



Commitment to Managing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Addressing Climate Change

As we witness the worrying rise in temperatures across the planet, the Cape Verdean Olympic Committee (COC) takes a leading role in promoting responsible management of greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change in sport in Cape Verde.

Cape Verde is a nation vulnerable to climate change, facing increasing challenges due to unpredictable weather patterns that accentuate frequent droughts.

The term "climate change" refers to long-term transformations in climate patterns and temperatures, and it is crucial to recognize that while some of these changes are of natural origin, human activities play a central role in aggravating this global crisis.

The obvious signs of such climate change are now undeniable and require immediate action:

- **Rising Temperatures:** Excessive heat affects not only athletes, but also agriculture and communities.
- **Sea Level Rise and Warmer Oceans:** As an insular nation, the country's beaches and rich marine biodiversity are threatened.
- **Worsening Droughts:** We need to protect water resources, fundamental to life and sport.
- **Changes in Precipitation Patterns:** We need to adapt our sporting events to unpredictable weather conditions.
- **Melting of Glaciers :** The melting of glaciers is a dramatic reminder of the climate changes affecting the entire world, including our islands.

The COC understands that there has never been a more crucial moment to act in relation to the climate crisis in Cape Verde and in the world of sport and this challenge requires a collective commitment to:

1. **Reduce Emissions in Sport:** Implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with sporting events in Cape Verde, including the adoption of clean energy sources and energy efficiency in your facilities.
2. **Awareness and Education in Sport:** Promote awareness of climate change among athletes, coaches, and supporters, empowering them to act in their own lives and communities.
3. **Sustainable Events:** Develop sustainable organizing practices for all sporting events in Cape Verde, reducing waste and promoting environmental responsibility.



4. **Partnerships and Innovation in Sport:** Collaborate with local organizations, governments and companies to drive technological innovation and climate solutions, encouraging the creation of sustainable development projects linked to sport.
5. **Promote Sustainable Sport:** Encourage athletes and teams to adopt sustainable practices in training and competitions, making them models of responsible behavior.

This is a challenge that can only be overcome through collective action, and the COC is firmly committed to this crucial journey to preserve the country and the planet for generations to come, ensuring that sport is a positive force in the fight against climate change.

In this context, the Cape Verdean Olympic Committee commits at all levels of its management to the environmental and climate principles established by the UNFCCC and in particular to:

- Promote greater environmental responsibility;
- Reduce the overall climate impact of sport;
- Use technologies and Internet to educate on climate action;
- Promote sustainable and responsible consumption;
- Defend climate action through effective communication.

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