



# WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY 2018 REPORT

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# ★ WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY 2018 – EVENT REPORT

## Intro message

April 6, 2018 stood in the sign of solidarity. The ITTF chose World Table Tennis Day to soft-launch its own non-profit Foundation aiming to promote “Solidarity through Table Tennis”. Appropriately, this edition brought many examples of how table tennis is shared with others. All around the world, clubs opened their doors for Come and Try Days and we saw a big commitment of Non-Governmental Organisations who were involved in half of the 597 registered events; in Turkey a granite table tennis table was set up for public play, in areas of conflict, such as Kenya or Afghanistan, table tennis games were organised to promote peace, social barriers were broken down in countries like Argentina or Haiti, and children with no access to table tennis got in touch with the game for the first time in rural Tunisia. All in all, almost 100,000 people enjoyed playing table tennis on April 6 2018!

On World Table Tennis Day we share the love for our sport, but we are also sharing knowledge, healthy and peaceful behaviour, fun, materials, and many more. Throughout the 597 events in 97 countries, we also find a lot of events celebrated in public places such as shopping malls, pedestrian streets, beaches and parks. Surely, table tennis was in the public talk in many cities!

As in previous years and also thanks to the kind contribution of iPong and Butterfly, featured projects received iPong

robots and equipment. All organisers sharing a video with us received 2 T-Shirts that were especially created for World Table Tennis Day 2018 and are not purchasable.

My personal thanks go to our sponsors Butterfly and iPong, to our partners from Peace & Sport and UNHCR for the joint celebration in Za’atari, Carolina Rosso for her patience and ideas with graphic design, to Etsuko Enami for her help with the statistics, to Romina Concha Sepúlveda for her Social Media Management and to Wiebke Scheffler for all those little and unseen steps. Further I'd like to thank the ITTF officials and staff for their continuous support.

My biggest congratulations are reserved for each single organiser and participant. It's thanks to your love for our sport that we develop and make table tennis accessible to everyone everywhere!

And of course, thanks to you, reader of this report, for your interest in World Table Tennis Day and your help to spread the word and make it grow in 2019.

**Looking forward to seeing you on April 6, 2019!**

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**ITTF Foundation Director**  
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**Official 2018 WTTD video**





## 📍 2018 WTTD EVENTS MAP

👤 TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
94851 approx.

👤 AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
164 approx.



# 579 EVENTS in 97 COUNTRIES

# ★ CONTINENTAL TOP ORGANISERS

(Events quantity)

## # RANKING PER CONTINENT

288	Europe
140	Asia
64	Africa
63	Latin America
13	North America
11	Oceania

## # COMPARATIVE TABLE

CONTINENT	2015	2016	2017	2018
NORTH AMERICA	12	7	20	13
EUROPE	50	68	215	288
LATIN AMERICA	36	29	35	63
ASIA	35	61	126	140
OCEANIA	13	17	15	11
AFRICA	14	13	39	64

### 13 NORTH AMERICA

- 10 USA
- 3 Canada

### 63 LATIN AMERICA

- 20 Argentina
- 10 Colombia
- 6 Brazil
- 5 Trinidad & Tobago
- 3 Uruguay
- 3 Venezuela
- 2 Guatemala
- 2 Haiti
- 2 Paraguay
- 2 Peru
- 1 Chile
- 1 Costa Rica
- 1 Dominican Republic
- 1 Ecuador
- 1 El Salvador
- 1 Guyana
- 1 Honduras
- 1 Panama

### 288 EUROPE

- 163 Romania
- 22 Sweden
- 19 Slovak Republic
- 18 Turkey
- 10 France
- 6 Lithuania
- 6 Russia
- 4 Finland
- 4 Germany
- 4 Netherlands
- 3 Estonia
- 3 Poland
- 3 Portugal
- 3 Switzerland
- 2 Bulgaria
- 2 England
- 2 Gibraltar
- 2 Italy
- 2 Spain
- 1 Austria
- 1 Belgium
- 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 1 Croatia
- 1 Cyprus
- 1 Denmark
- 1 Ireland
- 1 Kosovo
- 1 Macedonia
- 1 Wales

