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Paris 2024 confirms location for Olympic Aquatics Centre

The **Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Bid Committee** has announced that the **Aquatics Centre** for the 2024 Games will be situated in **Saint-Denis** – the multicultural suburb in northern Paris which is also home to the Stade de France – the proposed Olympic Stadium for Paris 2024.

The confirmation of the Aquatics Centre site at **La Plaine Saulnier** means that plans for all proposed Paris 2024 venues are now confirmed. The state-of-the-art venue, which will be built in line with the bid's commitment to sustainable venue development and environmental best practice, will house two 50m Swimming pools and two diving pools. The capacity of the venue will be 15,000 during the Games and will be reconfigured to 2,500 once the Games are over.

Home to Swimming, Synchronised Swimming and Diving during the Games, the venue will be connected by a pedestrian bridge to the Stade de France – the venue for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Athletics – creating a single site where 33% of all athletes will compete at the Games. The Stade de France will also be refurbished for the 2024 Games and the new Olympic hub will be located three minutes from the Athletes' Village and will benefit from excellent public transport links.

The Aquatics Centre is the only competition venue that will be constructed for the Games – becoming a central pillar in the Saint-Denis community, supporting existing sport-led development in this fast-growing part of the French capital and creating a strong legacy for the youth population. 95% of all Paris 2024 venues will be existing or temporary and 100% of venues will enjoy a real legacy from the Games.

Paris 2024 Co-Chairman, Tony Estanguet, said:

“The site of La Plaine Saulnier in the cosmopolitan suburb of Saint-Denis offers many advantages for the Paris 2024 bid. The new, state-of-the-art facility will be a spectacular venue for Olympic sport providing optimal conditions for world class performances and a fantastic atmosphere for fans watching in the arena and those watching on TV and digital platforms around the world.

“The new venue's close proximity to the Stade de France and the Athletes' Village enhances the compactness of the Paris 2024 bid with great accessibility for athletes, spectators and media. The new Olympic sports hub will serve as central pillar in the Saint-Denis community bringing even more Olympic sport to the city, further embedding Olympism in everyday life in Paris and creating a strong legacy for the youth population.

“Paris 2024 will be spectacular Games of style and substance and a wonderful celebration of Olympic sport. The new Aquatics Centre is a symbol of Paris' creativity and dynamism strengthening sport's role in society across the city – we are thrilled that plans for all of the proposed Paris 2024 venues are now laid out in full.”

French Swimming Federation President, Francis Luyce, said:

“France is a leading Swimming nation and the new Aquatics Centre will be fantastic Olympic venue and a wonderful asset after the Games allowing us to host world class Swimming competitions. The venue will also play a very important role in the community of Saint-Denis providing all citizens with greater access to top class facilities.”