

SPORT INDUSTRY INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO TEAM UP AND HARNESS THE POWER OF SPORT TO TAKE CLIMATE ACTION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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Sport: A Global Mutirão for Climate Action

Sport is more than games, tournaments, or medals — it is a universal language, a global mutirão* that unites billions around shared values, identity and purpose. Its cultural power is unparalleled: it captures hearts and minds, inspires millions through role models, and connects communities worldwide.

From the Olympic Games to the World Cup, every nation competes and every culture connects. On the world's biggest stages and the local pitch alike, sport unites every nation, every community, every culture.

We now face our greatest opponent: climate change and the urgent need for social and environmental resilience. Like a team confronting a world-class adversary, the challenge is immense - yet sport has repeatedly achieved the impossible: last-minute comebacks, underdog victories, and challenges met with teamwork, preparation and belief. This is why sport must be recognised as your strategic partner. It can unify people, mobilise communities, and help shift social norms around energy, transport, food, and policy transitions - turning ambition into meaningful action.

The climate crisis is the greatest challenge — only a united team can beat it.

To win, we need every player on the field.

We are in a decisive moment. The climate crisis is accelerating, with far-reaching implications for how sport is played and enjoyed worldwide. The window for effective action is narrowing. As governments and global institutions work to drive resilience and transformation, one of the world's most powerful cultural forces stands ready to catalyse change: sport.

Moments become momentum. Make this moment matter.

Sport inspires hope, uplifts communities, and reaches billions. It transcends cultures, borders and generations. Sport cannot solve climate change alone, but it can mobilise action at a scale few other sectors can match. It offers a unique platform to engage citizens, to speak to youth and diverse communities in a language they understand. It can model a sustainable and regenerative future and accelerate the delivery of local and national climate goals. Sport is essential to society and stands ready to partner.

Across the globe, sport is already contributing. From stadiums powered by renewable energy to clubs integrating active mobility and low-carbon fan travel, from athletes speaking out for climate action to grassroots programs building local resilience — sport is driving real-world change. More than a messenger, sport connects sectors — from energy and transport to food systems, apparel, and education. Sport brings climate issues to life in ways people can see, feel, and act on. Its reach into classrooms, media, and community spaces offers a trusted and scalable vehicle for climate engagement, particularly among young people who are demanding action.

We call on public and private institutions, national governments, city leaders and international bodies to formally recognise and invest in the role of sport as a climate action partner. That means embedding sport in your climate strategies and supporting its capacity to deliver awareness, community engagement and tangible solutions. We urge you to support initiatives that use sport as a tool for engagement and resilience, from youth programming to infrastructure innovation.

We call for strategic alignment. Cities hosting global sporting events or nurturing local clubs can partner with sport to deliver on their climate ambitions. Whether through low-emission transport planning, the use of stadiums as resilience hubs, or leveraging athlete voices to support climate stories, sport offers an essential platform to deliver impact.

Together, we can level the playing field for a fair and resilient future.

We call for leadership grounded in the values that sport and sustainability share: fairness, transparency, resilience, and above all, teamwork. **One team of 8 billion people, pulling in the same direction.**

This unity allows us to turn ambition into action. Investing in sport is investing in people, and in solutions. It is a commitment to cohesion, to hope, and to the belief that transformation is possible when we move together. Sport is playing its part. We invite you to join us — not on the sidelines, but on the field — as partners in delivering a just, resilient, and sustainable future for all.

The world knows what teamwork can achieve. Let's play to win. The moment for decisive action is here. Sport is ready.

We, signatories of Sports for Climate Action Framework, call on governments and leaders to join this global mutirão — and **unleash the true power of sport** to drive change, inspire communities, and deliver impact for a safe planet.