### 64 AFRICA

- 22 Ethiopia
- 7 Nigeria
- 5 Tunisia
- 4 Gabon
- 4 South Africa
- 3 Angola
- 2 Egypt
- 2 Kenya
- 2 Morocco
- 1 Algeria
- 1 Botswana
- 1 Burkina Faso
- 1 Burundi
- 1 Cameroon
- 1 Eritrea
- 1 Ivory Coast
- 1 Kiribati
- 1 Rwanda
- 1 São Tomé e Príncipe
- 1 Somalia
- 1 Tanzania
- 1 Uganda

### 140 ASIA

- 109 India
- 5 Nepal
- 4 Bhutan
- 3 Japan
- 3 Malaysia
- 2 Azerbaijan
- 2 Pakistan
- 2 Philippines
- 1 Afghanistan
- 1 Bangladesh
- 1 China
- 1 Indonesia
- 1 Jordan
- 1 Korea Republic
- 1 Laos
- 1 Palestine
- 1 Singapore
- 1 Thailand

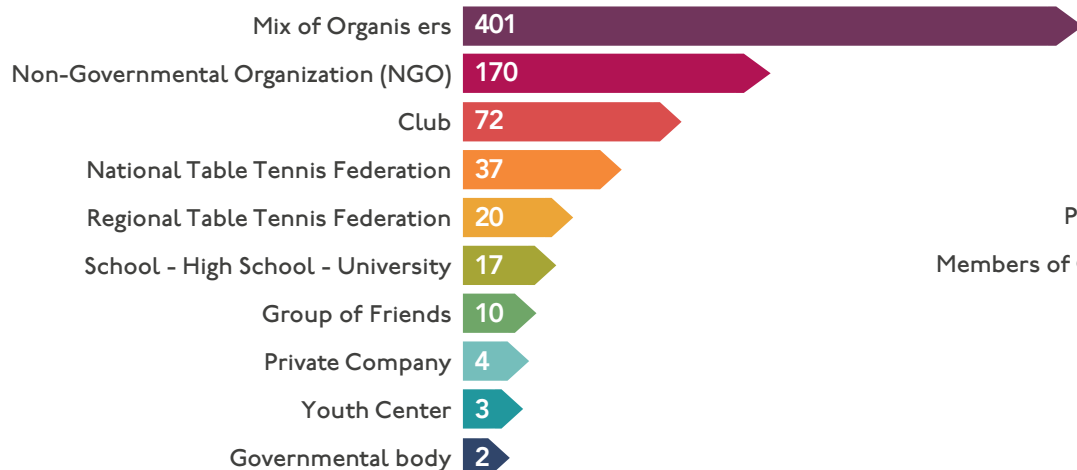
### 11 OCEANIA

- 3 Australia
- 2 Fiji
- 1 Cook Islands
- 1 Federated States of Micronesia
- 1 French Polynesia
- 1 Papua New Guinea
- 1 Solomon Islands
- 1 Vanuatu

