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# NOC and IF Sustainability Project

## SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION



## NOC AND IF SUSTAINABILITY CASE STUDIES

The world faces significant challenges across a wide spectrum of economic, social and environmental matters. The Olympic Movement has both an opportunity and a duty to actively contribute to the global sustainability debate in line with its vision of “Building a better world through sport”.

With this in mind, and in response to Olympic Agenda 2020, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) launched the International Federation (IF) Sustainability Project in 2016 to obtain an overview of IFs’ sustainability initiatives – identifying common topics, challenges and good practices while also sharing information among the IFs.

One outcome of the project was a series of case studies illustrating how IFs are actively contributing towards a more sustainable world.

As part of the IOC’s objective to “profile the role of the Olympic Movement in sustainability through the aggregation of information and collective reporting”, it was agreed that the identification and sharing of information contributes to the holistic integration of

sustainability and should be continued.

These case studies, which now also showcase National Olympic Committees’ (NOCs) best practices, form part of a strategic support system given to the Olympic Movement through the [IOC Sustainability Strategy](#).

Each case study is aligned with one or more of the IOC’s five sustainability focus areas: infrastructure & natural sites; sourcing & resource management; mobility; workforce;

and climate. They are also aligned with one or more of the United Nations’ (UN) framework of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provide a common framework for organisations to explain how they plan

to contribute to sustainable development and tackle the key global sustainability challenges. This framework is pivotal for the Olympic Movement – in September 2015, the UN General Assembly confirmed the important role that sport can play in supporting the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs.

*The IOC provides support to NOCs and IFs in the definition, design and development of their sustainability strategies.*



*“Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognise the growing contribution of sport to the realisation of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives.”*

Paragraph 37, UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Each NOC/IF sustainability project contributes to one or more of the IOC's sustainability focus areas and one or more of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

#### IOC FOCUS AREAS



#### UN SDGs



## OVER 80 SPORTS ORGANISATIONS HAVE JOINED THE NEW UN CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

### OBJECTIVES

The Olympic Movement joined the UN's Sports for Climate Action Framework in order to:

- Raise awareness about climate change across the sports community worldwide.
- Mitigate the negative impact of climate change on sport.
- Contribute to achieving a net-zero emissions world by 2050, as agreed by global leaders in December 2015 at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 21) in Paris.

In December 2018, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) co-launched the new Sports for Climate Action Framework and defined the role of sport in the worldwide fight for climate change. The UN Sports for Climate Action Framework aims to help sports organisations reduce emissions caused by their operations and leverage the worldwide popularity of sport to engage millions of fans in the effort.

Sport in all its forms is increasingly threatened by climate change. The increasing lack of snow during winter, unpredictable

heatwaves and rising sea levels are among the issues seriously affecting athletes, event organisers and even spectators.

Acknowledging the importance of the issue and the necessity for the sports community to work together, more than 80 sports organisations – including the International Federations (IFs) for climbing and mountaineering, equestrian sport, football, golf, ice hockey, orienteering, rowing, rugby, sailing, sambo, skiing, taekwondo, triathlon and wrestling – have joined the initiative, and have committed to adhere to the following five principles:





1. Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility.
2. Reduce overall climate impact.
3. Educate for climate action.
4. Promote sustainable and responsible consumption.
5. Advocate for climate action through communication.

The IFs and the other sports organisations that have signed up to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework have

acknowledged their responsibility in helping to meet the worldwide target of climate neutrality by mid-century, which is one of the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement. By joining the initiative, they have also connected their efforts with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the IOC Sustainability Focus Areas.

#### EVALUATION

The Olympic Movement will continue to work collaboratively on concrete initiatives, both to help mitigate the consequences of climate change and to attract new sports entities

to join the framework. As part of its role as the leader of the Olympic Movement, the IOC has created Sports for Climate Action, a practical guide published in collaboration with the UNFCCC, which aims to provide the Olympic Movement at large with a general understanding of climate change and guidance on how to manage carbon emissions.



**United Nations** Climate Change  
Global Climate Action

#### BENEFITS

- The IOC, the UN and all sport organisations joining the movement can help meet the Paris Agreement's goal to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- Sports governing bodies can help to find concrete solutions and mitigate the impact of climate change on sport.
- IFs joining the movement can raise awareness about climate change among their sports communities.

**“TODAY THE WORLD NEEDS URGENT ACTION TO LIMIT THE RISE OF GLOBAL TEMPERATURES. THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND THE SPORT COMMUNITY ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION.”**

**THOMAS BACH, IOC PRESIDENT**

