



COP24: Paris 2024 joins the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action initiative

At the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), currently being held in Katowice (Poland), Paris 2024 yesterday announced its intention to join [Sports for Climate Action](#), a UNFCCC initiative that is designed to encourage the sporting world to cut greenhouse gas emissions generated by the events it organises.

After becoming the first Olympic bid committee to obtain the ISO 20121 standard (event sustainability management systems), Paris 2024 is playing a pioneering role in the Sports for Climate Action initiative, which is sponsored by the UNFCCC with the support of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The initiative involves five key commitments:

1. To promote more responsible environmental practices;
2. To reduce the impact of sporting events on the climate;
3. To educate people about climate issues;
4. To promote more sustainable and responsible consumption habits;
5. To promote climate action through communication campaigns.

The Paris 2024-UNFCCC letter of commitment will be officially signed in early 2019.

Paris 2024, zero carbon Games

Paris 2024 are the first Olympic and Paralympic Games aligned with the Paris Agreement on climate change. The Games concept will cut carbon emissions by more than half compared to London, largely due to the fact that 95% of its infrastructures are already existing or temporary in nature.

Among other key factors that will lead to a significant reduction of its carbon footprint is the use of the Ile-de-France public transport system; and 100% clean transport to events for athletes and staff during the Games.

Paris 2024 intends to go even further and is working on a series of measures that should lead to additional reductions in its emissions:

- By leveraging the Games as a testing ground for sustainable innovation: with the use of low-carbon materials in permanent buildings (Athlete and Media villages, which will largely be redeployed as housing after the Games); and the use of recyclable materials in the construction of temporary structures.

- By organising the Games differently: making use of short supply circuits; reducing food waste; recycling, etc.

Finally, as there are some Games-related carbon emissions that cannot be avoided (flights, the organisation of competitions, etc.), **Paris 2024 is committed to compensate them, thus engaging to be "Zero Carbon Games"**

While London 2012 marked a turning point in terms of environmental excellence with the creation of the ISO 20121 standard, the Paris 2024 Games seek to strengthen and to extend the scope of sustainability of major international sporting events, as stated by **Georgina Grenon**, Paris 2024's Environmental Excellence Director, who is representing the LOC at COP24.

Paris 2024 President, Tony Estanguet: *"The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the most popular and universal sporting event in the world. As an organising committee, we have a special responsibility to play a part in raising awareness about climate change and ensuring the Games leave a sustainable legacy that benefits future generations. Our environmental project is ambitious and our commitment to the Sports for Climate Action initiative represents a new phase in the creation of international standards for the organisation of sports events and in engaging athletes, political and economic stakeholders and the general public in climate action. We are delighted that the IOC is supporting our approach."*

Please find attachment:

- Sports for Climate Action Declaration and Framework (UNFCCC)

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The Organising Committee for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Paris 2024) has the task of planning for, organising, financing and delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024 in accordance with the host city contract signed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF) and the City of Paris.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the first sports event in the world with a unique media impact, bringing together some 15,000 athletes (10,500 Olympians, 4,350 Paralympians) from 206 delegations hailing from five continents. They are followed by over 13 million spectators and 4 billion viewers over the world through more than 100,000 hours of TV broadcasts. The Games' impact is unparalleled among all sports, economic and cultural events in the world.

Created in January 2018, Paris 2024 is headed by Tony Estanguet, three-time Olympic champion and IOC member. It is administered by an Executive Board (EB) that includes the project's founding members: CNOSF, the City of Paris, the State, the Ile-de-France Region, CPSF, Métropole du Grand Paris, the Seine-Saint-Denis Departmental Council and representatives of the local authorities involved in the Games.

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