

THE OCEANIA CHALLENGE

The Oceania Continental Federation together with all the Oceania National Table Tennis Federations present at the Oceania Women's Table Tennis Forum, held in Tahiti on 6th July 2008, pledge to abide by the Brighton Declaration and promise:

- To increase women's participation in OTTF decision-making positions, through the increased participation of women in leadership positions in national associations (30% by 2012)
- To encourage and help National and Regional Associations to follow ITTF and IOC recommendations in women and sport issues (Continental Women's Forums, IWG and IOC conferences, AiSTS seminar)
- To assist the ITTF to achieve its goal of 25% women in all structures of the ITTF by 2012
- To ensure a best practice framework for the OTTF and its member federations in order to enable the sport to maximise potential at all levels for women from grass root to international performance
- To ensure a safe and supportive environment for women in all Oceania member associations
- To report on the progress made at the ITTF Women's Forum every 4 years

Objectives and Performance Indicators (2008-2012)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the participation of girls in table tennis in primary schools in Oceania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of the situation of sport in primary schools in Oceania • Have table tennis introduced into primary girls schools • The Ministry of Sport and the Ministry of Education should be contacted in order to introduce table tennis in all primary schools in Oceania
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the number of International Umpires and Referees in Oceania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of two international umpires per country
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the number of women in decision-making positions at the OTTF and national associations in order to ensure that young female players continue to play table tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a women's working group in all Associations in Oceania • Increase the number of women in the Executive Boards of all national federations in Oceania • Encourage the nomination of women to all OTTF and ITTF Committees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To publicize the achievements of women athletes, coaches and leaders of Oceania at national and international level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the creation of a special women's web page on the Oceania table tennis website • Create a network of female sports journalists/correspondents and keep them informed of table tennis activities for women in the region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage the education and mentoring of women and girls at national and international level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the organisation of forums and the participation of women from Oceania at IWG, IOC, ITTF world conferences • Contribute to the participation of an Oceania woman to the AiSTS seminar annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the number of women in coaching in Oceania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all ITTF, OTTF and OS coaching courses have at least 40% women participants • Encourage and educate female coaches so that all Oceania Associations may have a national female coach • Hire a female Continental development officer

**Immediate action taken: Signing of Brighton Declaration by OTTF President, the representative of the Ministry in Charge of Women's Affairs as well as the Member of Parliament and Deputy President of the Board of Polynesian Women
Pledge to offer a scholarship (of registration fees) for an Oceania woman to participate at the AiSTS seminar in Lausanne, as of 2009**