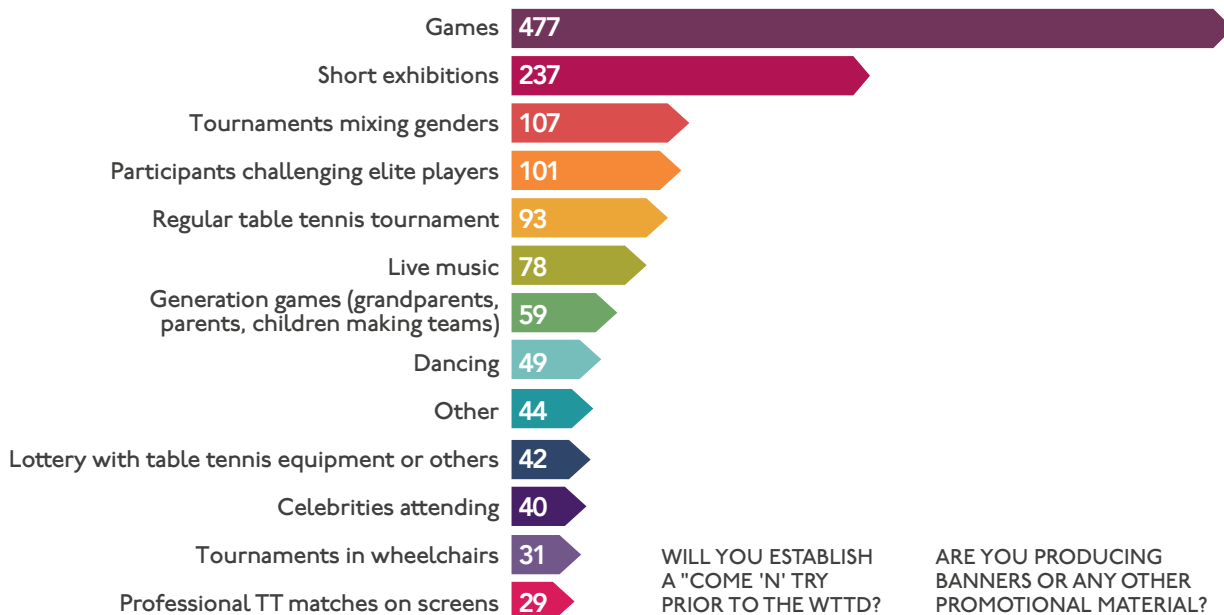


# # ORGANISER(S)

## ★ The various types of organisations which organised events



## ★ ACTIVITIES INCLUDED



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ARE YOU PRODUCING BANNERS OR ANY OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL?



ARE YOU PRODUCING T-SHIRTS?



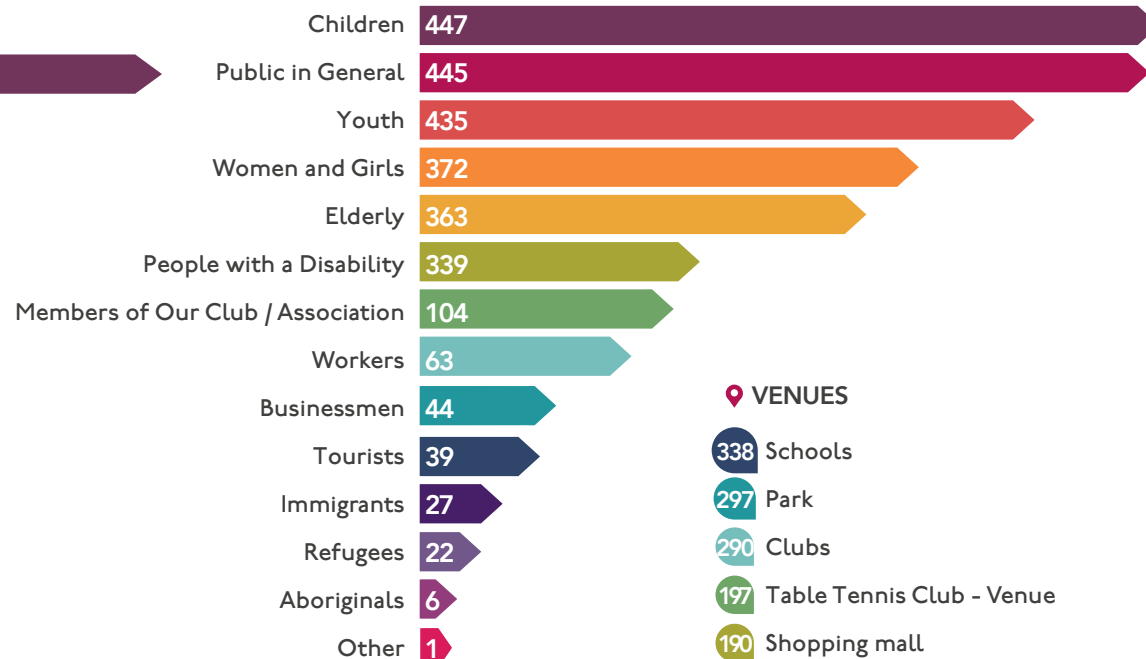
DO YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER?



DO YOU HAVE A CAMERAMAN?



## 👤 TARGETED PARTICIPANTS



## 📍 VENUES







## ITTF Main Celebrations

Za'atari is located in the desert. The 4th largest Jordan city is made up of shelters, administration buildings, some hospitals, schools and a market-like structure. For around 80.000 persons, more than the half under 18, their life at home is a past memory. The hopes of a fast return to their homes in Syria are undefined. They are safe from war now, but they can't leave the camp without a permission. Their future is uncertain, not all children attend school, many parents don't see the necessary believing in a soon return home, where the ongoing conflicts will have destroyed their economic and social life.

Camp life is tough, and many depends on the charity of others. The memories of traumatic experiences in the past, fear about an uncertain future and boredom are only some of the emotions that can be find among the inhabitants.

Sport is a powerful tool to help. Over 20 NGOs use sport within Za'atari, The ITTF Foundation developed together with UNHCR and Peace & Sport the 2 years project "Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees", aiming to promote positive individual and social change inside the Syrian Refugee community in Za'atari and to increase cooperation and strengthen social cohesion between Syrian refugees and Jordan people.

