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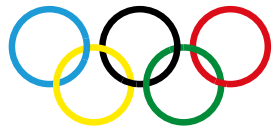
# ANOCA SUPPORTS THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING



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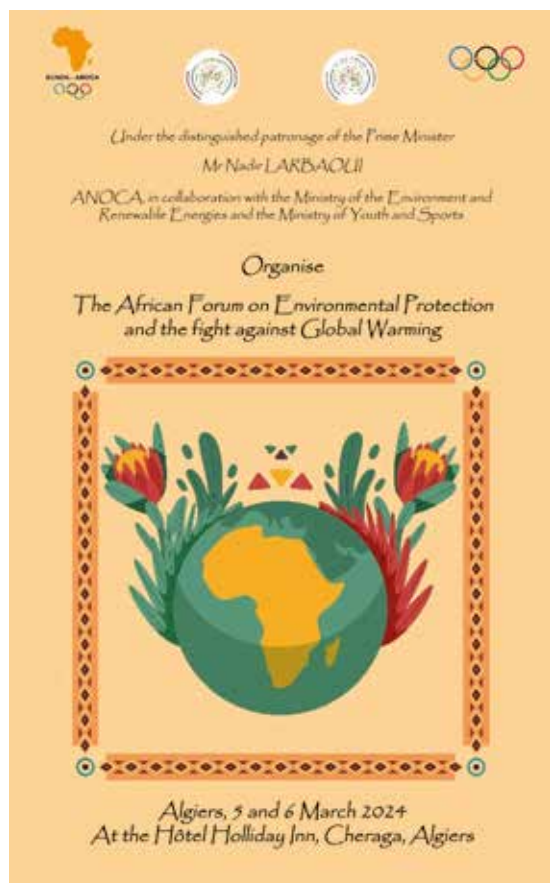


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# TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CLIMATE!

**S**hould we fail to take our responsibilities together and in solidarity, we are going to let our planet sink into global warming. We therefore must sit up and work hand in glove for environmental protection.

We firmly believe that this is the only solution. It offers us a wide range of possibilities for slowing down global warming in the short-term, and stopping it for good in the long-term.

For us, sport is the most efficient tool. Our joint initiative to organise a Forum on environmental protection and the fight against global warming is aimed at developing a comprehensive and inclusive strategy to respond effectively to climate change and endow ourselves with the resources to effectively address global warming through sport.

Global warming impacts every aspect of the life and governance of African States. We are all exposed. Small and mighty, rich and poor, we are all vulnerable.

In Algiers, we addressed the main contributions sports can make on the African continent to preserve our ecosystem, increasingly rendered fragile by the negative impacts of climate change.

How can we build a better and sustainable world? What can and should the African Olympic and Sports Movement contribute to this fight, which requires that we remain mobilised at all times?

How can we make sport the solution to the challenges of climate change?

During the Algiers Forum, we formed a frontline that relies on the practice of amateur or elite sport.



**BY MUSTAPHA BERRAF**  
ANOCA PRESIDENT  
IOC MEMBER



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We each have a contribution to make, however small.

For ANOCA, it is a daunting, but not an insurmountable challenge.

That is why we must work to support States by fostering collaboration for a genuine synergy, with convincing outcomes, as part of our collective action such as observed by our supreme governing body, the IOC, in line with the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We commend the IOC, led by Dr Thomas BACH, and we fully share his vision.

We wish to thank all 54 African NOCs and distinguished guests such as the ANOC President, Dr Robin MITCHELL, IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, and the Algerian Government, led by His Excellency President Abdelmajid TEBBOUNE.

Discussions were very fruitful and lived up to expectation. We will pursue our advocacy with all stakeholders of the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

The practice of sport in facilities that are environmentally unfriendly and activities that make Africa warm up faster than the global average were discussed in-depth.

In view of its recommendations, the Forum helped us regulate our strategy and devise techniques.

We will express the same desire to speak with one voice at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Africa's participation shall align with the vision to make the world a better place through sport. Let's make ourselves available. Let's take our responsibilities for the Climate.



## IOC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# “THANK YOU FOR ORGANISING THIS CONFERENCE...”

IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, calls for shared and diligent action by all stakeholders in the Olympic spirit with a view to making sport a tool for building a more sustainable world.






- Dear ANOCA President, my dear colleague and friend Mustapha Berraf;
- Dear IOC Members;
- Dear Olympic friends,

The climate crisis is a call to action for all of us in the Olympic community, because we all share the same mission: to make the world a better place. This is why I would like to congratulate ANOCA and in particular the President, my dear friend Mustapha Berraf. Thank you Mr President for organising this conference aimed at building a better and more sustainable world through sport. Sport is the low-cost, high-impact tool par excellence for all countries to build this more sustainable world. The IOC is fully focused on strengthening this important enabling role of sport, to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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With our “*Olympism 365*” strategy, we have a framework to strengthen collaboration and collective action. Together with the UN family, development institutions and many other partners, the Olympic community around the world is contributing to the SDGs in areas such as climate action, health, gender

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equality and many more, to improve lives, to make communities more resilient and sustainable, and to pursue our Olympic mission of making the world a better place through sport.

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In this Olympic spirit, I wish you fruitful discussions and a successful conference.

**THOMAS BACH**  
IOC PRESIDENT

## REMARKS BY ANOC PRESIDENT

# “THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE”

Dr Robin MITCHELL, expressed the hope that all the knowledge gained and commitments made can be turned into tangible action.  
He reiterated his support for ANOCA.





- Dear ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf,
- IOC Members,
- Presidents and Secretaries General of the African National Olympic Committees,
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to be here with you today for this African Forum on the preservation of the environment and the fight against global warming.

As we have already heard from our distinguished speakers, this is a critical subject. Our attendance here today demonstrates our shared commitment to addressing it. And to our recognition that we all have a role to play, individually and collectively.

As ANOC President, I must commend ANOCA, led by President Berraf, for organising this Forum and for encouraging dialogue on these issues.

Time is not on our side.

And we must ensure that the discussions we have during this forum. And the knowledge we gain is turned into tangible climate action.

At ANOC we fully support ANOCA and all Continental Associations in leading sustainability discussions within their regions and encouraging NOCs to take action.

As you know, the ANOC General Assembly approved the ANOC Sustainability Pledge in 2022, which lays out firm objectives.

As a signatory of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, ANOC has committed to reduce its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and to reach net zero by 2040.

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We also joined the Race to Zero – the largest ever alliance committed to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest.

As our Sustainability Progress Report showed, we have made good progress with a number of sustainability initiatives. But we know there is much more to be done.

We will continue to learn from our partners such as the United Nations Environment Programme’s Clean Seas Campaign and the OCEAN Project.

With the newly created ANOC Sustainability Commission, we are also aiming to further enhance our sustainability efforts. And to also establish closer cooperation with the different Olympic Movement stakeholders, including the IOC, Continental Associations, NOCs and International Federations.

Just last month we worked with the Portuguese Olympic Committee to plant 10,000 native trees to offset some of the emissions from the upcoming ANOC General Assembly.

However, as the global umbrella body for the world’s NOCs we recognise that as well as focus on our own efforts we also have a key role to play in supporting the NOCs.

As ever, ANOC aims to share best practice among the NOCs and encourages NOCs to develop their own sustainability strategies and policies.

Our partnership with The Toolbox - founded by the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing Team - was a way to do this and to give NOCs access to a framework from which they could create and implement sustainability programmes aligned with recognised standards.

We know that so many NOCs are doing excellent work in sustainability here in Africa and around the world.

In Oceania for example, NOC are working closely with UN agencies such as the UNEP Plastic Tide Turners Program to build programmes and encourage behavioural change through sport.

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ANOC is also working with the International Union for Conservation of Nature to make it easier for NOCs to apply the Sports for Nature Framework.

These are just a couple of examples of work that we know is happening every day. But as I said, we all need to do more if we are to make a meaningful difference.

This African Forum, I have no doubt, will help us all to take a step forward. As we share best practice with each other.

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I wish you all a very productive Forum and I look forward to learning and exchange ideas so that we can go home to our NOCs and turn this knowledge into action.

**DR ROBIN MITCHELL B SC (HONS) MBBS (ADEL)**  
ANOC PRESIDENT  
IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER



## ANOCA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

# “PROMOTING CLIMATE ACTION WITHIN THE SPORTING COMMUNITY IS AN IMPERATIVE”

Honourable Mustapha BERRAF drew attention to the urgency of the situation, while calling on everyone to take action to protect the environment. The Algiers Forum is the ideal platform for strengthening this plea.





- The Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energies,
- The Minister of Youth and Sports,
- The President of the Algeria Olympic Committee,
- Distinguished Government Authorities of the Republic of Algeria,
- Presidents of African NOCs,
- The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC),
- Dear Olympic Solidarity friends,
- Distinguished Delegates,
- Fellow friends of the African Olympic family,
- Distinguished guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am indeed honoured and do heartily welcome you all to Algiers, on the occasion of this Forum on Sport and Climate Change.

I wish to thank the Algerian authorities at the highest level, notably the President of the Republic, His Excellency Abdelmajid TEBBOUNE, for the exceptional welcome and the cordial fraternal hospitality accorded us.

I also wish to thank the Algerian people, who have welcomed the entire great family of the African Olympic and Sports Movement with love and cordiality to this forum, which aims to urgently address the worsening effects of global warming.

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Distinguished guests,

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I would like to congratulate all the 54 National Olympic Committees of Africa, who have been quite active in environmental protection for a good number of years.

Over the next two days, we will be discussing environmental protection and the fight against global warming, with papers presented by eminent international and Algerian researchers and academics.

