



IOC WORLD CONFERENCE
SPORT AND ENVIRONMENT



“CHANGING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW”

**10th WORLD CONFERENCE ON SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
30 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2013**

STATEMENT

The 10th World Conference on Sport and the Environment was organised in Sochi, Russian Federation, by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), in partnership with the Government of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with the support of the Russian Olympic Committee and the Organising Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, from 30 October to 1 November 2013.

More than 500 delegates from National Olympic Committees, International Federations and Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, and representatives from the International Labour Organisation, World Health Organisation, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, governmental and non-governmental organisations and educational institutions participated.

Under the theme **“CHANGING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW”**, presentations were made in plenary and dialogue sessions, in which participants contributed in a spirit of cooperation, friendship and informed debate.

They resolved to adopt the Sochi Declaration and the following statement, whereby the participants:

1. Express their gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation for joining as an organising partner of the 10th World Conference on Sport and the Environment – making it the first government to do so;
2. Welcome the clear statement of the Russian Government through President Putin that all people will be welcome at the Games in Sochi, without hindrance and in compliance with the Olympic Charter;
3. Extend their thanks to the Government of the Russian Federation, the Russian Olympic Committee and the Organising Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi for providing the facilities that made it possible for the Conference to be held successfully;
4. Congratulate Dr Thomas Bach for his election as the ninth President of the International Olympic Committee, and pledge support for his “unity in diversity” agenda as defined in his manifesto;
5. Express their gratitude to immediate past IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge for his support of the IOC environment and sustainability agenda during his 12-year term of office.

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THE SOCHI DECLARATION

The 10th IOC World Conference on Sport and Environment participants

1. Call on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to build on the relationship that has been established by the involvement of the Russian Government in organising the Conference in Sochi and expand the network on environment and sustainability by engaging and working with the relevant civil society organisations.
2. Call on the IOC to further strengthen environmental and wider sustainability requirements in the Olympic Games bidding process, and to ensure these are fully integrated into the systems and structures for organising and hosting the Games and establishing long-term sustainable legacies. Young people in particular should be engaged throughout these stages. By extension, urge the Olympic Movement to adopt a similar approach for all major sports events.
3. Acknowledge the negative impact of food wastage, and call upon the IOC and organisers of Olympic and all other international and local sports competitions to take immediate measures that will mitigate food wastage. Athletes in particular should be encouraged by the IOC and relevant sports organisations to cooperate with UNEP and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation to promote the “Think Eat Save: Reduce Your Foodprint” initiative in support of the UN Secretary-General's Zero Hunger Challenge.
4. Appeal to the IOC and its partner organisations to engage and encourage National Olympic Committees, Continental Associations and national sports federations to be involved in and support national and regional initiatives that use sport as a tool to promote values-based education and healthy lifestyles, and in the development and promotion of the post-2015 development agenda.
5. Welcome the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 6 April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Call upon the IOC and its partner organisations to involve themselves in the development of the content for the celebration of the Day and ensure that young people, sport and sustainability play a large part in the commemorations, whose main aim should be to celebrate and publicise the largely ignored value of sport to the development of humankind.
6. Propose that the IOC review and strengthen the role of its Sport and Environment Commission with a view to expanding its scope to include sustainability and legacy in their wider context, integrating environmental, social and economic dimensions.

7. Request the IOC President to consult partner organisations such as UNEP, relevant civil society and national sports organisations, and ensure that a plan of action is developed and put in place and resources allocated, in order for these recommendations to be acted upon. A full review of their implementation should be the major engagement of the World Conference four years hence.

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