In 2017 first trainers were trained, and 6 table tennis trainers are now giving weekly sessions to children in the camp.



Check out the video to  
**learn more about  
this project:**



# 06 APRIL

a joint  
celebration  
with Peace & Sport  
and UNHCR to

\* celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and sign a Memorandum of Understanding about the partnership between Peace & Sport and the ITTF Foundation

\* soft launch the ITTF Foundation, ITTF's new social responsibility arm to promote solidarity through table tennis

\* launch Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees

\* celebrate  
World Table  
Tennis Day



Peace & Sport International Relations and Field Programs Director Iris Vlachoutsicos and selected table tennis coaches ready to start the project.



ITTF Foundation Ambassador and ITTF expert and project coordinator Sarah Hanffou playing with children.



ITTF & ITTF Foundation President Thomas Weikert and ITTF Foundation Director Leandro Olvech soft-launching the ITTF Foundation.



ITTF Foundation and ITTF President Thomas Weikert and Peace & Sport President and Founder Joël Bouzou after signing the Memorandum of Understanding about the partnership between both organisations.



Project participants with coach Abdulrahman Jadoow





## WTTD 2018 AWARDS - OVERVIEW

World Table Tennis Day lives through the contribution of each single event, no matter of small or big, ordinary or extraordinary. Thanks to each participant, our sport reaches more and more people from year to year. Each event organiser deserves a special recognition. Thanks to so many impressive contributions, World Table Tennis Day is what it is - a wonderful and participative Sport for ALL event, including each year more people and more target groups.

The awards aim to feature special 2018 initiatives, our focus is to showcase exemplary and different initiatives each year. It is only a motivational incentive. World Table Tennis clearly shows that it is not about materials, but about the love for our sport and sharing it with others.



### 1 BUTTERFLY EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

WTTD 2018 showed again the commitment of volunteering. The selected initiative shows the virulent outcome of personal commitment.

#### Let's play ping pooooong

141 events

11.776 players

Organiser and Ambassadors:

Alica Grofova - Chladekova, Slovak table tennis legend (2nd on the World Championships, owner of 20 other medals)

Marian Bystrican, international table tennis referee.





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## iPong ROBOTS

The iPong – Robots went to the most popular, most universal, most inclusive and most creative events. The selected initiatives have model character and show great ideas to be repeated on World Table Tennis Day. With 12 iPong – Robots and 3 iPong Kits awarded in 2016 and 2017 we have now a total of 25 different featured initiatives. Congratulations!

### A

## 2 iPong Robots for the 2 most popular events

This category awards events with a high quantity of participants, both in terms of real numbers and potential.

One of the main indicators was “hard to reach people”, that is to say, how were people addressed that normally don’t play table tennis.

### World Table Tennis Day "Table Tennis for All" in Bugesera / Rilima, Rwanda

**Goal:** To promote Table Tennis and attract people who usually don't know play table tennis

**Participants:** 70 out of 300

**Program:**

- Games
- Dance
- Testimonials of players about the game
- Speeches by local authorities and authorities of the National Association

**Organiser:** Rwanda Table Tennis Federation



### World Table Tennis Day Celebrations in Karachi, Pakistan

**Goal:** To Make Table Tennis More Popular

**Participants:** > 100

**Program:**

- Invitation to children under 15
- Mixing students from different schools without bigger table tennis knowledge
- Basic lessons
- How to play
- Simple matches

**Organiser:** Islamia Club



# B

## 2 iPong Robots for the 2 most universal events

The most universal event has been determined by the location where the event was organized, whether unusual, hard to reach or vast region covered.

### Table Tennis in my School in El Aroussa, Tunisia

**Goal:** To bring table tennis to rural schools with socially disadvantaged children and promote the inclusion of the game into daily school activities.

**Participants:** ~ 200

**Program:**

- Encourage poor girls and boys to play tennis table
- Tournaments with club members being umpires
- Music, dancing and prizes
- Shared lunch with traditional "Couscous"
- Create table tennis clubs in schools

**Organiser:** El Aroussa Sport Club



### Every time, Every where and for everyone Table Tennis in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Goal:** To present table tennis as a sport with wonderful outcomes, such as health, friendship, peace, fun and many more good things.  
To create awareness and visibility.

