

D Throughout a two-day orientation seminar, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Paris 2024 reinforced their commitment to organising the Olympic Games in a spirit of co-construction over the next seven years.

"The IOC and Paris 2024 have already enjoyed a strong, collaborative relationship, which allowed for the realisation of innovative ideas such as the Tripartite Agreement," said Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission Pierre-Olivier Beckers-Vieujant. "In a continuation of that partnership, and in line with the objectives of Olympic Agenda 2020 and Games Management 2020, this seminar signalled the next step in ensuring Paris is fully supported on the journey to execute their Games vision and concept."

Throughout the candidature phase, Paris 2024 embraced key principles of Olympic Agenda 2020, particularly in their plans to use a record-breaking number of existing and temporary facilities, as well as their motivation to use the Olympic Games to spur long-term development of the region.

As Paris transitions from a Candidate City to an Organising Committee (OCOG), focus will also shift to implementing those Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations through Games

Management 2020.

"Paris 2024 will be the first Games to be fully aligned with Olympic Agenda 2020, and we plan to innovate on every aspect of our ambitious vision, from the legacy to the celebration sites, from the athlete experience to sustainability," said President of Paris 2024 Tony Estanguet. "The IOC are the perfect partner to help us do this, and it is a pleasure to welcome them to Paris to join our 2024 family."

The Games Management 2020 framework aims to enhance the flexibility, efficiency and sustainability of hosting the Olympic Games, while also streamlining the management of stakeholder responsibilities.

An integral element of Games Management 2020 will be assisting Paris in optimising cost savings and containing the complexity of the Games with stronger models of partnership with all Olympic Movement stakeholders, including the IOC.

"It is our collective responsibility to implement Olympic Agenda 2020 and to create solutions together to benefit the citizens of Paris and France," said IOC Executive Games Director Christophe Dubi. "This notion of co-construction between the IOC, the OCOG and stakeholders will be at the core of our setup, which is a very different model to organise the Games than we have used before."

In keeping with the idea of building the Olympic Games together, representatives from the national, regional and city governments attended the seminar, including Paris Mayor Anne Hildalgo, Sports Minister Laura Flessel and Vincent Roger, who is the delegate responsible for the Olympic Games in the IIe-de-France region. They were joined by representatives from Paris 2024, National Federations, IOC Members in France and sponsors, as well as the French National Olympic and Paralympic Committees, with their respective Presidents, Denis Masseglia and Emmanuelle Assmann, in attendance.

The introductory workshop included interactive presentations and round table discussions with Olympic and Paralympic Games experts, including athletes, on topics such as sustainability, legacy, athlete experience, stakeholder services, developing engagement strategies, and more.

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