**Mutirão (Portuguese, Brazil): a collective, community-driven effort in which people come together to achieve a shared goal - an “all-hands” action grounded in solidarity and common purpose.*

Leadership Voices

"By joining the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework, the FIVB has taken an important step toward making sustainability central to volleyball - but our journey is only beginning. Beach volleyball's deep connection to nature reminds us daily of what's at stake. That is why the FIVB is exploring new initiatives to raise awareness about climate challenges in particularly vulnerable regions, while empowering athletes, fans and partners to take action."
- Fabio Azevedo, President, Fédération Internationale de Volleyball – FIVB

"FC Porto recognises the urgency of tackling climate change and affirms that action is not merely an intention, but a cross-cutting commitment throughout the club. We believe that sport has the power to unite people and inspire action at a decisive moment for our planet. FC Porto are committed to leading by example, strengthening social and environmental resilience, and actively participating in this global response." **- João Borges, Vice-President, FC Porto**

"As a signatory of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is proud to join this mutirão, helping to promote the role of sport in climate action. Investing in sport means investing in people and in tangible solutions. This belief is deeply rooted in the mission of the UCI, cycling's worldwide governing body. Beyond its events, the UCI is committed to promoting cycling as a sustainable and active mode of transport, thereby

contributing to reducing the climate impact of mobility and supporting the collective effort to keep populations healthy." - **David Lappartient, President, Union Cycliste International – UCI**

"At New York Road Runners, we see sustainability as a marathon, not a race—every mile as an opportunity to move toward a more sustainable future using incremental efforts that will produce a lasting impact over time. As a proud signatory of the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action Framework, we're committed to reaching net zero by 2040 and reducing the environmental footprint of our races while inspiring our global running community to do the same. Through initiatives like NYRR Team for Climate and our ongoing efforts to produce greener events across the great city of New York, we're proving that sports can be both a powerful unifier and a driver of meaningful climate action."

- **Rob Simmelkjaer, CEO, New York Road Runners**

"Marathon running inspires hope and brings diverse communities together. It breaks barriers, and shows what's possible when we act as one. At London Marathon Events, we believe that same spirit can help drive the climate solutions our world urgently needs." - **Hugh Brasher, CEO, London Marathon Events**

"Those of us who live, work and compete on rivers do not need reports to tell us that the climate is changing — we see it and feel it every day. Rivers are the veins of the Earth, and their distress is humanity's warning. Through the sport of rafting, we witness climate change firsthand, and we cannot remain indifferent. The International Rafting Federation is committed to turning awareness into action, for protecting rivers is protecting life itself." - **Joseph Willis Jones, President, International Rafting Federation - IRF**

"Climate change is already impacting sport, with rising temperatures and more frequent extreme weather forcing event cancellations, disruption to training and restricting access to the natural environments. Triathlon is no exception, with events in the UK cancelled or altered this year due to water quality or adverse weather conditions. From elite competitors to grassroots participants, triathlon depends on nature — open water for swims, trails, roads, and landscapes for running, cycling and competitions — so protecting those environments is essential to the future of our sport and the wellbeing of those who benefit from it.

As a national federation and a member of the UN Sport for Climate Action, British Triathlon is committed to raising its voice, collaborating with fellow sports organisations, athletes, our community and policymakers to accelerate the systemic change which is needed to ensure we continue to live in a world where physical activity is accessible, safe and sustainable for everyone. We urge governments to formally recognise and invest in the role of sport as a climate action partner and to fund it, strengthening community resilience, public health and long-term progress." - **Ruth Daniels, CEO, British Triathlon**

"World Squash is proud to stand with the global sporting community as a committed signatory of the Sports for Climate Action Framework. This release is a critical and timely call to action, affirming that sport is not just a game, but a strategic partner with the unparalleled cultural power to unite and mobilise millions. We recognise the importance to invest and leverage the force of sport to embed climate strategy in communities worldwide. The squash community is ready to play its part in this global movement to win a fair and resilient future." - **William Louis-Marie, CEO, World Squash**