Our workshops will be underpinned by issues of sustainability for the continent's welfare, and these will bolster our positive perceptions of how to blend elite sports practice with environmental protection.

With such an agenda, we will be able to map out even more strategies in this area, which is so precious for the planet in general and Africa in particular.



We need to brainstorm ways of developing sports governance policies to protect nature. Sport must be able to raise public awareness of the dangers of climate change and variations, which result from the pollution of the environment by all types of waste.

The environment is one of the four pillars of the Olympic Movement, along with education, sport and self-respect and respect for others. This is one of the key concerns of the United Nations Organisation, which Africa and Algeria jointly spearheading.

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The challenge of global warming impacts all aspects of the political, economic, social and cultural life of African States and States across the world. Every nation is as exposed as the other.

This Forum will analyse the impact of sport on the environment. Some major sports events have an impact on the environment, from the design of equipment and awards, to waste management.

Experts say, and I quote, that *“sports facilities and sports practice as a human activity can contribute directly or indirectly in disrupting ecosystems, including the natural resources they harbour and their biodiversity.”*

Africa is warming up faster than the global average. Climate change has made Africa a vulnerable continent, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Some sports are highly polluting and damaging to the environment. But sport can contribute to sustainable development and establish positive



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influences through initiatives that can be summed up as good deeds to promote more responsible consumption.

The threat of global warming on sports practice is a reality. As a matter of priority, we need to work together to find innovative and environment-friendly solutions.

We need to raise awareness, among sportsmen and women, fans and the public at large, of the challenges of environmental protection through sport.

Sport is increasingly being affected by climate change. There is need to promote climate action within the sporting community. This is in line with agendas 2020 and 2020+5, which call on the Olympic Movement to promote sustainable Olympic Games, and with the Paris Climate Agreement, which sets us all the target of reducing our own emissions by 30% by the end of 2024 and 50% by 2030.

In 2030, the organisers of the Games will be obliged to reduce the direct and indirect carbon emissions associated with the event to a minimum.

The IOC is currently planting an Olympic forest to help communities in Mali and Senegal that have been hard hit by climate change.

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me congratulate the International Olympic Committee and its illustrious President, my friend Dr Thomas BACH, who is working for a clean and waste-free sporting planet and also for a change in the behaviour of all sports stakeholders to preserve the environment.

The International Olympic Committee has been granted observer status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The IOC can thus play an effective role in pushing efforts to address climate change at a global level, underscoring its commitment to reducing emissions and taking advantage of the role of sport as a “*major partner*” in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ANOCA 2020 - 2024 strategic plan is strongly committed to the fight against global warming and, from this strategic position of the IOC, we are engaging the discussion on climate change, we are forging and consolidating our mission, which is to build a better world, like my friend Dr Thomas BACH would put it.

This Forum is being organised in close collaboration with the IOC and based on the framework drawn up by the Conference of the Parties (COP).

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We wholeheartedly endorse the vision of our supreme governing body on environmental issues.

I wish, once more, to thank and encourage our 54 National Olympic Committees for their commitment to this fight, and do urge them to keep it up!

We must rise to the challenge of a clean planet thanks to Africa’s unique contribution through sport.

Long live Olympism!

Long live African youth!

Long live African Olympism!

Wishing you successful deliberations, thank you!

**MUSTAPHA BERRAF**  
ANOCA PRESIDENT  
IOC MEMBER





## ALGERIA PROTECTS THE PLANET

**A**lgiers, capital city of Algeria hosted a major Forum on environmental protection on 5 and 6 March 2024, bringing together a host of dignitaries from the African and Global Olympic and Sports Movement. The Forum addressed every aspect of the impact of climate change in Africa and the planet as a whole. According to experts gathered in Algiers, sport is a powerful tool in this fight.

Following his audience with ANOC President Robin MITCHELL, Algeria's Minister of Youth and Sports, Abderrahmane HAMMAD, made the following statement:

*“Algeria is proud to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Forum on Environmental Protection and the Fight against*

*Global Warming, at the behest of the International Olympic Committee.”*

He went on to say that he had discussed the issue with IOC members in Africa and Sam RAMSAMY, Vice President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), to foster dialogue and the development of sport in Africa.

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Replied ANOC Robin MITCHELL.

*“In Fiji, we place high priority on establishing a close relationship between sport and the environment, through the association of athletes, especially as the sport message is becoming more impactful and effective,”* he added on a more technical note.

At the opening of the Forum, Fazia DAHLEB, Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energies, defined the issues at stake, specifying that:

*“Environmental responsibility is the third pillar of the Olympic Movement alongside sport and culture.”*

She also presented Algeria’s policy on climate protection, saying that climate risks are *“a national priority”*.

She recalled, for example, that during the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the African Union Heads of State and Government in 2007 in Addis Ababa, Algeria adhered to the African Union Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI) that stretches over 7 800 km across 11 (eleven) countries. The Minister







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recalled that Algeria places much importance on energy transition, relying on renewable energies and energy efficiency, and adopting a strategy and roadmap for the development of green hydrogen, *“one of the main options on which Algeria is counting to diversify its energy potential.”*

The President of the Republic of Algeria, Abdemajid TEBBOUNE, championed an initiative to create an African mechanism for managing disaster adaptation and response capacity, adopted by the AU Security and Peace Council at its meeting on 29 October 2021.

According to top Algerian government officials, there is need to expedite the implementation of this initiative and the Algerian proposal to set up a fund to support measures to address the adverse effects of climate change in the most affected African countries.





# HIGH-PRIORITY, STRATEGIC MEETING

**F**or two days, eminent international and Algerian researchers and academics discussed issues relating to environmental protection and the fight against global warming.

Among the issues addressed were sustainability concerns for the welfare of the African continent.

Participants were drawn from the African sporting and Olympic landscape, including IOC members in Africa and representatives of the 54 African NOCs, chairpersons of Environment Commissions of African NOCs, and members of African National Olympic Academies.

Experts pointed out that the environment is one of the four cornerstones of the Olympic Movement,






along with education, sport and self-respect and respect for others. This is one of the key UN concerns, for which Africa and Algeria jointly provide leadership.

It should also be noted that the IOC and ANOCA are working together to combat climate change.

This partnership will be demonstrated at the forthcoming Olympic Games Paris 2024, with the promotion of sustainable Games at the heart of the competition. The African Olympic and Sports Movement, through its athletes, will thus be on hand to pass on messages to raise awareness of the need to protect the planet from global warming through sport.



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## MUSTAPHA BERRAF THANKS AND CONGRATULATES ALGERIA

**I**n an official letter, ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF thanked the President of the Republic of Algeria, Abdelmajid TEBBOUNE, for the warm welcome and smooth organisation of the African Forum

on Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming, held in Algiers on 5 and 6 March 2024. *“I wish to thank you for your support and guidance, which made the Algiers Forum a success,”* Mustapha BERRAF wrote.





**This was a first-class continental event, and Algeria organised it in an extraordinary manner, much to the delight of the 360 Algerian and foreign dignitaries. Discussions were productive and crucial, and I am grateful to Algeria for this highly strategic contribution to the promotion of environmental protection and the fight against global warming.**

After congratulating the ANOCA President on the success of the Algiers meeting, the IOC President Dr Thomas BACH, also thanked the Algerian authorities in a video message broadcast on the occasion.

The Forum was placed under the distinguished patronage of Prime Minister Mohamed Ennadir Larbaoui, and organised in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies and the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Speaking after the Forum, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF underscored that:

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Taking the cue from Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, IOC member and ANOCA President, participants applauded the warm welcome accorded them in Algeria, and the quality of their discussions.



## AN ANOC DELEGATION VISITS THE COUNCIL OF THE NATION

**R**obin MITCHELL, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), which represents the 207 National Olympic Committees worldwide, IOC Vice President and Olympic Solidarity Commission Chair, paid a visit to the Council of the Nation. A press release from the Upper House of the Algerian parliament states:

*“Commissioned by Mr Salah GOUDJIL, President of the Council of the Nation, Mrs Nadja Ouadjdi DAMARDJI, Vice President of the Council, together with Mr Mohamed Reda OUSSAHLA, Vice President of the Council, Mr Mohamed AMROUNE, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Commission, Mr Mohamed AMROUNE, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and*



*the Algerian Community Abroad, and Mr Ilyes ACHOUR, Chairman of the Equipment and Local Development Commission, received an ANOC delegation led by Mr Robin MITCHELL.”*

*“The delegation visited several sections of the Council, including the meeting room and the ‘Mustapha Ben Boulaid’ VIP lounge, and was treated to presentations on the history of this building and its symbolic importance in Algeria after the country regained its national sovereignty, in addition to the role of the Council and its constitutional missions within the institutional ladder of the Algerian State.”*

It should be noted that the Council of the Nation took part in the African Forum for the Protection of the Environment through its representative, Mr Ilyes ACHOUR, Chairman of the Equipment and Local Development Commission, who underscored:

*“The major importance Algeria attaches to the issue of climate change, and hence enshrined environmental protection in the reviewed constitution of November 2020, at the initiative of the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, who has worked hard to enshrine the environmental dimension of economic development in the constitution, through instruments on environmental protection and the rational use of natural resources....the parliament, in collaboration with the government, is working to protect the most affected categories, by enacting laws upholding the value of solidarity and building the capacities of local administration to address the moral and material effects of climate change on citizens.”*

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The Council of the Nation took advantage of this opportunity to inform its ANOC guests about its role in preserving the environment and the relevance of its participation in the deliberations of the 9th African Forum on Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming, organised by ANOCA and chaired by Algeria’s Mustapha BERRAF.





