

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

WORLD ROWING (previously known, and registered with organisation number CHE-106.764.467 TVA as Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d’Aviron as a not-for-profit organisation constituted pursuant to Art.60 and following the Swiss Civil Code) with office at Maison du Sport International, Avenue de Rhodanie 54, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as “WR”).

and

The **ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**, an international non-profit association, headquartered in Lisbon / Portugal, with offices located at Avenida do Atlântico, No. 16, Edifício Panorâmico, 14th Floor, Office 8, Parque das Nações, 1990-019 Lisbon Portugal (hereinafter referred to as “ACOLOP”).

1. Introduction to the Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU between ACOLOP and WR will support the sustainable growth of Rowing across the Olympic Movement in the Lusophony and will enable WR to contribute to ACOLOP’s key strategic priorities.

WORLD ROWING (“WR”) is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of Rowing. WR is a federation that currently has 159 member associations, is the governing body of Rowing in the Olympic Programme and Paralympic Programme, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and a member of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF). WR is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code.

The Association of Olympic Committees of Portuguese Official Language (ACOLOP) is the international organisation, currently headquartered in Lisbon (Portugal), which unites the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of Portuguese-speaking countries. It is also responsible for awarding and organizing the “Lusophony Games” and other

international sports events aimed at promoting cooperation among its member countries.

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2. WR support to ACOLOP and its National Olympic Committee Members

WR will provide ACOLOP and its NOC Members with the following areas of support:

- Extended visibility through the WR Website (<https://worldrowing.com/>), WR media distribution list and the WR Education academy Website (<https://academy.worldrowing.com/>);
- Joint applications to new joint partnerships with the IOC – Olympic Solidarity, creating awareness on the IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme, and create links to further assist National Federations (NFs)/ National Olympic Committee (NOCs) Members in their own development projects;
- Access to new joint partnerships with Rowing equipment manufacturers under the WR development programme umbrella;
- Foster shared commitment strategies together with all Rowing NFs in the Lusophony and respective NOCs and government authorities to offset part of equipment essential to develop Rowing
- Contribute to improve the quality of rowing and coaching worldwide by imparting knowledge through educational strategies and training camps for rowers, coaches, umpires, organisers from Lusophone Countries.
- creating specific projects to assist Lusophone Countries to create Rowing youth development pathways from youth to elite (through training and development support) leading to and during ACOLOP activities, such as the Lusophony Games;
- Identify the Lusophone Countries not having Rowing and engage in a strategy to target countries on a priority basis for a phased approach, fostering links the NOCs, Sports Ministry and IOC Olympic Solidarity, through well prepared experts assisting with technical and administrative guidance.
- Assist with increasing the number of Rowing opportunities, advocating for Lusophone Countries to promote gender equal national development pathways, through sustainable development and competition structures.



3. National Federations

3.1. The agreement will provide NOC recognition in the form of official certification to the Rowing member NFs based in the Lusophone Countries.

3.2. Under the leadership of the ACOLOP NOCs, both parties agree to support the establishment of new NOC-recognised NFs in partnership with all ACOLOP NOCs that do not currently have Rowing NF representation, subject to compliance with the World Rowing Statutes and Related Bye-Laws, namely Article 14 – Admission to Membership.

4. Events

Rowing will provide ACOLOP and its NOC members with the opportunity to host high profile international Rowing Events.

- ACOLOP agrees to consider Rowing as a competitive sport within future "Lusophony Games" within each event from 2025 onwards.
- ACOLOP agrees to support the candidature of Rowing as a competitive sport within the Olympic Programme and within the major recognised multisport games.

5. Communication

No Party will make any public disclosure or issue any media release pertaining to the existence or/and the terms of this MOU or/and the existence of the Parties' cooperation itself, unless mutually agreed upon.

6. Confidentiality

The Parties hereto shall at all times keep confidential (and ensure that their employees and agents keep confidential) the terms of this MOU and any confidential information that they may acquire in relation to the affairs of the other Party and shall not disclose or use such information except (a) with the consent of that other Party or (b) if such information has come into the public domain

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otherwise than by breach by that Party of this clause or (c) as required by law or other applicable regulations, or any competent court. The duties of the Parties in this clause shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this MOU.

7. Responsibility

Except for breach of any confidentiality position here of, no party shall have any liability to any other party for any liabilities, losses, damages (whether special, incidental, or consequential), costs or expenses incurred by a Party should the negotiation among the Parties be terminated without reaching a mutual agreement.

8. Terms Limit

This MOU remains in force in-perpetuity with a review period once per year, up to the end of June.

9. Relations between parties

This MOU does not constitute either Party to be agent of the other or create a joint venture or similar relationship between the Parties and no Party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other Party in any manner whatsoever. The Parties hereto shall act in all respects as independent contractors.

10. Inapplicability conditions

If a provision of the present MOU is contrary to, prohibited by or considered invalid by virtue of some legislation or regulations, such provision shall be considered inapplicable, and excluded to the extent that it is contrary, prohibited, or invalid. The other provisions of the MOU shall not be considered invalid and shall retain their force and effect to the extent possible.



11. Declaration

This MOU is the final, complete, and exclusive agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matters hereof and supersedes and merges all previous discussions, writings and understandings between the Parties with respect to such matters.

No modification of or amendment to this MOU, or any waiver of any rights under this MOU, will be effective unless in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

The parties hereto have agreed this Memorandum of Understanding and therefore make this declaration by signing the agreement between the ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE & WORLD ROWING.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Name: Filomena Fortes

Title: ACOLOP President

Signature:

Date: 24 June 2025

WORLD ROWING

Name: Jean-Christophe Rolland

Title: World Rowing President

Signature:

Date: 24 June 2025