"Montenegro is an ecological state, proud of its natural beauty, and it is our shared moral duty to protect it. Yet this responsibility goes beyond borders. Through sport, we learn solidarity, teamwork and respect, values that must now guide our collective action for the planet we will leave to our children." - **Dušan Simonović, President, Montenegrin Olympic Committee**

"As a purpose-driven organisation and Dubai's first signatory to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, Desert Vipers are proud to join the Sport Communiqué at COP30. Sport, and particularly cricket, has the opportunity to use its platform to accelerate climate action, bringing together billions of fans from around the world and uniting them

around a common cause. We call on other organisations, both from the sports industry and beyond, to join us in making progress and leverage the power of sport for good." - **Phil Oliver, CEO, Desert Vipers.**

"At Munster Rugby, 'Stand Up and Fight' is how we show up - for each other, for our communities and for what matters beyond the game. Courage, resilience, teamwork and constant improvement guide everything we do. Sport needs investment to support and reach communities, and global leaders need sport to accelerate change and deliver the impact communities urgently require. Together, we can achieve both." - **Philip Quinn, COO, Munster Rugby**

"The WBSC is a proud partner of Sport for Climate Action (S4CA), and I would like to take the opportunity of COP30 — the UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Brazil — to endorse S4CA's activities and vision. Through this occasion, we also wish to reaffirm WBSC's commitment, particularly in the areas of carbon measurement, sustainable event management, and education through sport, as outlined in the WBSC Sustainability Strategy. WBSC firmly believes that sport has the power to drive positive environmental and social change, inspiring communities and future generations to take action for a more sustainable and resilient planet." - **Riccardo Fraccari, President, World Baseball Softball Confederation - WBSC**

"The long term success of the Canada Games relies on coordinated and intentional Climate Action. To build a future where everyone wins, we support the teamwork described in this communique, which will ensure that sport events can continue to occur in our Host Communities." - **Catriona Le May Doan O.C., OLY, Board Chair, Canada Games Council**

"Sport has the power to unite and to serve as a model. We are an International Federation, and we have a big part to play in this, not just by our words but by our actions. As an organisation we look at ways to work towards being more climate conscious in everything we do and being part of the Sports for Climate Action initiative reinforces our commitment. We believe we can make a difference together." - **Marco Maria Scolaris, President, International Federation of Sport Climbing**

"World Triathlon recognizes the growing impact of climate change on athletes, events, and communities on a global scale. The global impacts of climate change threaten the very foundation of sport, from grassroots to elite levels. We reaffirm our commitment to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, uniting with sport leaders across the globe to reduce our carbon footprint and inspire the transition to a sustainable future through sport. We invite global policy-makers and governments to work with us to protect sport and our planet for generations to come." - **Jon Wyatt, Secretary General, World Triathlon**

The climate crisis is approaching fast. Ensuring that future generations can play freely, enjoy sports, and live healthy lives is a shared mission for all of us. At K League, we are committed to reducing carbon emissions both inside and outside our stadiums, and to expanding climate action together with our fans and clubs. Yet we know that our efforts alone are not enough. True progress can only be achieved when governments, businesses, sports organizations, and communities all take part in this collective endeavor. K League supports the Sport Communiqué presented at COP30. Together, through unity and commitment, we can build a healthier and more sustainable future for everyone who loves the game. - **Oh -Gap Kwon, President, Korea Professional Football League - K League**

"As the governing body of Japanese rugby, we recognise our responsibility to lead in tackling climate change and building a more sustainable future for sport. Rugby teaches us respect, teamwork, and integrity — values that must also shape our environmental actions. We are committed to reducing our emissions, promoting sustainable event operations, and working closely with our domestic and international partners, and the global rugby family to accelerate meaningful progress. Protecting our planet is essential to protecting the future of our players, our fans, and the next generation who will carry our sport forward." - **Masato Tsuchida, President, Japan Rugby Football Union**