# ANOCA EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE ALGIERS FORUM

**“T**his African forum has been a great success in raising awareness among the continent’s youth on the issue of global warming, which is a priority for Africa and humanity as a whole, with

the aim of working together in solidarity to tackle this dangerous environmental concern,” noted Mustapha BERRAF, at the end of the Algiers Forum.

The Forum concluded with a number of recommendations, a record number of attendees and a serious level of discussions.





The high-level contributions from Algerian, African and international experts rounded off with calls for a united front against global warming. ANOCA especially commended the contribution of the President of the Republic of Algeria, Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, and the active presence of the Ministers

of the Environment and Renewable Energies and of Youth and Sports.

The workshops and conference provided a platform for creativity and planning for the various climate initiatives presented by the Minister for the Environment.

With this in mind, Mustapha BERRAF, President of ANOCA, had this to say:

*“We need to enhance the environmental measures to which we are accustomed such as reforestation campaigns, cleaning up natural spaces and reducing waste to in turn reduce the carbon footprint. ANOCA will consider the measures and mechanisms proposed by the academics and experts who took part in the Forum, as it is convinced that the results obtained are beneficial for Africa and Algeria, which has made great strides in terms of sustainable development. Algeria is a forerunner in the use of green hydrogen, which is a priority for energy transition. The participation of 50 African countries in the various workshops shows a high level of awareness among the African sporting community, and calls on us all to work together to preserve the environment and combat global warming.”*

Speaking of prospects, Mustapha Berraf said:

*“The next step will be to create a link between African governments and the National Olympic Committees, as set out in the Olympic Charter, in accordance with the conclusions of the environmental protection Forum. Everyone is now convinced that athletes can effectively convey messages to Africa’s youth about environmental protection and the fight against global warming. We must raise awareness among African youth and societies on the need to protect and safeguard the environment.”*





## “WE RECOMMEND THAT AFRICAN YOUTH BE MOBILISED TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING.”

The African Forum on Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming concluded with recommendations to create a synergy of action between all stakeholders of the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

**A**fter the deliberations that followed the opening ceremony and the various presentations, THE FORUM, with participants representing the NOCs of Africa, IOC Members and the relevant Authorities;

Recognising the right to a healthy environment as a fundamental human right in general and for athletes in particular,

Aware of the growing need for the African Olympic and Sports Movement to participate in the fight against global warming which threatens the future of humanity, in solidarity with the other components of the world Olympic and Sports Movement under the aegis of the IOC and Governments,

- **Recommends that African NOCs and Ministers of Youth and Sports, in consultation with the Ministers in charge of the Environment of the governments of the member States of the African Union, unite all their efforts.**
- **Urges them to use their great capacity to mobilise African youth in the fight against global warming.**
- **Recommends that the relevant institutions implement the measures recommended by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations (UN) as part of their policy to protect the environment and combat global warming.**



- **Recommends that all NOCs take action and develop sports and Olympic governance in accordance with the Agenda 2020+5.**
- **Further recommends that all NOCs liaise with their governments, particularly those responsible for the environment and the fight against global warming, with a view to obtaining material and financial support and training for the implementation of a partnership between governments and associations.**
- **Calls on sports and political authorities of ANOCA partner countries, in conjunction with the bodies and institutions of each country in charge of this issue, to introduce or encourage policies and actions aimed at preserving the environment and addressing global warming.**

In light of the foregoing, it was recommended that:

- **ANOCA draw up reports on the various presentations made at the Forum and circulate same to all African NOCs and governments.**
- **Draw up an environmental sports charter consistent with the Olympic Charter committing African NOCs to work with their respective governments (Ministries in charge of youth and sports, the environment and sustainable development, ministries interfacing with the National Olympic Committee), and propose that the «Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global**

**Warming» Commission of each NOC coordinate actions and draw up a report to be forwarded to the ANOCA Commission.**

- **Interrelation among African governments and their NOCs for the implementation of concrete actions for the reduction or mitigation of greenhouse gases (elimination of plastic and paper at the various NOC meetings will be the first decisions to be taken).**
- **Encourage the NOCs to liaise with governments to build bioclimatic sports facilities.**
- **Establish monitoring mechanisms to assess compliance by countries that have signed the Charter.**
- **Create an environment fund to finance various projects.**
- **Support from the IOC and other sources for the use of solar energy or other non-carbon alternatives.**
- **Draw up an operational monitoring schedule in which all the targeted actions must be implemented on the ground, supported by the NOCs, particularly materially and financially. An assessment must be made periodically, at least annually.**

Participants unanimously pointed out the need to create an African institution of governments/NOCs, which would be jointly responsible for implementing a coordinated environmental strategy for the benefit of the African continent.





These recommendations are intended to be studied and fine-tuned by all the NOCs of Africa, in order to raise awareness and help sportspersons and other segments of the population, particularly young people, to better understand their obligations on issues of environmental protection and the fight against global warming.

Finally, participants recommended holding an annual forum in an African country, with the aim of continuing the mobilisation, gaining a better understanding of the dangers of the situation, mapping out an appropriate, joint and united course of action and deciding on the measures to be taken to better protect Africa and, beyond that, our planet.

All the dignitaries unanimously expressed their gratitude and hearty thanks to H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, President of the Republic of Algeria, and to IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, for their support and encouragement to the African Forum held in Algiers.

They urged the other sister African countries (Governments and NOCs) to sustain the effort to organise this meeting every year to keep protecting the environment and win the war against global warming in Africa.

**Algiers, 6 March 2024**



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Olympic  
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**The President**

Mr Mustapha Barrafi  
IOC Member  
President  
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Committees of Africa (ANOCA)  
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Lausanne, 14 March 2024

I read with keen attention your letter of 12 March and your report on the African Forum on Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming, which you organised on 5 and 6 March in Algiers..

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the high level of participation in the Forum, which was also attended by ANOC President, our colleague Robin Mitchell, and a significant number of IOC members, as well as representatives of Algerian authorities at the highest level. This success in terms of participation clearly testifies to the importance that ANOCA and the entire African continent attach to environmental issues, and I am very pleased about that.

Reading your report, I also noted that the papers and discussions were quite meaningful and much appreciated. I encourage you to continue implementing the recommendations, in line with those of Olympic Agenda 2020 +5. Rest assured that the IOC as a whole, and I personally, stand with you and do support you in your endeavours.

Thank you once again for your personal commitment. Best regards!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Thomas Bach".





# THE FORUM IN PICTURES













































# REPORT ON THE AFRICAN FORUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING HELD IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA ON 5 AND 6 MARCH 2024

## ► INTRODUCTION

The African Forum on Environmental Protection and the fight against Global Warming that held in Algiers, Algeria's capital city on 5 and 6 March, 2024 centred on environmental protection and sustainability.

The Forum was held at Holiday Inn, Cheraga, and brought together high-profile African and international dignitaries, including Dr Robin E. Mitchell, President of ANOC (the governing body representing 207 NOCs across the world), who doubles as IOC Vice President and Chair of the Olympic Solidarity Commission; IOC members in Africa; Presidents of African NOCs and representatives of all 54 African NOCs, as well as Chairpersons of Environment Commissions of African NOCs.

Also in attendance were the Algerian Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr Abderrahmane Hammad, his counterpart of the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies, Mrs Fazia Dahleb, who opened the Forum organised by ANOCA, under the distinguished patronage of Prime Minister Nadir LARBAOUI, in the presence of ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf.

Deliberations proper were preceded by a number of addresses and messages delivered by various dignitaries and focused on environmental protection and the fight against global warming, an issue of great concern in light of current challenges.

For two days, participants addressed highly crucial issues relating to environmental protection and the fight against global warming, with high-quality papers on themes developed by eminent international and Algerian researchers and academics.

Speakers took to the rostrum in turns to present the environmental sector strategy with a view to raising the awareness of the African Sports Movement of efforts in this area. They especially emphasised the relevance of the major climate-related issues and challenges currently facing the planet, given that, according to many participants, ‘the continent is at the forefront’ of this struggle.

## **1.OFFICIAL OPENING: WELCOME REMARKS BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES AND ADDRESSES BY AFRICAN AND WORLD SPORTS OFFICIALS**

Prior to the official opening of deliberations, participants listened to the national anthem of Algeria, followed by a series of addresses and messages.

### **a. Address by Mrs Fazia DAHLEB, Algerian Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energy**

After the usual expression of courtesies, Mrs Fazia Dahleb, urged Olympic committees to *“leverage the mobilisation capacities and resources of sport to improve outcomes in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”*.

Highlighting the close link between sport and the environment, the Minister made a case for environmental education to help raise the awareness of communities of environmental protection and the fight against climate change.

Besides, she underscored Algeria’s commitment to the fight against all forms of pollution, as a party to international and regional conventions, highlighting measures taken by her ministry via the National Climate Plan (PNC). Algeria thus gives pride of place to energy transition, she insisted.

Citing the initiative by the President of the Republic, H.E. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, to put in place an African disaster adaptation management and response capacity mechanism, she noted that it is *“the best way to ensure our continent’s resilience in the face of various challenges, while seeking solutions that can reduce the impact of climate-induced risks.”*



## **b. Address by Mr Abderrahmane HAMMAD, Algerian Minister of Youth and Sports**

Minister Abderrahmane HAMMAD stated that Algeria was proud to host the environmental protection Forum, the environment being one of the pillars of the Olympic Movement, along with sport, culture, self-respect and respect for others.

He commended the efforts of Algerian authorities, under the leadership of the President of the Republic, H.E. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, as they have been working towards implementing energy and sustainability policies as part of the Green Dam reforestation project, through a vast tree plantation operation across the country.

