



Australian Government



Australia France Sports Summit: Road to 2032

Delegate Guide

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Australian Embassy, Paris



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Delegate welcome



Her Excellency Ms Lynette Wood
Australian Ambassador to France



Mr Fabien Canu
Director General, INSEP

Australia and France are united by a shared passion for sport and status as global sporting leaders.

Two years on from the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games and six years out from Brisbane 2032, the opportunities for closer cooperation are enormous.

Building on the 2023 Australia France Roadmap, which identified sport as a key area of cooperation, the Australia France Sports Summit: Road to 2032 will be a new milestone in our sports partnership.

It is an opportunity to chart a course forward on issues central to our sporting priorities, including high-performance eco-systems, technology and AI, and the delivery of major events.

As leaders in the Australian and French sporting sectors, your participation in the summit will be essential in identifying new ways for Australia and France to work together and harness our unique sporting expertise.

We look forward to your contributions.





Key information

Arrival

Entrance to the summit is via 9 Rue de la Federation at the International Energy Agency (IEA) entrance (the IEA is co-located with the Australian Embassy).

You are kindly requested to arrive by 12h30 to ensure the summit starts on time. Please remember to bring a piece of identification.

An informal lunch will be served upon arrival, followed by an official welcome by Her Excellency Ms Lynette Wood, Australian Ambassador to France.

Roundtables

As delegates, you will participate in three senior-level roundtable discussions (90 minutes each).

The summit's roundtable format is designed to promote an interactive dialogue and maximise opportunities for you to share your opinions, views and recommendations. The summit will take place under the Chatham House Rule, meaning comments made cannot be attributed to specific delegates or speakers, but you are free to use the information.

A detailed overview of the objectives for each roundtable is contained in this guide. You may wish to draw on the 'discussion prompts' to prepare contributions ahead of the summit.

The roundtables will take place in English.

Evening reception

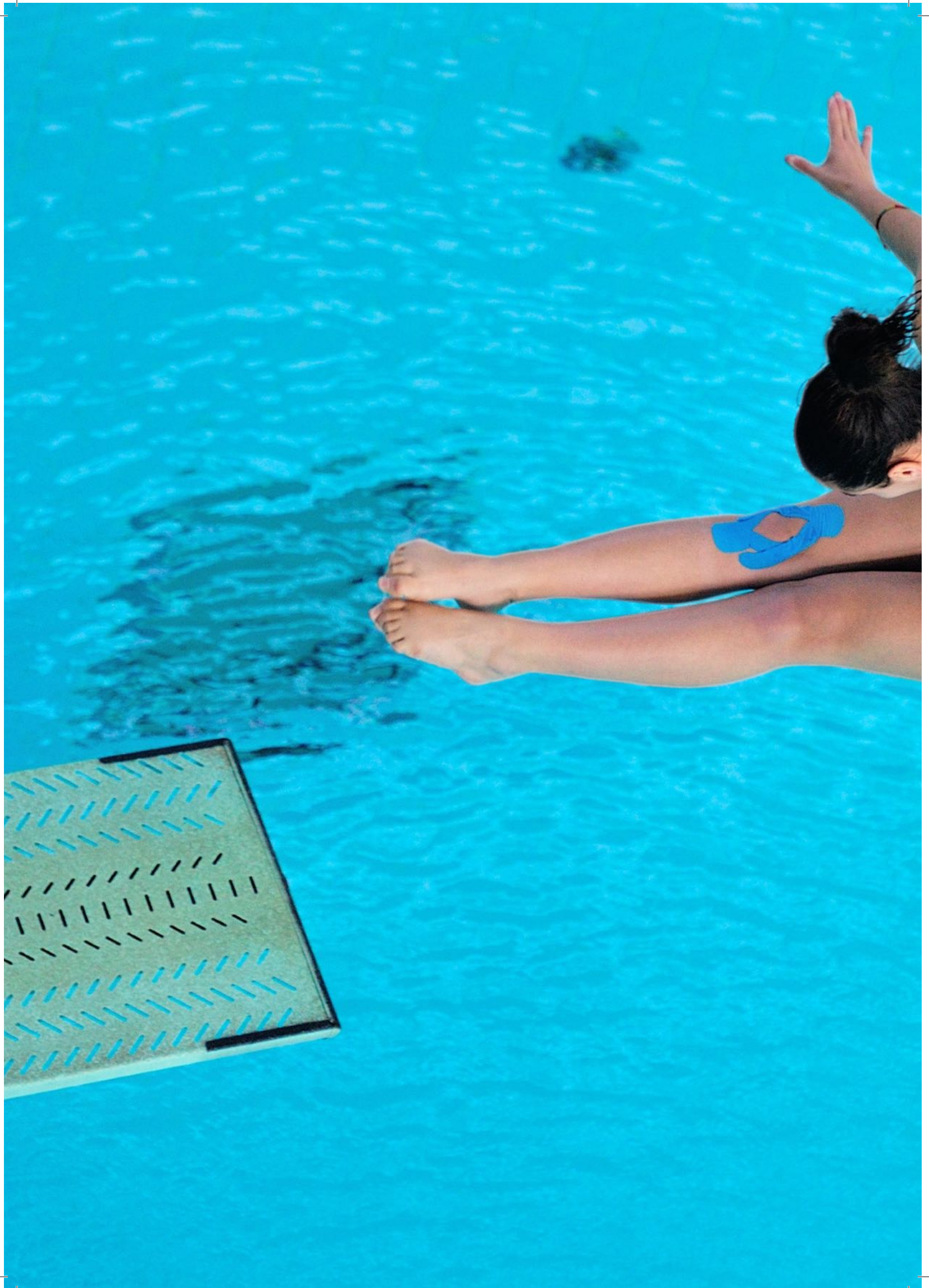
The summit's roundtable discussions will conclude at 18h15. You will then move to the Residence of the Australian Ambassador for an official reception to celebrate the summit and Australia France sporting cooperation.