"At NOC*NSF, we're fully committed to reaching our CO₂ reduction targets. Sport sits at the heart of society - it connects, inspires, and drives change. That's why we proudly support this collective climate action." - **Marc van den Tweel, CEO & Secretary-General, Dutch Olympic Committee*Dutch Sports Federation - NOC*NSF**

"Climate change has a real and tangible impact on sport, athletes and fans. As a leading sport organization, we know we have a role to play in reducing our carbon footprint and preserving the sporting environments that make this country so great. We believe that by bringing a sustainability mindset to our operations, collaborating with partners across sectors to identify solutions, and empowering others to be climate actors alongside us, we can achieve a demonstrable impact." - **David Shoemaker, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General, Canadian Olympic Committee**

"As a committed signatory to the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, the Rugby Football League acknowledges the imperative of taking climate action through sport and commits to use the unique ability sport has to elevate awareness to the highest level." - **Nigel Wood OBE - Chair, Rugby League Commercial & Senior Exec. Director, Rugby Football League**

"Every winter reminds us of what we stand to lose — and what we still have the power to protect. The International Biathlon Union is committed to leading by example and proud to join this global mutirão for climate action, so that the next generation can continue to compete on snow and that winter remains a season of inspiration, not loss." - **Olle Dahlin, President, International Biathlon Union – IBU**

"Society is influenced by sport and leaders in sport thus have a responsibility to society itself. What we choose as "important" society will notice. We at Union Saint-Gilloise have chosen to make our mission statement "To inspire our fans with sporting success on the field, our connection to the community and a strive for sustainability both financially and ecologically" with this in mind. We take our membership of the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action seriously as a result and hope that others in sport do too". - **Alex Muzio, Chairman, Royale Union Saint-Gilloise**

Sports for Climate Action Signatories

AFL Players' Association	Botswana National Olympic Committee	Comité Olímpico de Chile
AGF Fodbold		Comité Olímpico de Portugal
All England Lawn Tennis Club (Wimbledon)	Brazil Olympic Committee	Comité Olympique Haïtien
Arsenal Football Club	Brighton & Hove Albion FC	Comité Régional Olympique et Sportif de Guadeloupe
AS Roma SPA	Bristol Bears	Commonwealth Games England
AS Saint-Étienne	Bristol City Football	Commonwealth Games Scotland
Ascot Racecourse Ltd	Bristol Flyers Basketball Club	Comoros National Olympic Committee
ASOBAL	British Cycling	Croatian Olympic Committee
Asociación Prociclismo	British Mountaineering Council	Dansk Automobil Sports Union
Asociación of National Olympic Committees (ANOC)	British Olympic Association	Desert Vipers
Athena Racing Ltd.	British Triathlon	Deutscher Fußball-Bund
Athletics Kenya	British Virgin Islands Olympic Committee	England Squash
Atlético Mineiro SAF	Canada Games Council	Envision Racing Ltd
ATP Tour, Inc. (ATP)	Canadian Olympic Committee	Eswatini Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association
Australian Olympic Committee	Cape Verde National Olympic Committee	ETHARA
Banff Marathon	Cayman Islands Olympic Committee	European Aquatics
Bank of America Chicago Marathon	Club Atlético de Madrid	European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
Barbados Olympic Association	Colombian Olympic Committee	European Network of Outdoor Sports (ENOS)
Belgian Olympic and Inter federal Committee	Comité National Olympique Côte D'Ivoire	European Olympic Committees
Bermuda Olympic Association	Comité National Olympique et Sportif Centrafricain	European Truck Racing Association (ETRA)
Birmingham County Football Association	Comité Olímpico Argentino	
Bohemian F.C.		