In conclusion, he urged all participants to prioritise reforestation and personally commit to the fight against global warming.

## **c. Address by ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf**

After welcoming participants, the ANOCA President thanked the Algerian authorities and the people of Algeria in general for the exceptional welcome and the cordial fraternal hospitality accorded the African Olympic and sports family, even as he congratulated all 54 NOCs on their unfailing commitment to environmental protection over the years.

After outlining the Forum agenda, President Berraf underscored the need to brainstorm ways of developing sports governance policies to protect nature and ensure that sport sensitises the public to the dangers of climate change and variations resulting from environmental pollution by all types of waste.

Mustapha Berraf stressed the vital need for all to be educated on the importance of protecting the environment through sport. Given that sport is increasingly being affected by climate change, promoting climate action within the sporting community is an imperative, in line with Agendas 2020 and 2020+5, which call on the Olympic Movement to promote sustainable Olympic Games, and with the Paris Climate Agreement, which sets the target of reducing emissions in the world of sport by 30% by the end of 2024 and 50% by 2030.

On the ANOCA 2020 - 2024 strategic plan, President Berraf stated that it is strongly committed to the fight against global warming, and is helping in forging and consolidating the mission to build a better world, as often put by his friend Dr Thomas BACH.

He once more thanked and encouraged all 54 NOCs for their commitment to this fight, and urged them to keep it up.

**d. Word by ANOC President, Robin MITCHELL**

For the ANOC President, who expressed his pleasure in attending the African Forum on Environmental Protection and the fight against Global Warming, this is a critical issue, which is part of a shared commitment to seek solutions to address the global climate crisis.

While asserting that ANOC fully supports ANOCA and all other Continental Associations that champion sustainability discussions within their respective regions, he urged NOCs to take concrete action to achieve this particular goal.

Beyond focusing on its own efforts, he underscored, ANOC, as the governing body of the world's NOCs, also has a key role to play in supporting NOCs in promoting best practices and encouraging them to develop their own sustainability strategies and policies.

In this regard, NOCs have been working closely with UN agencies to develop programmes and ensure behavioural change through sport.

**e. Message by IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH**

Through its president, Dr Thomas Bach, the IOC, in a video-taped message broadcast during the opening ceremony, lauded Algeria, while highlighting the IOC's interest in the environment and the fight against global warming. He noted that the climate crisis is a call to action for all within the Olympic community, with the shared mission: *“to make the world a better place through sport, the low-cost, high-impact tool par excellence for all countries to build this more sustainable world.”*

Based on the *“Olympism 365”* strategy, the IOC has a framework to strengthen collaboration and collective action through sport, said Thomas Bach, for whom climate action is team effort.

At the end of this knowledge-filled official opening phase, which set the stage for deliberations proper, six dignitaries were honoured by ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf. They include, the Algerian Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energy, NOC Algeria's president, the Representative of the Senate President, etc.



## 2. PRESENTATIONS

A total of 7 (seven) papers were presented.

### a. Presentation by Mrs Michelle LEMAITRE, Sustainability Officer

In her presentation entitled, “*Working Together for the Climate*,” Mrs Michelle focused on IOC pathways and structures on sustainability, sustainable transformation through Olympic Agenda s2020 and 2020 + 5, Citizenship: Sustainability, Impact and Legacy within the IOC’s remit. She then set out the merits of sport at the service of climate action by structuring her analysis on a bar chart which was as a visual representation of the change in temperature in the past 100 + years.

In her opinion, climate change will negatively impact future of host countries of sports events: too warm in winter and too hot in summer.

The IOC has been quite active in this regard, she noted. To rise to the climate challenge, the supreme governing body of the global Olympic Movement must first live up to its promise to include sustainability within the IOC as an organisation, then, as owner of the Olympic Games, by setting new requirements and implementing innovative ways of working, and finally, as leader of the Olympic Movement. For the IOC, the climate budget system is effective because the IOC is on track to achieve the -30% target by 2024 if we continue this way.

It is therefore necessary to decarbonise the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This will be the first ever edition of the Games to be fully aligned with the Paris Agreement, a turning point in terms of carbon footprint (-50% emissions). This is also a carbon emissions target that must not be exceeded at the Games. From 2030 onwards, the IOC will, contractually oblige all OCOGs to cut back on their direct and indirect carbon emissions, thereby, contributing to international efforts aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Sport must be at the service of climate action, the environment and nature. In this regard, the major players must commit to protecting, preserving and regenerating nature, by laying emphasis on major advantages, notably the support system made up of worldwide experts in conservation, promoting environmental protection, and raising awareness of the need to restore nature and biodiversity. To this end, the IOC must assist NOCs to commit themselves to climate action through the IOC Sustainability Commission, which offers technical assistance through individual support, workshops and working groups.

It is therefore necessary, she noted, to implement IOC guidelines, among which are the possibility of strengthening cooperation and fostering synergies among ANOCA member NOCs, sharing best practices, and transferring technical knowledge for increased commitment to climate change and sustainability, drafting a strategy for enhanced commitment in Africa and a better understanding of the needs and challenges of the continent.

**b. Presentation by Nacera Hadjali, Head of the Unit in charge of Environmental Assessment Studies at the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies**

Her presentation centred around two main aspects: environment strategy and youths in sustainable development.

► **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

Regarding the environment strategy, she focused on environmental challenges, Algeria's environmental policies, national action plans and the role of partners in environmental protection. Environmental challenges include, among others, desertification, deforestation and water stress.

As for government policies, she noted that a series of them were designed to improve the fight against climate change, improve the living conditions of populations and promote renewables. To illustrate this, she cited the country's decision-making instruments such as the National Environment and Sustainable Development Strategy (SNEDD). On institutional instruments, she noted that the Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies is the main institution. Apart from institutions, she discussed economic instruments, including the "*polluter pays principle*" which requires that the party responsible for pollution should pay for damage done to the natural environment.

Still on the environment strategy, she discussed resilience to climate change through a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 22% by 2030 and other local plans.



## ► YOUTHS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On the environment and youths, she underscored the need for youths to be engaged in environmental protection. Thus, the launch of an inaugural course on eco-friendly citizenship, the integration of the environment in the entire education cycle and the launch of professional master's programmes in waste management. She also called for the inclusion of environmental protection in sport by promoting eco-friendly sports events and sport awareness and education.

### c. **Presentation by Ménouèr BOUGHEDAUI, Professor of Environment at the University of Blida**

Entitled “Policies and Measures to address Climate Change in Algeria”, Prof Ménouèr BOUGHEDAUI’s presentation, dwelled on six main points, notably climate change evolution and forecast for Africa, national context and climate impact, inclusion of climate change in government strategies, the national climate plan, scientific training and South-South cooperation, and climate transparency. It placed emphasis on the impact of climate change on Africa, estimating its current annual temperature at 23 - 27 °C, noting that African countries will experience an increase in temperature between 2080 and 2099.

Many actions for environmental protection and the fight against climate change have been taken at the institutional, legislative and legal levels. It is therefore essential to engage institutions and consider government policies, legislation and decision-making processes in climate action. He highlighted specific objectives regarding the impact of climate change, notably:

1. **Population protection**: extreme weather events and climate-induced natural disasters are a major threat that must be prevented and addressed as risks.
2. **Support for sustainable development**: including climate change into national development policies to ensure that economic and social initiatives align with the SDGs.
3. **Sustained resilience**: institutions and infrastructure that are more climate resilient are pivotal in reducing vulnerabilities.

4. **Economic and financial opportunities:** the transition to green economy offers economic opportunities, including job creation and business development.
5. **Compliance with international agreements:** complying with commitments to international climate change agreements and contributing to global efforts to combat this phenomenon.
6. International opportunities for climate finance, cooperation, capacity building, exchanges and technical support (transfer of knowledge, know-how and technology).

He also mentioned the National Climate Plan (PNC) developed and implemented in Algeria. The plan has 155 actions:

- **63 adaptation actions:** main risks, public health, agriculture, natural resources, forest and water resources, and conservation of cultural heritage;
- **76 mitigation actions:** energy, waste, industry, transport, buildings;
- **16 cross-cutting actions:** capacity building for both actors and institutions with a view to implementing PNC.

He also highlighted that Algeria's ambitions in the areas of training, scientific research and South-South cooperation were achieved through:

- The African Energy Commission (AFREC);
- Pan African University: Institute of Water and Energy Sciences, Climate Change (PAUWES);
- Algerian universities providing training in climate change issues: welcoming African students and cooperation project;
- The Centre for Scientific and Technical Research on Arid Regions (CRSTRA);
- The National Advanced School of Renewable Energies, the Environment and Sustainable Development (RE2SD).



**d. Presentation by Mr AIT OUDHIA M<sup>o</sup>barek, Environment Director at Wilaya de Tizi-Ouzou**

Entitled “The Local Environmental Action”, this presentation centred around youth action and sport, modern and green sports facilities, volunteering, sports activities, as well as support for young project developers. Mr M<sup>o</sup>barek’s presentation focused on the right to a healthy environment. This concept holds that human beings have the right to live in a clean and healthy environment, and includes several principles of environmental protection.

Furthermore, Mr M<sup>o</sup>barek affirmed that youth action generally entails developing programmes that specifically target youths, and are aimed at encouraging their participation in sports activities, and fostering their full development. It is therefore necessary to set up appropriate structures for the economic management of water, waste, energy efficiency, urban transport, etc.

