

Press Release

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Olympic Cities Commit to Health and Physical Activity!

In Athens, Greece, several Mayors from Olympic Cities came together to sign a common commitment to raise awareness, advocate and promote health-related sport and physical activity approaches, initiatives, and projects as well as empower relevant managers and decision-makers to use sport and physical activity as leverage for action on physical and mental health.

Throughout the global health crisis, cities have shown themselves to be particularly committed and innovative in searching for solutions, developing new spaces, evolving practices, and serving inhabitants - particularly those suffering from isolation.

With its vision to build a better world through sport, and its ambition to contribute to sustainable development globally, the IOC fully supports the Olympic cities' commitment to promote the health benefits of inclusive sport in the post-pandemic world.

The IOC is supporting all past and future Olympic cities to leverage the power of the Olympic Games to continue creating long-term, sustainable benefits for the local population.

With unique status and high visibility, Olympic Cities set an example and are leaders in reinforcing the virtuous circle of sport, health and the environment.

This commitment shows a continuity of engagement with the Call for Action on Sport and Active Cities, co-signed by TASIFA (The Association for International Sport for All) and the World Union of Olympic Cities in Tokyo on 14 November 2019.

On the side-lines of the Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne on 9 January 2020, this initiative was set in motion. Today in Athens marks not only the growing role of cities in addressing today's challenges but also recognises their role as local governments which are linked not only with their respective regions, but with a network of cities possessing a global voice.

Signatory Olympic Cities

City of Athens
City of Beijing
City of Barcelona
City of Brisbane
City of Chamonix-Mont-Blanc
City of Lake Placid
City of Lausanne
City of Los Angeles
City of Paris
City of PyeongChang
City of St. Moritz