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
Federation Internationale de Savate (FISav)
Federation Internationale de Volleyball
FIA-federation internationale de l'automobile
Finnish Golf Union
Finnish Olympic Committee
FISU Oceania
Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026
Football Association of Ireland
Forest Green Rovers
Formula 1®
Formula E
Futebol Clube do Porto
German Ski Federation (Deutscher Skiverband)
Global Esports Federation
Gloucester Rugby Ltd
Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association
Golf Saudi
Grandma's Marathon-Duluth, Inc.
Grenada Olympic Committee
Gunma Crane Thunders
Handball-Bundesliga GmbH
Hellenic Olympic Committee
HERO Südtirol Dolomites
Hockey Australia
Honda Mobilityland Corporation
Hong Kong China Rugby
IMG Studios UK
International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
International Biathlon Union
International Canoe Federation
International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA)
International Dart Federation
International Federation of Equestrian Sports (FEI)
International Federation of Sport Climbing
International Fistball Association (IFA)
International Floorball Federation
International Golf Federation (IGF)
International Hockey Federation (FIH)
International Ice Hockey Federation
International Judo Federation
International Luge Federation
International Olympic Committee
International Orienteering Federation (IOF)
International Rafting Federation IRF
International SAMBO Federation (FIAS)
International Ski Federation (FIS)
International Surfing Association
International Table Tennis Federation
International University Sports Federation
International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)
ISV - Virgin Islands
Japan Professional Football League
Japan Rugby Football Union
Japanese Olympic Committee
Ju-Jitsu International Federation
Juventus
K League
Kenneth Hansen Motorsport AB
Kernow Storm Futbol Club
Kingwhale Taipei Volleyball Team
LA Clippers LLC
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Libyan Olympic Committee
Little Dot Studios
Liverpool Football Club
London Marathon Events Ltd
MALAWI NOC
Marylebone Cricket Club
Mauritius National Olympic Committee
McLaren Racing
MetLife Stadium
Mexican Olympic Committee
Minnesota Wild
Montenegrin Olympic Committee
Motorsport UK
Munster Rugby
Nagoya Diamond Dolphins
National Olympic Committee of Mozambique
National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark
National Olympic Committee of Sierra Leone
National Olympic Committee of Ukraine
National Olympic Committee of Zambia
New York Mets
New York Road Runners (NYRR)
New York Yankees
Newcastle United Football Club
NFL Green
NOC NSF
NOC of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Northampton Saints Plc
Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports
Nottingham Forest Football Club
ODESUR
Olympic Committee of Israel
Olympic Committee of Slovenia, Association of Sports Federations (NOC Slovenia)
Olympic Federation of Ireland
Oxford United Football Club Limited
Paraguayan Olympic Committee
PGA European Tour
Portuguese Football Federation (FPF)
Premier League
Professional Squash Association - PSA
PUERTO RICO SOCCER LEAGUE
Qarabağ Football Club
Real Betis Balompié
Richmond Football Club
Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee - Comitetul Olimpic și Sportiv Român
Royal Yachting Association
Royale Union Saint Gilloise
Run Ottawa
SailGP
SailGP Australia Team
SailGP Black Foils, New Zealand Team
SailGP Canada Team
SailGP Emirates Great Britain Team
SailGP France Team
SailGP Germany Team
SailGP Team Switzerland
SailGP USA Team
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Surrey County Football Association
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Swedish Athletics Association
Swedish Olympic Committee (NOC Sweden)
Swiss Olympic
Tennis Australia
The Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC)
The England and Wales Cricket Board

The Football Association England
The Jockey Club
The LTA
The Ocean Race
The Rugby Football League
Tottenham Hotspur Football Club
Tour de Suisse
Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC)
TSG Hoffenheim
SpielbetriebsGmbH
Tunisian National Olympic Committee (CNOT)
UK Sport
Union Cycliste Internationale

Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)
United States Esports Association
United States Golf Association
University of Zaragoza Sport Department
Uruguay Olympic Committee
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World Athletics
World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)
World Curling Federation
World Flying Disc Federation
World Lacrosse
World Minigolf Sport Federation
World Netball
World Rowing Federation FISA
World Sailing
World Squash Federation
World Taekwondo
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