As regards volunteering, it is, in his opinion, all about giving one’s time and energy to support a cause or an organisation. This could be an action related to environmental awareness, or participation in an educational programme. Sports activities can be practised at various levels: for leisure or as a professional activity. It is in this regard that young project developers play a crucial role in the transition to cleaner and renewable energies, achieved in this context by providing support for the creation of Start-ups, and by so doing, helping in the development of a variety of projects: installation of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of buildings, creation of big solar parks, design of solar solutions for off-the-grid communities, and acceleration of the ecological transition to a greener and more sustainable future, in line with SDG 7: affordable and clean energy.

**e. Presentation by Mr JEAN ZOUNGRANA, CNOSF Vice-President, Head of Sustainability**

CNOSF Vice-President in charge of Sustainability, JEAN ZOUNGRANA, presented a highly technical paper, which focused on the challenges, structure and organisation of the French Sport Movement in view of addressing sustainability issues. It dwelled on the causes of global temperature rise.

In his opinion, very high temperatures will have a negative impact on sports activities. It is, for example, strictly forbidden to practice sport when temperatures are at 32°C, for they will have an impact on health, sports events, air quality, athlete performance, etc.

The impact of temperature rise on water sports can be seen through coastline retreat, coastal erosion, eutrophication, development of invasive plants, development of toxic algae (Ciano-bacteria), extreme weather events – rise in water levels and flooding.

Moreover, winter sports will also be affected, given that temperatures will rise significantly, thus reducing the snowmaking process by degree of warming and the snow cover.

Mr Jean ZOUNGRANA, then recommended a few solutions. He opined that it is possible to transition to more eco-friendly sports facilities and events and working methods. There is therefore need to think globally and act locally, adopt corrective actions, assess climate change impact, and commit both individually and collectively. To succeed, each structure, notably the Paris 2024 local organising committee, OCOG, the French Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, PARIS 2024, and CNOSF must strive to promote sustainability in the field, in line with action plans, the development of practical tools, experience sharing, the development of concrete and innovative solutions, stakeholder awareness, etc.

#### **f. Presentation by Mr Mounir Majdoub, Representative of NOC Tunisia**

Mr Mounir's presentation dwelled on sports events and sustainability while focusing on the impact sports events can have on the environment. To illustrate this, he cited the carbon footprint of the Forum itself, considering flights to Algiers, noting that it was equivalent to what 400 thousand trees can absorb per year. He thus encouraged the Olympic family to plant trees once back home to offset it.

In his paper, Mr Mounir also looked at the social sustainability of sports events by considering aspects such as human rights, respect of the rights of sportspersons and gender equality. He further presented the objectives of NOC Tunisia's climate action and the approach adopted towards achieving them.



### **g. Presentation on the Bio-climatic Gymnasium Construction Project in Mauritius**

Taking the floor to present Mauritius' Bio-climatic Gymnasium Construction Project, one of the founders of the company SCMV, representing a group of companies tasked with designing and implementing this magnificent project alongside Mr Jean Philippe, noted that this is a bio-climatic structure that complies with the principles of climate change in tropical areas. He further asserted that the construction of a bio-climatic gymnasium must first meet environmental requirements. He underscored that this type of infrastructure prioritises high temperature resistant materials that can withstand heat in the long-term such as wood and bricks, which are all materials that allow walls to breathe as compared to materials such as stones, concrete and raw earth that trap heat.

Taking over from his colleague, Mr Jean Philippe presented the different types of materials used in construction bio-climatic structures noting, unfortunately, that bio-materials cannot be used all the time for want of appropriate technology.



On lighting, the gymnasium will be powered by a 600 m<sup>2</sup> solar panel to ensure it is energy self-sufficient. Tribunes will have about 1000 seats. The gymnasium's operating system will be based on green and natural circulation, with a micro-purification station and a water treatment plant. As for the solar panel system, the energy that will be received and stored in the battery, will be used when necessary, particularly in the night for the CCTV, cameras, alarms, and access control. According to its designers, the bio-climatic structure will also have a restocking area for service vehicles, the operation of washing machines, etc., and a faecal sludge treatment system.

#### **h. ANOCA Secretary General's intervention**

Taking the cue from the other presenters, the ANOCA Scribe dwelled on the various challenges and how the environment should be understood. The topic, he said, can actually be simplified with simple practical solutions. The carbon footprint in Africa that is reciprocated to the whole world is negligible, but there is need to protect the environment by taking practical steps progressively, one after the other, which will produce short term results to lessen the use of papers.

Engr. Ahmed Abou Elgasim Hashim further proposed that doors be opened widely for co-hosting of events instead of building new infrastructure that may be environmentally unfriendly, and which may indeed not be necessary. We may not need to build new things, he noted, and should focus on renovating existing infrastructure where they exist.

### **3. PROJECTION OF VIDEO ON ANOCA ACTIVITIES FOR 2023**

The video was a summary of activities carried out by ANOCA in 2023. Apart from convening its statutory meetings, many activities featured on the ANOCA 2023 schedule, including:

#### **3.1 Forums**

The Athletes' Forum held in Algiers on 11 and 12 March 2023 and the Gender Equality Forum on 2 and 3 October in Sal, Cape Verde.

#### **3.2 Competitions**

On competitions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Beach Games were successfully organised from 23 to 30 June, 2023 in Hammamet, Tunisia. A total of 50 NOCs participated in the Games as compared to 42 in Sal, Cape Verde in 2019. It should be noted that the next ABG will be organised in Equatorial Guinea in 2027.



### 3.3. NOC Headquarters Construction Project

The NOC Headquarters Construction Project gained momentum in 2023, coordinated by

ANOCA Treasurer General, Engr Habu Ahmed Gumel, who has left no stone unturned to assist NOCs in various procedures.

### 3.4. Questions/Answers/Comments

At the end of presentations, series of questions were put to presenters. Generally speaking, questions focused on the cost, construction timeframe, sustainability and efficiency of a bio-climatic gymnasium, measures taken by ANOCA to ensure public awareness of sport and environmental protection, alternatives to the use of plastics, waste management, the development of SDG training programmes in schools and their impact, drafting of a charter on the environment and sustainable development education within NOCs and government ownership of such measures, actions to reduce carbon emissions by ANOCA, among others. The conference speakers provided satisfactory answers to all these concerns.

## 4. FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

After the deliberations that followed the opening ceremony and the various presentations, THE FORUM, with participants representing African NOCs, IOC Members and the relevant Authorities;

- **Recognising the right to a healthy environment as a fundamental human right in general and for athletes in particular,**
- **Aware of the growing need for the African Olympic and Sports Movement to participate in the fight against global warming which threatens the future of humanity, in solidarity with the other components of the world Olympic and Sports Movement under the aegis of the IOC and Governments,**
- **Recommends that African NOCs and Ministers of Youth and Sports, in consultation with the Ministers in charge of the Environment of the governments of the member States of the African Union, unite all their efforts.**

- **Urges them to use their great capacity to mobilise African youth in the fight against global warming.**
- **Recommends that the relevant institutions implement the measures recommended by the IOC and the UN as part of their policy to protect the environment and combat global warming.**
- **Recommends that all NOCs take action and develop sports and Olympic governance in accordance with the Agenda 2020+5.**
- **Further recommends that all NOCs liaise with their governments, particularly those responsible for the environment and the fight against global warming, with a view to obtaining material and financial support and training for the implementation of a partnership between governments and associations.**
- **Calls on sports and political authorities of ANOCA partner countries, in conjunction with the bodies and institutions of each country in charge of this issue, to introduce or encourage policies and actions aimed at preserving the environment and addressing global warming.**

In light of the foregoing, it was recommended that:

- **ANOCA draw up reports on the various presentations made at the Forum and circulate same to all African NOCs and governments.**
- **Draw up an environmental sports charter consistent with the Olympic Charter committing African NOCs to work with their respective governments (Ministries in charge of youth and sports, the environment and sustainable development, ministries interfacing with the National Olympic Committee), and propose that the “*Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming*” Commission of each NOC coordinate actions and draw up a report to be forwarded to the ANOCA Commission.**



- **Interrelation among African governments and their NOCs for the implementation of concrete actions for the reduction or mitigation of greenhouse gases (elimination of plastic and paper at the various NOC meetings will be the first decisions to be taken). Encourages NOCs to liaise with governments to build bioclimatic sports facilities.**
- **Establish monitoring mechanisms to assess compliance by countries that have signed the Charter.**
- **Create an environment fund to finance various projects.**
- **Support from the IOC and other sources for the use of solar energy or other non-carbon alternatives.**
- **Draw up an operational monitoring schedule in which all the targeted actions must be implemented on the ground, supported by the NOCs, particularly materially and financially. An assessment must be made periodically, at least annually.**

Participants unanimously pointed out the need to create an African institution of governments/NOCs, which would be jointly responsible for implementing a coordinated environmental strategy for the benefit of the African continent.

These recommendations were intended to be studied and fine-tuned by all African NOCs, in order to raise awareness and help sportspersons and other segments of the population, particularly young people, to better understand their obligations on issues of environmental protection and the fight against global warming.

Finally, participants recommended holding an annual forum in an African country, with the aim of continuing the mobilisation, gaining a better understanding of the dangers of the situation, mapping out an appropriate, joint and united course of action and deciding on the measures to be taken to better protect Africa and, beyond that, our planet.

They also urged the other sister African countries (Governments and NOCs) to sustain the effort to organise this meeting every year to keep protecting the environment and win the war against global warming in Africa.

## ► CONCLUSION

At the end of this two-day African meeting hosted by Algeria, which featured high level contributions by Algerian and international experts, ANOCA, organiser of the event, asserted through its president, the Algerian Mustapha Berraf, that the Forum showed signs of success, while urging that efforts should be pooled to combat global warming.