**Participants:** ~ 200

**Program:**

- Set up normal and mini tables in a crowded shopping mall with advertisement about WTTD
- Hand out flyers about World Table Tennis Day to participants
- Give participants the possibility to play in a non-competitive but peaceful and fun way.

**Organiser:** Stk Stens Club





C

## 2 iPong Robots for the 2 most inclusive events

The most inclusive event has been determined by the activities offered to mix up different target groups, target a special target group that might not be reached by mass participation events and this way make everybody participate of World Table Tennis Day.

### Bahía Blanca Live Table Tennis in Bahía Blanca, Argentina

**Goal:** To mix different age groups, gender, physical abilities and persons with different social conditions.

**Participants:** > 1000

**Program:**

- Delivery of rackets
- Free registrations to participate in the competence circuit
- Games
- Exhibitions with players recognized in Argentina and South America.

**Organiser:** Asociación Bahiense de Tenis de Mesa



### PSF tournament and Solidarity in Gouvieux, France

**Goal:** To organize a tournament with a focus on Para Table Tennis.  
To collect rackets and send them to places where table tennis is not accessible.

**Participants:** ~ 200

**Program:**

- Tournament
- To sensitize the recovery of the material
- To involve the participants in our chain of solidarity

**Organiser:** Ping Sans Frontières



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## 2 iPong Robots for the 2 most creative events

This category is for all those who show creative ideas to make Table Tennis popular, universal and inclusive. Indicators are unusual activities, places, promotional campaigns, etc. The selected events give example about “what else can be done”.

### Paradise of Ping Pong in Tahiti, French Polynesia

**Goal:** To promote table tennis and the beauty of the lagoon.

**Participants:** ~ 40

**Program:**

- Great Knowledge Quiz about Table Tennis
- School TT Tournament
- Night Table Tennis Marathon

**Organiser:** Tahitian Table Tennis Federation



### World Table Tennis for All Day 6 April in Kastamonu, Turkey

**Goal:** To play table tennis on the sea.

**Participants:** ~ 200

**Program:** - To play on a fisher boat

**Organiser:** Bozkurt Bld. Spor Klubü





# E

## 1 iPong Kit and 4 packs of balls for the 2 most popular, universal and inclusive events at once

The events combining the best the 3 pillars of World Table Tennis Day (popular, universal and inclusive, received an iPong – Kit.

### 1 iPong - Kit for Mpira Wa Meza Kwa Wote in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania

**Goal:** To create awareness

**Participants:** ~ 550

**Program:**

- Different sessions:
- Para Table Tennis
- Come and Try
- Kids
- Elderly
- How to play
- Exhibitions matches
- Challenge the National Team

**Organiser:** Tanzania Table Tennis Association (TTTA)

### 4 packs of balls for World Table Tennis Day all over Ethiopia

**Goal:** To celebrate World Table Tennis Day in the city and the countryside.

**Participants:** ~ 10.000

**Program:**

- Tournaments mixing genders
- Games
- Short exhibitions
- Participants challenging elite players
- Celebrities attending
- Dancing
- Live Music
- Lottery

**Organiser:** Different organisers all over Ethiopia



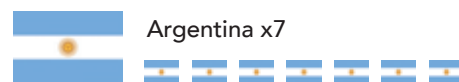


## WTTD T-SHIRTS

The effort of every organiser having sent one or more videos was recognized through WTTD T-SHIRTS (limited edition, not purchasable).



A total of 120 T-Shirts went to the following countries:



