THE NEW APPROACH TO ELECTING OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC HOSTS

Future Olympic Games Hosts
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International Olympic Committee 2021
BACKGROUND TO THE NEW APPROACH TO FUTURE HOST ELECTIONS
WHY DID THE IOC TAKE THE DECISION TO ADOPT A NEW APPROACH?

To address the challenges of the past:

- **High costs**: cities trying to outbid each other led to excessive expenditure
- **Reputational risk**: aggressive lobbying led to ethical issues – some of which are still ongoing today
- **High expectations** led to too many losers
- Candidate cities which did not win an election would be discouraged from bidding again

This resulted in a **loss of public confidence** in the Olympic Movement:

- Some cities found it challenging to secure government/private and public support and pulled out of the process, sometimes following a lost referendum
THE NEW APPROACH REFLECTS CHANGING PRIORITIES

In 2014, the IOC adopted Olympic Agenda 2020, the roadmap for the future of the Olympic Movement. The sweeping reforms were designed to reflect its modern priorities.

Olympic Agenda reshaped the approach to future host elections with an emphasis on:

- **Flexibility and contextualisation:**
  - The IOC works with potential hosts on developing projects that fit the local reality: “The Games adapt to the city/region, the city/region does not adapt to the Games”
  - To ensure long-lasting benefits for local populations, potential hosts are invited to discuss projects that align with existing long-term plans

- **Sustainability and legacy** – potential hosts are encouraged to use a maximum of existing and temporary facilities, even outside the host region or country, if there are no proven legacy justifications for new venues.

- **Partnership and cost efficiency** - To reduce host costs and limit the use of public money, the IOC provides expertise to potential future hosts
2024/2028 and 2026 Future Host Elections Shaped by Olympic Agenda 2020

Use of Existing / Temporary Venues

- Paris 2024: 95%
- Milano-Cortina 2026: 93%
- Los Angeles 2028: 100%

2026 Bid Budgets

-80%

Potential hosts for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games spent 80% less on their projects than cities/regions for 2018 and 2022.
WHY A NEW APPROACH?

Building on the successes of 2024/2028 and 2026 elections, the new approach is an evolution that enables the IOC:

- To be more flexible in a fast-changing world
- To react quickly to various developments & opportunities:
  - Geographic (including climate)
  - Strategic (in the best interest of the Olympic Movement)
  - Economic
  - Societal
- To make a strategic analysis of the (geo)political, economic, human development and sport development context for a global, long-term outlook across all Games
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW APPROACH TO FUTURE HOST ELECTIONS
KEY FEATURES OF THE NEW APPROACH

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE IOC SESSION JUNE 2019

• Two Future Host Commissions, comprised of stakeholders from across the Olympic Movement (International Federations, National Olympic Committees, athletes, the International Paralympic Committee), to oversee the process and make recommendations regarding possible hosts of Olympic and Paralympic Games and Youth Olympic Games

• Flexibility: election timings are flexible and adjusted to opportunities, context and needs. A potential host can represent one or several cities/regions/countries to make best use of resources.

• Confidentiality: Commissions to respect any confidentiality that may be requested by potential hosts as they develop the public and private dimensions of their project. This enables them to explore ideas without commitment.

• Informal Exchange: Exchanges with the IOC to explore interest in hosting an edition of the Olympic Games, without any obligations or committing any resources

• Continuous Dialogue: The respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) can decide to enter the Interested Party into Continuous Dialogue, a non-committal and non-edition specific stage where the IOC supports the Interested Party to develop a Games concept and timeframe that align with their local long-term development goals

• Targeted Dialogue is a defined process for a specific edition of the Games. It is a collaborative partnership that is opened when the IOC invites one or more Preferred Host(s) to refine their proposal(s) to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games.
THE APPROACH – OVERVIEW

INFORMAL EXCHANGE
Initial Discussions with potential Future Hosts

CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE
(always ongoing)
with Interested Parties (☀️ + 🧊 + YOG)

TARGETED DIALOGUE
with Preferred Host(s)
Edition Specific
(opens with a decision from IOC Executive Board)

All overseen by Future Host Commissions
THE APPROACH – OVERVIEW

Future Host Commissions oversee interest in Future Games:
Continuous Dialogue with Interested Parties – Non edition specific ☀️ + 🌌 + YOG

- Constant monitoring and analysis
- Feasibility assessments by Host Commissions highlighting Opportunities and Challenges

IOC Executive Board (EB)

Targeted Dialogue with Preferred Host (s) - Edition Specific

Submission by Preferred Host(s):
Documents & Guarantees

Future Host Commission
Evaluation, Visit (if required) and Report

EB puts forward Preferred Host(s)

Host Election by IOC Session

Updates to IOC Session after each EB
THE APPROACH – OVERVIEW

Future Host Commissions oversee interest in Future Games: Continuous Dialogue with Interested Parties – Non edition specific ☀️ +❄️ + YOG

- Constant monitoring and analysis
- Technical feasibility assessments by Future Host Commissions highlighting Opportunities and Challenges