The ANOCA President also lauded the invaluable contribution of the President of the Republic, H.E. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, to the success of the meeting, the active participation of the Algerian Minister of the Environment and Renewable Energies and the Algerian Minister of Youth and Sports, who both build a positive momentum for the success of the Forum, as well as experts and participants for the great job done in facilitating workshops and developing several recommendations and proposals that will be submitted to the Algerian Authorities.

ANOCA will take note of the mechanisms and measures proposed by academics and experts, convinced that the outcome of the Forum was beneficial for Africa and Algeria, as they both took a decisive step in the area of sustainability.

At the end, all the dignitaries unanimously expressed their gratitude and warm thanks to the President of the Republic of Algeria, H.E. Mr Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, and to IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, for their support and encouragement. They commended the warm welcome accorded them in Algeria and the quality of discussions and contributions on this IOC-endorsed topic.





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# IOC & ANOCA - WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CLIMATE

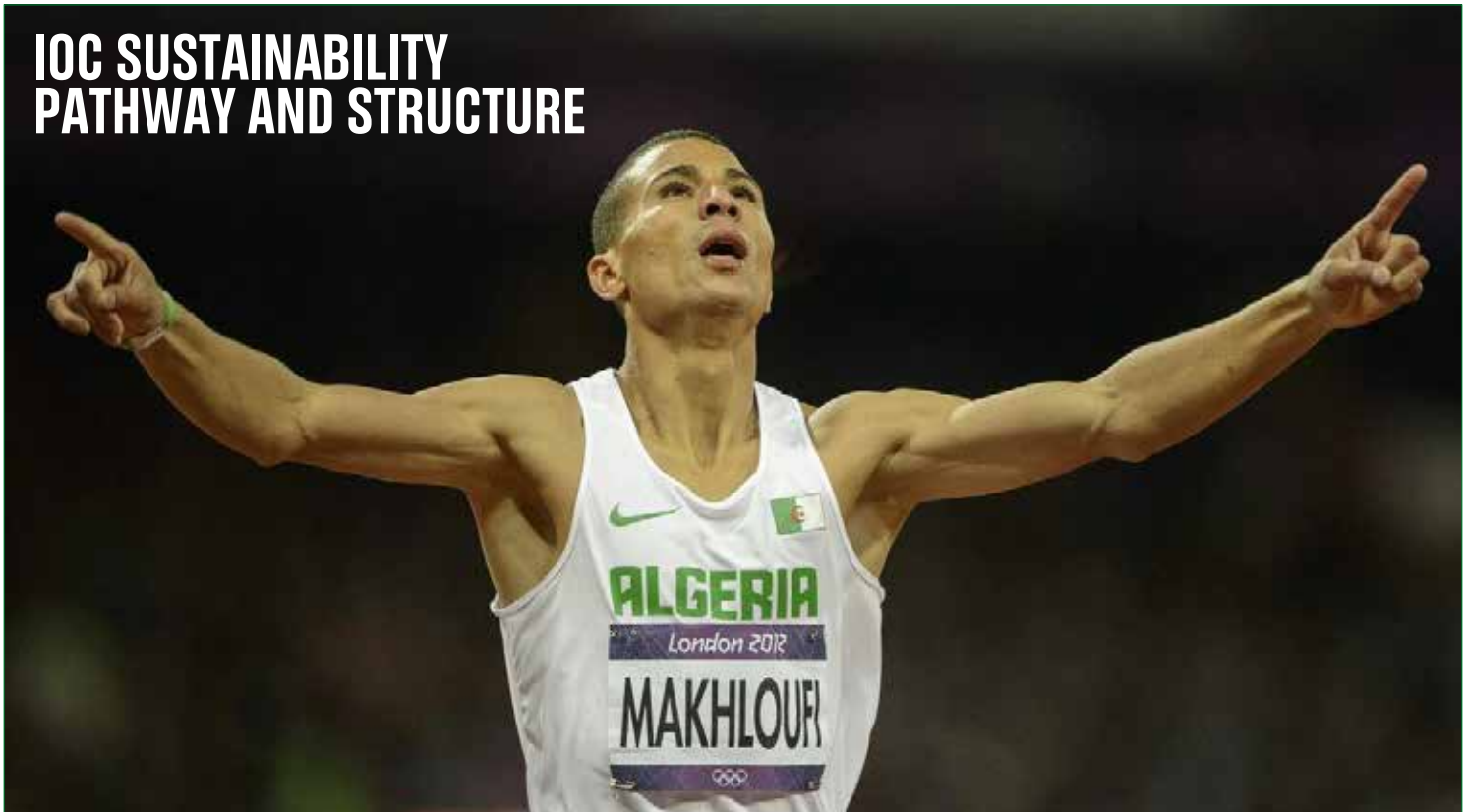
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## IOC SUSTAINABILITY PATHWAY AND STRUCTURE





# SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH OLYMPIC AGENDA 2020 AND 2020 + 5



**PILLARS**  
Credibility  
**Sustainability**  
Youth

**40**  
RECOMMENDATIONS

**88%**  
Achieved by  
The start of 2021



**15**  
RECOMMENDATIONS

**TRENDS & OPPORTUNITIES**  
Solidarity  
Digitalisation

**Sustainable development**  
Credibility  
Economic and financial resilience

# CITIZENSHIP: SUSTAINABILITY, IMPACT AND LEGACY WITHIN OUR REMIT



**Sustainability**  
Environment

**Gender equality and inclusion**

**Human Rights**





# SUSTAINABILITY



- **Climate action**
  - 30% CO2 reduction by 2024. (IOC)
  - 50% CO2 reduction by 2030 (IOC)
  - Sport for Climate Action
- **Biodiversity**
  - Sport for nature
  - Network of Olympic Forests
- **Circular economy**