Argentina x7



Azerbaijan



Belgium



Bhutan



Brazil



Chile



Colombia



Ethiopia



Fiji



Finland



France x3



French Polynesia



Germany



Guatemala



India x8



Italy x2



Japan x2



Lithuania



Macedonia



Morocco x2



Nepal



Peru x2



Russia



Sao Tomé and Principe



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland



Tanzania



Tunisia x2



Turkey x7



Uganda



USA





**INDIA - Alappuza**



**INDIA - Pune**



**BHUTAN - Thimphu**



**TURKEY - Sivas**



**GUATEMALA - Guatemala**



**HAITI - Cayes**



**NEPAL - Lalitpur**



**SLOVAK REPUBLIC - 141 events all over the country**



**SPAIN - Badajoz**





**ESTONIA - Aseri**



**TURKEY - Kastamonu**



**ANGOLA - Luanda**



**SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE - São Tomé**



**EL SALVADOR - San Salvador**



**VENEZUELA - Barquisimeto**



**COLOMBIA - Monteria**



**RUSSIA - Irkutsk**



**GABON - Akanda**





**POLAND - Prabuti**



**INDIA - Gwalior**



**MOROCCO - Inezgane**



**FRANCE - Vierzon**



**FRANCE - Salbris**



**RUSSIA - Ulan**



**ARGENTINA - San ignacio**



**ARGENTINA - Oberá**



**ENGLAND - Bishop Auckland**





**SLOVAK REPUBLIC - Malacki**



**ARGENTINA - Monte Hermoso**



**MOROCCO - Inezgane**



**BULGARIA - Sofia**



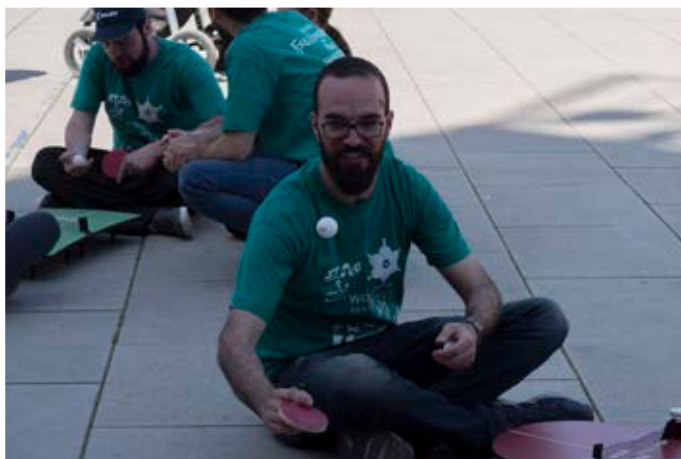
**ESTONIA - Tallinn**



**BELGIUM - Brussels**



**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - Scargorough**



**KOSOVO - Prishtina**



**JAPAN - Yokohama**





**PAKISTAN - Karachi**



**FRANCE - Nîmes**



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**BURUNDI - Bujumbura**



**FRANCE - Aux le Chateau**



**NIGERIA - Ibadan**



**FRANCE - Gouvieux**



**USA - Berkeley**



**PAKISTAN - Peshawar**





**LITHUANIA - Akmene**



**PERU - Chosica**



**SOMALIA - Mogadishu**



**INDIA - Bangalore**



**MACEDONIA - Prilep**



**ARGENTINA - Bahía Blanca**



**TURKEY - Sivas**



**ARGENTINA - Balcarce**



**ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa**





**THAILAND - Bangkok**



**LITHUANIA - Prienai**



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Port Moresby**



**ITALY - Ancona**



**SLOVAK REPUBLIC - Záhorská Bystrica**



**TANZANIA - Dar Es Salaam**



**BULGARIA - Sofia**



**ANGOLA - Luanda**



**ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa**





**TURKEY - Batman**



**TRINIDAD Y TOBAGO - Port of Spain**



**JAPAN - Tokyo**



**LITHUANIA - Riese**



**FRANCE - Paris**



**CHINA - Xiapeng**



**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - Oromiya**



**TUNISIA - El Aroussa**



**JAPAN - Tokyo**





**TUNISIA - Rafraf**



**BRAZIL - Santo André**



**ARGENTINA- Balcarse**



**INDIA - Pune**



**SWITZERLAND - Geneva**



**ETHIOPIA - Adis Ababa**



**TURKEY - Izmir**



**LITHUANIA - Tverai**



**RWANDA - Gasabo**





**SWEDEN - Helsingborg**



**ARGENTINA - Buenos Aires**



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**



**INDIA - Haldia**



**NEPAL - Tulsipur**



**FINLAND - Kerava**



**COLOMBIA - Bogotá**



**TURKEY - Aydın**



**TURKEY - Bodrum**





**TURKEY - Kastamonu**



**PORTUGAL - Povoacao**



**INDIA - Palakkad**



**LITHUANIA - Zujunai**



**CROATIA - Bjelovar**



**ARGENTINA - Zarate**



**PERU - Lurigancho**



**NEPAL - Gokarneshwar**



**SWEDEN - Söderhamns**





**CHILE - Santiago**



**ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa**



**JAPAN - Sendai**



**INDIA - Lokesh Singh Bagri**



**INDIA - Lokesh Singh Bagri**



**ERITREA - Asmara**



**INDIA - Lokesh Singh Bagri**



**JORDAN - Rwanda**



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