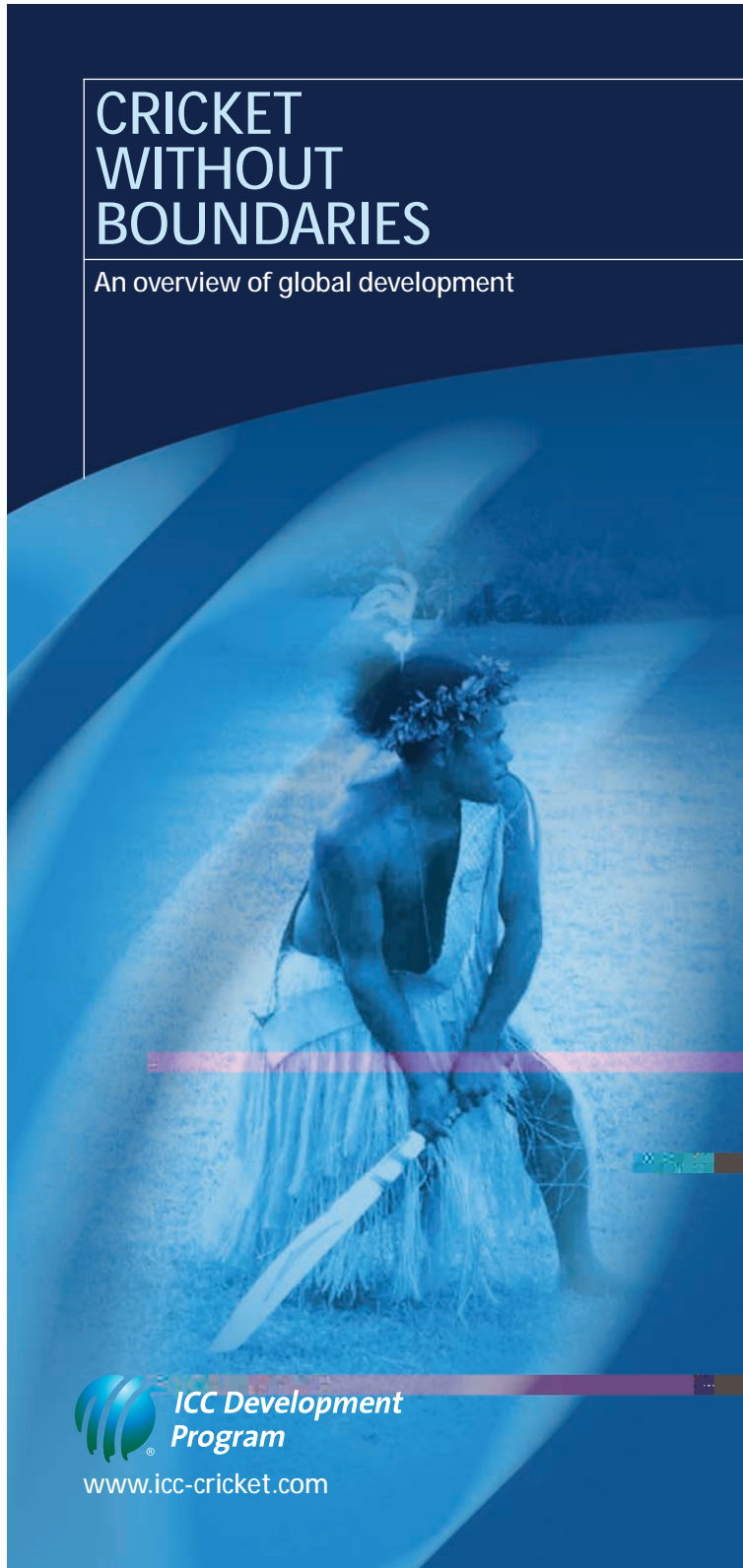


CRICKET WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

An overview of global development



 **ICC Development
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Introduction

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is the governing body of world cricket. It plays a key role in administering the game, conducting international tournaments such as the ICC Cricket World Cup, servicing member countries, protecting the spirit of cricket and assisting the sport's global development.

The ICC Development Program began in 1997 and works with Associate and Affiliate members to grow and improve the game worldwide. The program and development of 'Cricket Without Boundaries' is an important focus of all Development Program activities.

The Development Program has helped membership increase from 47 in 1997 to 96 in 2005. The spread of the game, from Afghanistan to Zambia and China to Chile, shows cricket is a truly global sport.