VIDEO  
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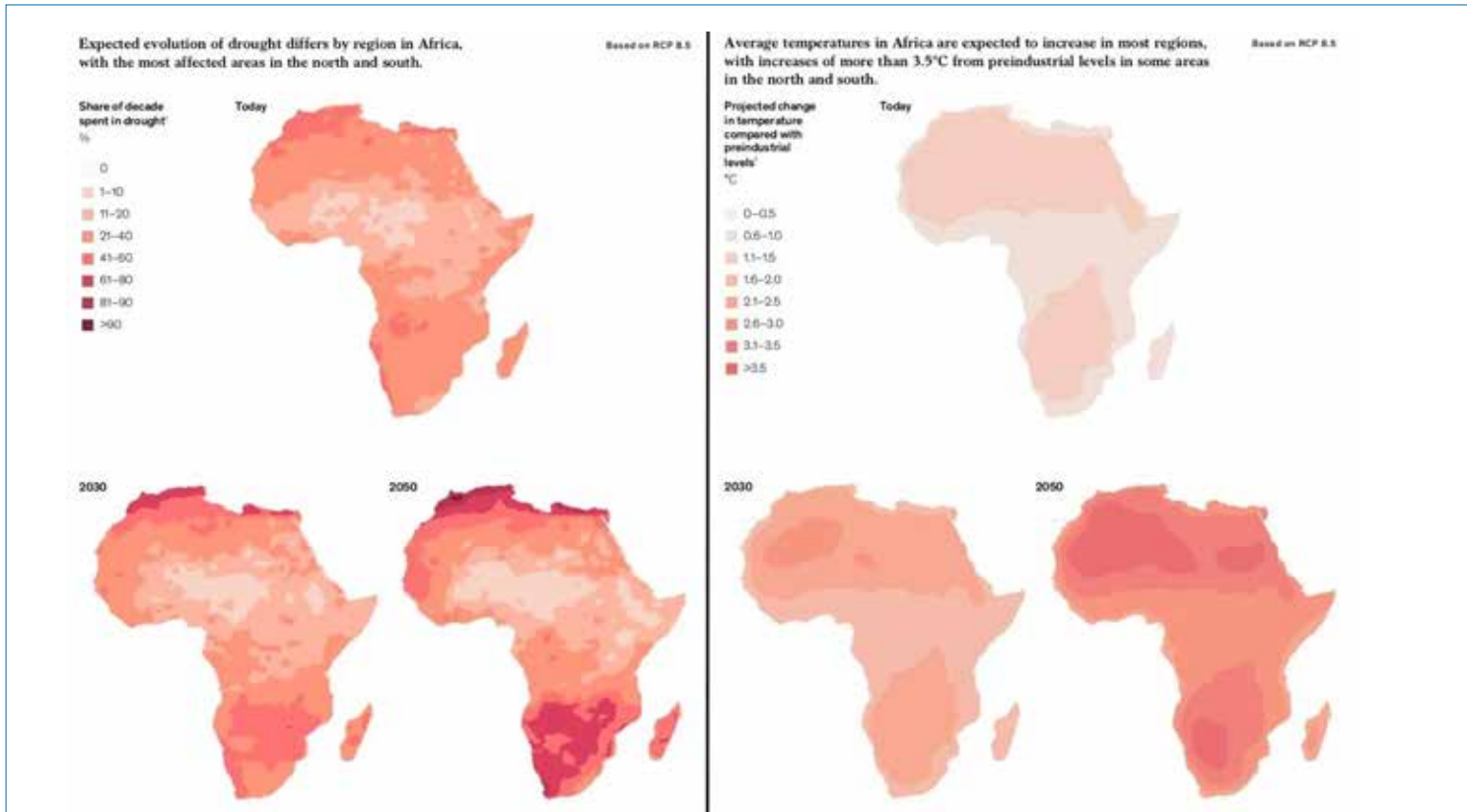
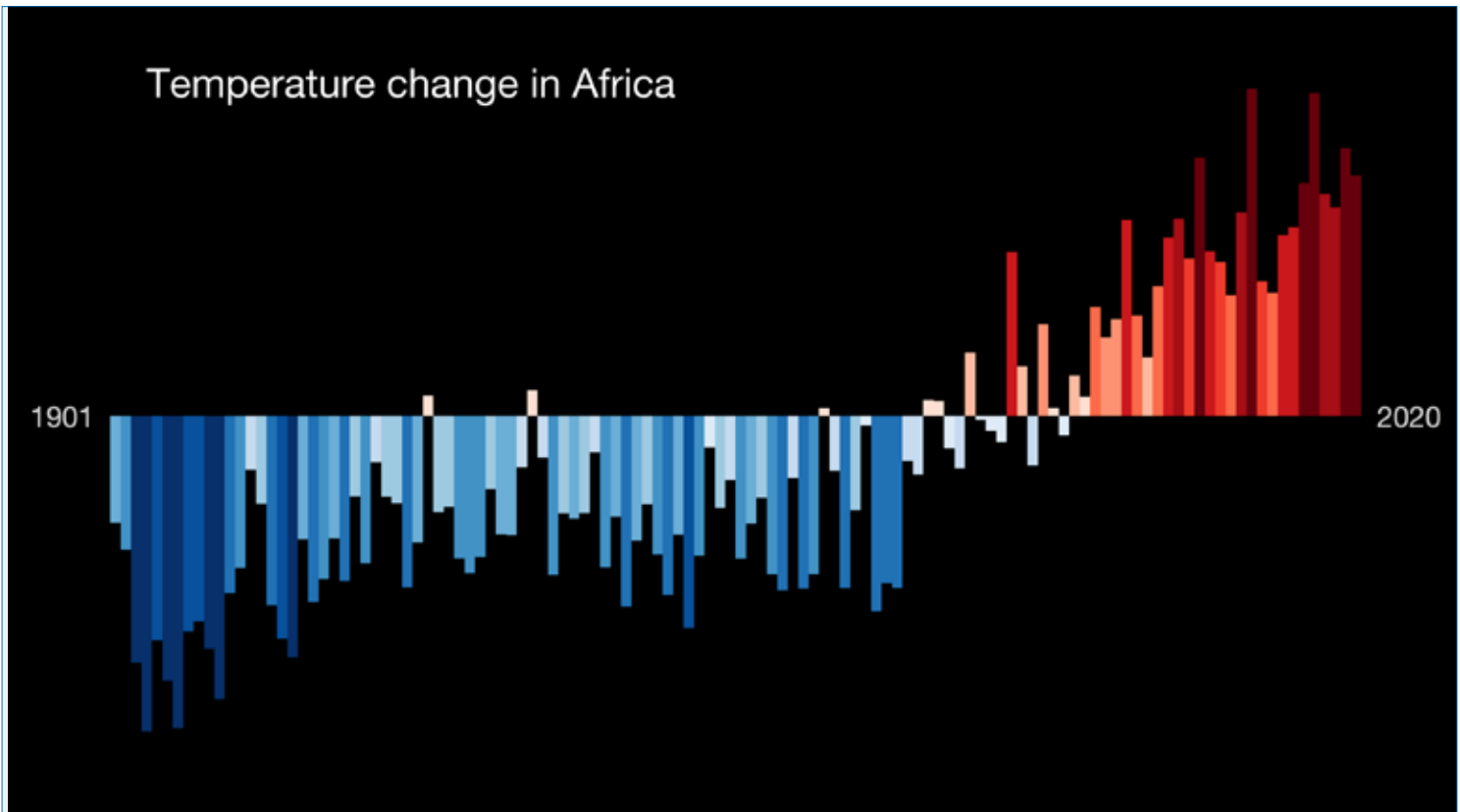
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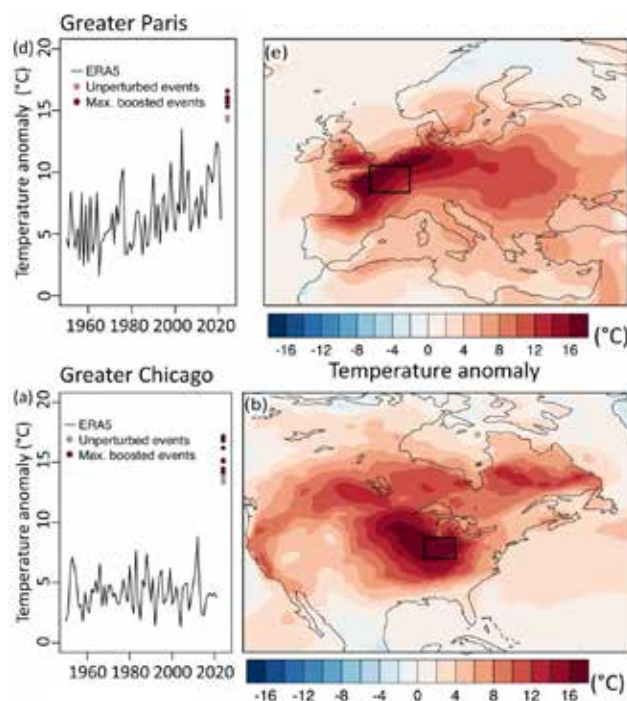
## Temperature change in Africa





## IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN FUTURE HOSTS COUNTRIES

- Too warm in winter, hot extremes in summer
- Previous records in Paris (~42°C) could be exceeded in 2024 by 2-3°C
- Previous record in Chicago (~40°C) could be exceeded in 2024 by 6-7°C.



# WHAT IS THE IOC DOING ABOUT IT

1

### WALK THE TALK

Imbedding sustainability throughout the IOC as an organisation

2

### AS OWNER OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

New requirements and ways of working

3

### AS LEADER OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Driving change and supporting the Olympic Movement

# IOC CLIMATE COMMITMENT



## REDUCING OUR EMISSIONS IN LINE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT

50% reduction of direct and indirect carbon emissions by 2030  
30% reduction by 2024



## COMPENSATING MORE THAN 100% OF OUR RESIDUAL EMISSIONS

200,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent sequestered through the Olympic Forest



USING OUR INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND OLYMPIC FANS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

## BUSINESS TRAVEL: -30% TARGET BY 2024



92,200 t CO<sub>2</sub>e  
(sum of emissions over the 4-year period)



2016-2019  
Baseline

-30% by 2024



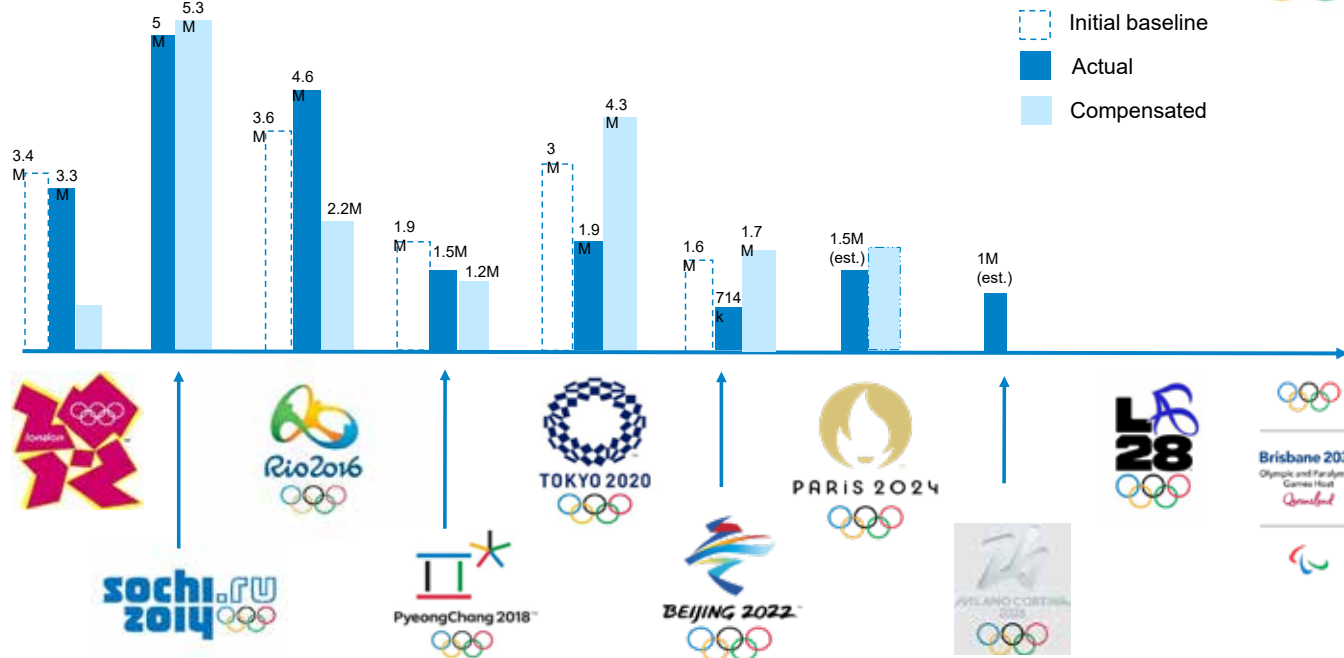
2021-2024

2022: 12,210 t  
2021: 2,390 t

Scope: All trips paid by the IOC for IOC staff, IOC Members, guest and external providers.  
Excludes OBS-OCS Games-time travel and accommodation and flights paid for NOC delegations to the YOG.



