

# United Nations Environment Programme: Technical Advisor Role for Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committees



## Scope of Works

In 1994 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) signed a co-operative agreement with the International Olympic Committee. As a result of this agreement, many Olympic Organising Committees have approached UNEP for technical support. The scope of engagement, and associated Memorandums of Understanding varies with each Organising Committee. UNEP uses external consultants to deliver the requested technical support. KLH Sustainability has provided technical support to the Sochi2014 and the Rio2016 Organising Committees under UNEP.

**Client**  
UNEP

**Year**  
2011 to current

## Sochi 2014

KLH Sustainability provided advice and input on 'Zero Waste Games' as part of a wider UNEP mission that tackled the key Sochi 2014 sustainability themes including Harmony with Nature, Enlightenment and Carbon Neutral.

Two missions were undertaken with the UNEP consultant team in 2011. The first mission included round table discussions with civil society, including local NGOs, the Organising Committee Environment Team and representatives from key contractors and local government. The discussions provided a forum for local people to raise concerns and provided a framework for further dialogue with key Olympic partners. Waste management facilities including new and existing landfills and recycling facilities were also reviewed as part of Zero Waste Games objective.

The second mission brought together specialist local consultants and the Organising Committee to develop clear, specific Action Plans to support the Organising Committee in delivering a Zero Waste Games.

The Action Plans included specific programmes details, budget, implementation and monitoring, expected outputs and responsibilities. The Zero Waste Action Plan included:

- Generation of Zero Waste Concept information for all procurement packages
- Creation of specific work package specific waste guidelines
- Selection of segregated waste collection systems for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, co-ordinated with municipal waste management facilities.
- Design and delivery of reusable bags as a community engagement project
- Development of data collection and reporting systems.

## Rio 2016

KLH Sustainability has undertaken two missions to Rio 2016 on behalf of UNEP. The aim of the first mission in 2013 was to provide external review and commentary on the Rio2016 Sustainability Management Plan published in August 2013. Numerous stakeholders were interviewed including:

- Rio Mais: principle contractor on the Olympic Park
- Key Olympic Sponsors including Dow
- Sustainability Working Group including regional and local government
- Sergio Margules: Brazil Head of Sustainable Development
- Marcelo Takaoka: Head of Brazilian Council on Sustainable Development
- Emilio La Rovere: COPPE Federal University of Rio
- Rio2016 Functional Areas

The mission output included clear actions for all parties including central government, principle contractors and the Organising Committee.

The second mission, undertaken in November 2015 included a detailed review of progress. The final report included additional actions for the Organising Committee to address prior to the Olympic Opening Ceremony. A range of aspects are covered including:

- Implementation and Assurance
- Continuous Improvement
- Employment and Skills
- Workforce Diversity
- Accountability
- Carbon Footprinting and Reduction
- Responsible Sourcing
- Waste Management
- Water Quality
- Tourism



Rio 2016: Community Legacy Project



Rio 2016: Community Empowerment Project



Sochi 2014: Delivery of Action Plans