Tournaments

The ICC Development Program runs various tournaments to help improve the playing standards of member countries and provide a pathway to progress to higher and more competitive levels of the game. As a general rule the Program stages over 20 tournaments in more than 15 different countries annually.

ICC Intercontinental Cup

The ICC's annual global multi-day tournament for the top non-Test playing member countries. This tournament sees the top ranked ICC Associate Member countries play each other in four-day matches with first-class status.

ICC World Cricket League

The ICC World Cricket League offers a qualifying pathway to the ICC Cricket World Cup for Associate and Affiliate member countries. Regional and global divisional tournaments take place within this structure with the pinnacle being the ICC World Cup Qualifier (formerly ICC Trophy).

ICC World Cup Qualifier (formerly ICC Trophy)

The flagship event of the Development Program where the top 12 Associate and Affiliates compete for a place in the ICC Cricket World Cup. Held every four years, previous champions are Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, UAE, Kenya, Holland and Scotland.

ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup Qualifiers

The ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup is held every two years and six ICC Associate and Affiliate member countries have the chance to take part. Five Regional qualifying tournaments determine who will go to the finals.

Women's World Cup and Qualifying Tournament

The Women's World Cup and World Cup Qualifying Tournament are the major events of the Women's Cricket Calendar. The Women's World Cup is an eight-team tournament held every four years and past winners include Australia, New Zealand and England. The Qualifying Tournament offers lower ranked teams a pathway to the main event.

Junior Events

The Development Program hosts various Regional U/19, 17, 15 and 13 tournaments to promote the game and develop grassroots cricket.

Major Activities

Cricket Education

The ICC annually conducts more than 250 education courses for Cricket Coaches, Umpires, Scorers and Administrators with over 5,000 participants across the globe.

ICC also conducts Instructor Training Seminars to develop local coaching instructors with the ability to train and develop coaches in their home countries. Participants from over 50 countries have been accredited as ICC Instructors.

Women's Cricket and Development

The global governance of women's cricket is now an important role of the ICC. The ICC Development Program is dedicated to providing opportunities for females to access the game, and increasing available resources to achieve this.

High Performance Program

Aimed to strengthen and develop the playing standard of the top non Test-playing countries, this Program conducts various initiatives including country visits, off-season training camps and various player placements. One of the Program's highlights has been Kenya progressing to the semi-finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003.

Junior Development

One of the main focuses of the five ICC Development Regions, junior involvement for both boys and girls is at an all-time high and during the course of 2005 more than 150,000 junior boys and girls were introduced to cricket-playing activities such as clinics and modified versions of the game in a supervised format.

Development Umpires Panel

This panel provides a pathway for umpires from Associate and Affiliate countries to officiate at higher levels. Members from the panel stand in Development Program tournaments and other ICC global events such as the U/19 Cricket World Cup.



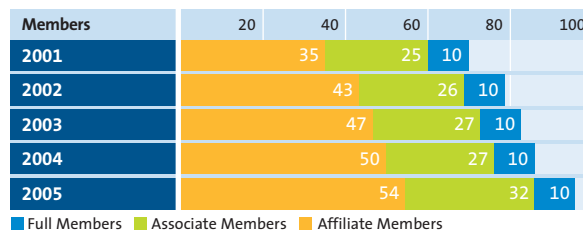


Growth

An important objective of the ICC Development Program is to assist the continued growth and expansion of cricket globally.

ICC Members

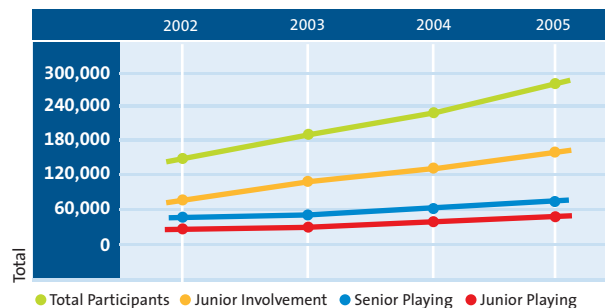
Since the Development Program commenced in 1997, ICC's membership has more than doubled. The ICC has three membership levels, namely Affiliate, Associate and Full.