# OLYMPIC GAMES CARBON FIGURES (TONNES CO2E) & COMPENSATION



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# PRIORITY AREAS FOR OLYMPIC MOVEMENT 2021 - 2024

01  
**Sustainability strategies**  
 covering environmental, social and economic

02  
**Climate and nature action**

03  
**Sustainable sourcing and circularity**

## SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Co-launched with UNFCCC at COP24 in 2018

Two main commitments:

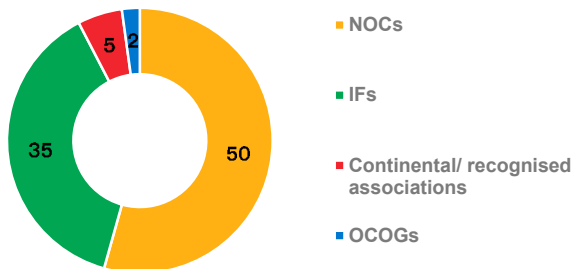
- 50% reduction in emissions in all three scopes by 2030
- Yearly reporting
- For small-sized NOCs, possibility to contribute through raising awareness and education activities on Climate change and Sustainability



# SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION, STATE OF PLAY



Signatories



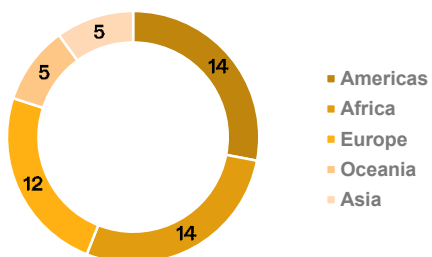
Olympic Movement: **93 (IOC included)** signatories by February 2024

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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Climate Change Secretariat

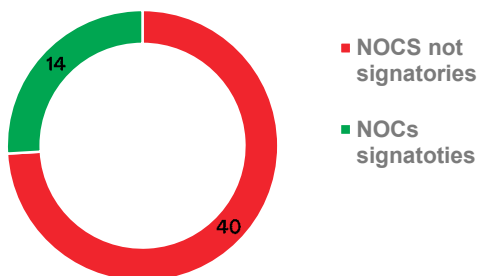
NOCs



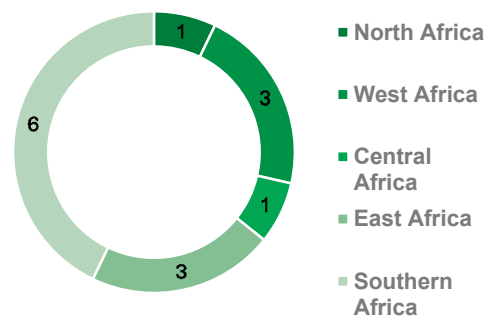
# FOCUS ON AFRICA, SIGNATORIES OF THE S4CA



African NOCs



NOCs signatories by ANOCA zone



# SPORTS FOR NATURE FRAMEWORK, WHAT IS ABOUT?



Co-launched with IUCN, UNEP, Convention on Biological Diversity and Sails of Change at COP 15 in 2022

Main commitments:

- Protect, avoid, regenerate nature
- Annual reporting

Main benefits:

- Strong support system of worldwide experts in conservation
- Advocating and raising awareness on the need to restore nature and biodiversity



## SPORTS FOR NATURE



Institutional partners



International Olympic Committee



Convention on Biological Diversity

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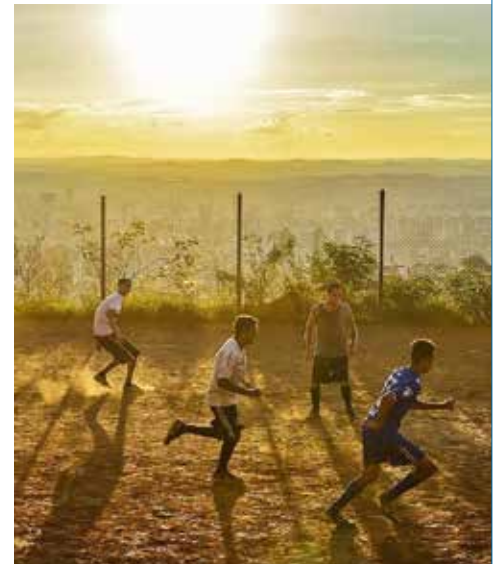
54 signatories

IOC

Paris2024

7 NOCs

22 IFs





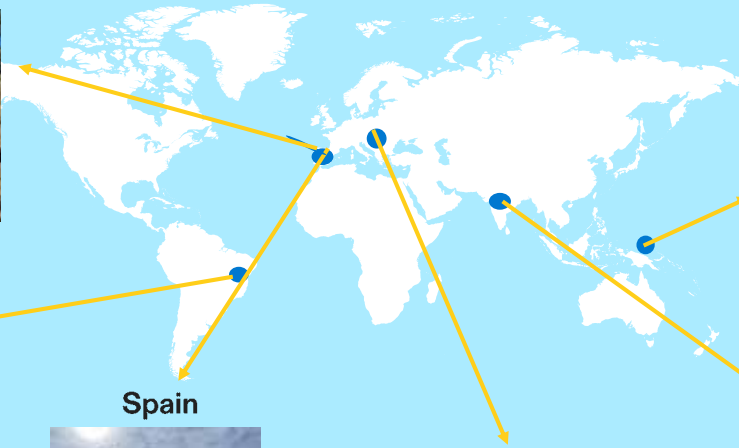
# THE OLYMPIC FOREST NETWORK



Portugal



Brazil



Spain



Slovenia



Papua New Guinea



India



DOCUMENT



**HOW CAN THE IOC ASSIST NOCS IN ACTIVATING FOR CLIMATE?**

# DEDICATED SUPPORT FOR NOCS ACROSS DEPARTMENTS



## #STRONGER TOGETHER

Working together to provide the support system needed for the NOCs



**IOC Sustainability Department**  
providing the technical support, through:

- One-on-one support
- Workshops / Working Groups
- Guidelines

**Olympic Solidarity**  
providing consistent messaging, support and dedicated funding to the NOCs

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# 91 NOCS ACTIVELY PART OF REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUPS IN 2023



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# ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA (ANOCA)

**Supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement.**

**About ANOCA.**

## HISTORY

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) was established on 28 June 1981 in Lome, Togo. It is the supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement and currently has 54 member NOCs and seven development zones. ANOCA is headquartered in Abuja (Nigeria).

## MISSION AND ROLE

ANOCA shall abide by the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and has as mission to:

Contribute to developing, fostering and defending the Olympic Movement and its autonomy in Africa pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

Serve and promote the interests of the member National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their dealings with third parties, in all matters of general interest in collaboration with the IOC and ANOC.

Promote understanding, cooperation and mutual assistance among NOCs of Africa.

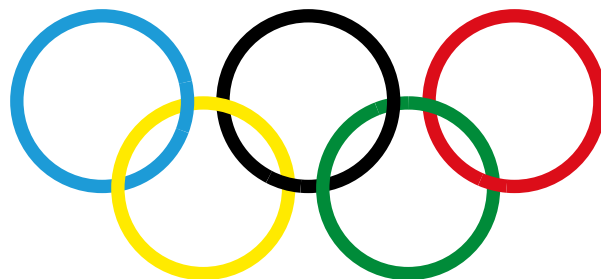
Help African NOCs, in collaboration with the IOC, to promote, develop and defend Olympic ethics, good governance in sport, financial transparency and sustainability in the operations of NOCs across the African continent.

Work in close collaboration with African NOCs to better rationalise Olympic Solidarity and ANOCA funds.

Assist NOCs to organise and coordinate Africa's preparation for and participation in the Olympic Games, Intercontinental Games and Multisport Games.



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Develop and sustain cooperation ties between African NOCs, the International Olympic Committee, the Association of National Olympic Committees and the other Member Continental Associations.

Organise continental games in close cooperation with the NOCs of Africa and other third party organisations, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and with the aim of promoting high performance and the sustainable development in sport, and to demand that continental games are held accordingly.

Collaborate with governmental and non-governmental sports bodies in general, in order to facilitate development and implementation in Africa of a coherent sports development strategy, which in terms of operational programmes clearly expresses the right for all to practise sports and physical activities.

Foster, through creative initiatives and sponsorship of training programmes and planned actions, a more rational and constantly upgraded preparation of African athletes for the Olympic Games.

Help African NOCs fight against all forms of discrimination, especially racial, political or religious discrimination within the Olympic Movement;

Encourage and support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with the aim of implementing the principle of equality between men and women.

Secure, in compliance with the fundamental principles that govern the Olympic Movement, funding sources likely to boost and support the action of African NOCs at local level.

Instil in and foster among the Youth especially, the love of sports practice as a means of education, training, health and environmental protection, social cohesion and integration.

Encourage the NOCs of Africa to work towards the integration of sport values in school syllabuses and to encourage and promote the creation of Olympic Academies and Museums as a means of disseminating culture and Olympic values.

Collaborate with the NOCs in grooming and training sports administrators with a view to furthering the fundamental principles of Olympism and good governance;

Strengthen, in collaboration with other African sports bodies, the observance of sports ethics during competitions and in relations between sports stakeholders as well as rigidly oppose any form of discrimination based on sex, race or religious considerations in sport and endeavour to ensure that the spirit of fair play rules in sport and that violence is banned.

Fight against the use of banned substances and methods, support the important mission of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the global fight against doping, undertake to fully abide by the World Anti-Doping Code and urge its members to do the same.

Protect clean athletes and the probity of sport by supporting the fight against doping and taking measures against any form of manipulation of competitions and related corruption.

Encourage and support the efforts of sports organisations and public authorities to ensure the social and professional future of athletes.

Encourage and support a responsible approach to environmental issues, promote sustainable development in sport and require that Continental Games be organised accordingly.







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