



International
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Committee

National Presidents of Environmental
Protection Associations and Presidents
of the local Environmental Associations
and spokespersons of Local Committees

Lausanne, 18 July 2022

Subject: Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics – Italian Environmental protection associations call for more attention to be paid to the environmental impacts of the planned infrastructures.

Thank you for your letter of 24 June 2022, which was signed by the National Presidents of Environmental Protection Associations and Presidents of the local Environmental Associations and spokespersons of Local Committees.

Allow us to first underline the importance that the IOC places on sustainability. As an organisation dedicated to building a better and more sustainable world through sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is fully committed to social, economic and environmental sustainability, and recognises its responsibility in this regard. Sustainability is a key pillar of Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the strategic roadmap of the Olympic Movement.

As you rightly state, the Olympic Games provide a unique opportunity for raising awareness around sustainability, especially at a time of accelerating climate change and biodiversity loss.

The IOC works closely with the Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026, as the Organising Committee of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, as well as all other Games editions. Our aim is to ensure that the Games are at the forefront of sustainability and use their global reach and visibility to showcase solutions for a sustainable future.

Sustainability and legacy are also at the core of Milano Cortina 2026, which aims to deliver sustainable Games with a strong and lasting legacy.