IOC Executive Board

Recommendation by Future Host Commissions based on:
- Positive feasibility assessment +
- Global context (socio-economic / geopolitical factors)
- Alignment with Olympic Agenda 2020 / +5
- Public support and public consultation process

EB confirmation of edition specific Strategic Framework and Preferred Host(s)

Rationale to be made public
TRANSPARENCY

- All 206 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) were informed about the new approach in November 2019
- NOCs have the opportunity to join Continuous Dialogue for the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games or the Youth Olympic Games at any time
- All documents including the Future Host Questionnaire and Host Contract are published on olympic.org
- The Future Host Commissions communicate regularly with all Interested Parties. In the spirit of providing assistance wherever possible, they are also open to communicating with those who have not officially entered Continuous Dialogue
RULES OF CONDUCT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

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- Approach governed by Rules of Conduct under supervision of Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer / Ethics Commission
- Rules to be respected by all Interested Parties and all representatives of the Olympic Movement
- Consultants working with Interested Parties must be registered on the IOC Register of Consultants
- No recognised International Federation (IFs) or National Olympic Committee (NOC) may request or gain any advantage from any Interested Party(ies)
- Commission Members not to be nationals of a country of an Interested Party, EB Members, or have any other potential conflict of interest (Appendix 1 – Conflict of Interest / Ethical Principles)
- Commission Members to respect confidentiality of potential hosts, the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics
- Commission Members to represent all stakeholder groups (International Federations, National Olympic Committees, Athletes, International Paralympic Committee)
BENEFITS OF THE NEW APPROACH FOR POTENTIAL HOSTS

• Non-committal & non-edition specific discussions to ensure sustainable concepts aligned with:
  ➢ Community needs
  ➢ Existing long-term development plans

• Open, professional and cost-effective approach:
  ➢ Reduced costs for Interested Parties: no formal submission required in Continuous Dialogue
  ➢ IOC sharing information & expertise, more direct services provided to Interested Parties at the IOC’s cost
Since February 2021, the International Olympic Committee has been working together with Brisbane 2032 and the Australian Olympic Committee to explore the potential to host the Games of the XXXV Olympiad.

This is the first Targeted Dialogue process opened since the new approach to electing Olympic hosts was adopted.

The Future Host Commission will report back to the IOC Executive Board (EB) on the outcome of these discussions in due course.
WHY OPEN A TARGETED DIALOGUE 2032 NOW?

GLOBAL CONTEXT: POST COVID-19 OUTLOOK

A number of global financial and risk management experts have advised the IOC:

• The world economy is going through an unprecedented crisis and we are experiencing the deepest and fastest recession since World War II

• The current health crisis will have wider global repercussions, especially with respect to the labour market and a risk of increased inequality

• In response to the crisis, governments around the world have incurred debts equivalent to 11% of global GDP in 2020, adding to existing public deficits

• While the impact of the crisis can already be witnessed now, experts forecast that the world economy is likely to be most affected over the next five years
WHY BRISBANE?

• Brisbane presented an excellent opportunity to secure the future of the Olympic Movement in a context of uncertainty.

• Brisbane met all criteria required to be invited to join Targeted Dialogue as detailed in the IOC’s Feasibility Assessment:
  ✓ A positive technical assessment
  ✓ High scores on human development and sustainability indices from a number of independent third-parties (see next slide)
  ✓ A favourable economic outlook
  ✓ Alignment with Olympic Agenda 2020
  ✓ Strong support (political, public, private)
### Key Human Development Indicators (data collected February 2021)

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<td>74.87/100 (ranked 37/193)</td>
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<td>Human Rights Treaties Ratification - OHCHR</td>
<td>Australia has ratified 14 out of 18 treaties</td>
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<td>Australia has ratified 7 out of 8 ILO Core Conventions</td>
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<td>Rule of Law Indicator - World Bank</td>
<td>93/100 – Rule of law is strong</td>
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<td>World Gender Gap - WEF</td>
<td>0.731 / 1.000 (1.000 = parity) - ranked 44/153</td>
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<td>Poverty Index - World Bank</td>
<td>Less than 1% of the population living in moderate poverty (&lt; USD 3.20 / Day)</td>
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### Environmental Indicators

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<td>74.9 (ranked 13/180)</td>
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→ High scores on human development and sustainability indices
WHAT NEXT FOR THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT?

Building on the achievement of the Olympic Agenda 2020 reforms, the IOC has adopted a new roadmap for 2021-2025: Olympic Agenda 2020+5. It pledges to:

• Foster sustainable Olympic Games
  ➢ Achieve climate positive Games by 2030
  ➢ Develop strategies to address the impact of climate change on future Olympic Games
  ➢ Require that no permanent Olympic construction occurs in statutory nature and cultural protected areas
  ➢ Foster the delivery of lasting benefits to host communities
• Strengthen the role of sport as an enabler for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (human rights, gender equality, inclusivity)

Alignment with Olympic Agenda 2020+5 = a key criteria for potential future Olympic hosts
THANK YOU