Key contacts

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Roundtable one: From Paris 2024 to Brisbane 2032 and beyond – sustaining success

Australia and France are among the world's most successful Olympic nations. This requires not only elite athlete development pathways, but also high-performance ecosystems that combine government, institutes, private investors, and more. This roundtable will explore how Australia and France can best enhance elite sporting capability, including areas of system performance, investment and governance.

*Moderated by Ms Fiona de Jong,
Head, European Olympic Training Centre, Australian Institute of Sport
and former CEO of the Australian Olympic Committee.*

Discussion prompts:

- What have been the secrets to success for Australia and France in sustaining success across successive Olympic and Paralympic Games, both on and off the field?
- What were the most successful French initiatives to leverage hosting the 2024 Games to benefit its athlete pathways and broader sports industry – what can Australia leverage, and what would be done differently?
- Which areas of the sport systems, policies and strategies does Australia or France excel, and where can we do better? What can we learn from each other?
- There's been strong collaboration between INSEP and the Australian Institute of Sport under a well-activated MOU. What's been most valuable and how else might Australia and France cooperate to build world-class high-performance ecosystems that support athletes?



A photograph of a person in a wheelchair on a basketball court, holding a basketball. The person is wearing an orange jersey. The background is a blurred basketball court with other players and spectators. The image is split vertically, with the left side showing the person and wheelchair in a warm, orange-toned light, and the right side showing the court in a cooler, blue-toned light.

Roundtable two: Technology, AI and the future of sport

Technology and artificial intelligence (AI) are transforming sport. From athlete performance to fan engagement and major events, where do the opportunities lie for better adoption of technology in sport? And what will the sports industry of tomorrow look like?

This roundtable will explore how Australia and France are enabling innovation in sport and promoting the responsible use of new technologies.

*Moderated by Dr Martin Schlegel,
Executive Chair, Australian Sports Technology Network.*

Discussion prompts:

- Between now and Brisbane 2032, how will technology have transformed the world of sport, and how will the Olympics and other major events change as a result?
- What are the greatest barriers to scaling up sports technology products and how can Australia and France work more closely together?
- How can we ensure that innovation in sports technology leads to fair and responsible uses - what are the risks?



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a black paddle over blue water. The paddle is positioned diagonally across the frame, with the hand on the left and the blade pointing towards the bottom right. The water is a deep blue color with some white foam visible on the left side. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden structure or part of a boat.

Roundtable three: Investing in major events – from Paris 2024 to Brisbane 2032

Building on the success of Paris 2024, France is well placed to share expertise and support the delivery of a successful 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane.

This roundtable will explore the pipeline of investment opportunities ahead of the 2032 Olympic Games and the role that French investment can play, as well as the lessons learnt from Paris 2024.

Moderated by Gérard Wolf, President of the Sustainable Cities Taskforce, MEDEF International

Update on Brisbane 2032 delivery to be delivered by Mr Ross Buchanan, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner – Europe, Trade and Investment Queensland

Discussion prompts:

- How can French expertise in infrastructure, transport and engineering best support the delivery of a successful Brisbane 2032 Games, including specific projects and urban services.
- What are the main lessons learned from the delivery of Paris 2024 – what worked well, and what was most unexpected or challenging?
- Where can Australia and France cooperate more closely in delivering the Olympic Games and other major events?