Participation

The ICC Development Program conducts annual research in Associate and Affiliate members in order to measure progress in various areas. Since the first annual research audit of all Associate and Affiliate member countries in 2002, participation in cricket activities linked to national associations has increased by:

- Growth in Junior Involvement participation of 113%
- Growth in Total Participation of 95%
- Growth in Global Qualified Coaching numbers of 89%
- Growth in Global Qualified Umpiring numbers of 91%



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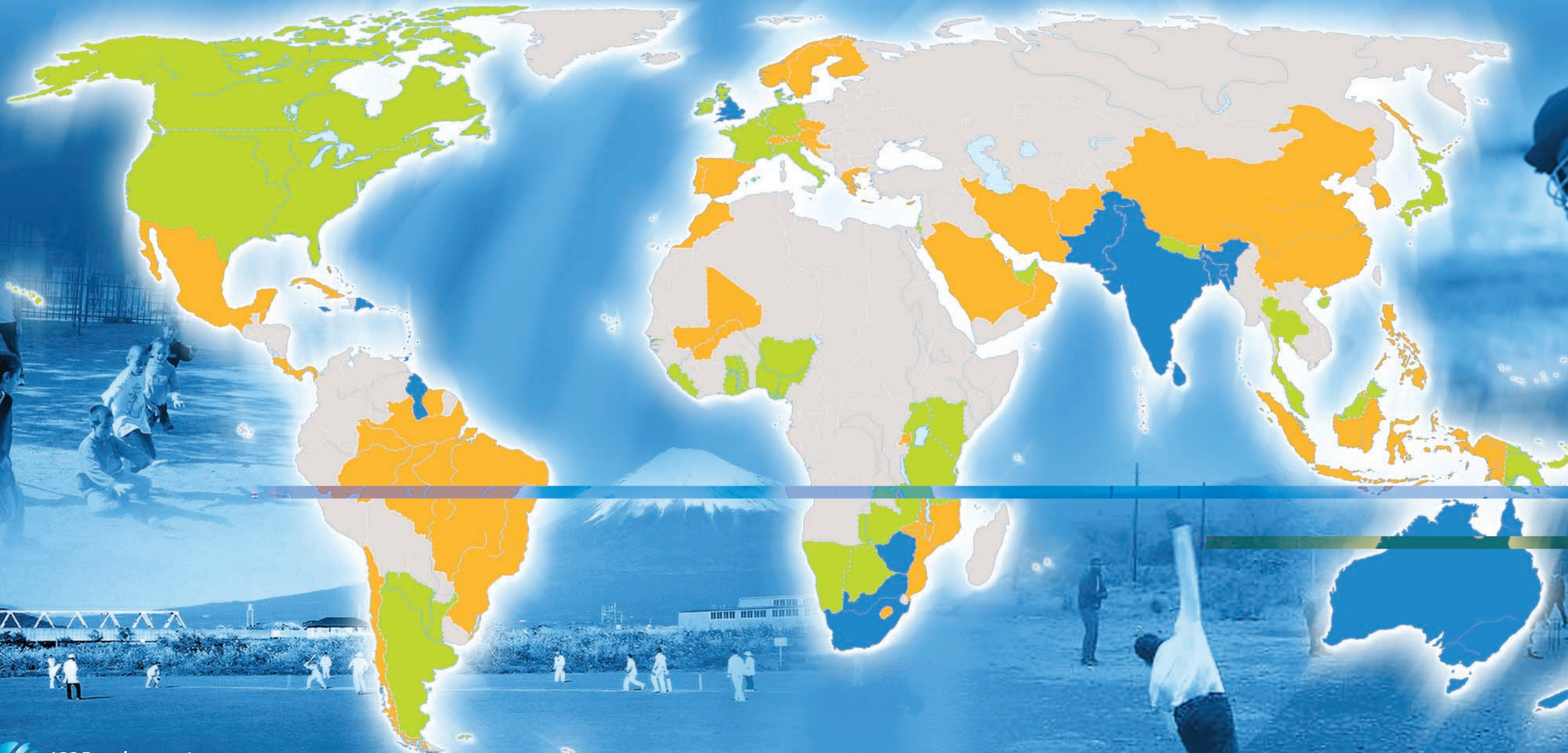
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Catching on - cricket in Europe is about so much more than just England. These players from throughout the region demonstrate that.



On the up - cricket is enjoying a surge in popularity in Uganda. South Africa fast bowler Makhaya Ntini passes on some advice.



Cricket without boundaries - but with walls. Youngsters demonstrate their love for the game on The Great Wall of China.



Four! A girl from the East Asia-Pacific region hammers a ball away during a game of junior cricket.