

Champions for Peace 2017



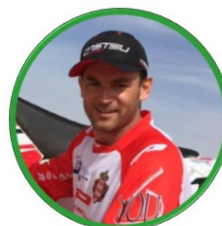
*DIDIER DROGBA
IVORY COAST - FOOTBALL*



*LAURE FOURNIER
FRANCE - SAMBO*



*TAHL LEIBOVITZ
USA - TABLE TENNIS*



*ADRIEN MARE
MONACO - RALLYE RAID*



*DABA MODIBO KEITA
MALI - TAEKWONDO*



*ZSOLT MORADI
HUNGARY - KICKBOXING*



*SARAH OURAHMOUNE
FRANCE - BOXING*



*FLORENT PIETRUS
FRANCE - BASKETBALL*



*ISABELLE YACOUBOU
FRANCE - BASKETBALL*

Press kit

This year, 9 high-level athletes join the Champions for Peace Club which now brings together more than 100 athletes involved in the peace- through-sport movement. Coming from different discipline, countries and background, their new energy will strengthen the club and the peace-through-sport movement.

What is the Champions for Peace Club?

Launched in 2009 by Peace and Sport, the Champions of Peace Club brings together high-level, active or retired, athletes who want to put sport and their experience at the service of peace. Their collective actions and their commitment contribute every day to demonstrate that sport is going beyond athletic performance and it plays a real role to the benefit of society.

Through structured action and methods of expression that Peace and Sport gives them, Champions for Peace work to make sport a tool for dialogue and social cohesion. Role-models and a source of inspiration for young people throughout the world, they dedicate their time, their fame, and their athletic experience to serve projects which use sport to tackle social issues.

The new Champions for Peace will be involved in Peace and Sport activities and programmes on the field such as the 10th Peace and Sport International Forum, the “Sport Workshops”, the “Caravan for Peace” and field programmes including international federations.

Who are the new Champions for Peace?



Didier Drogba (Football, UEFA Champions League winner, Ivory Coast)

In October 2005, after the first qualification of Ivory Coast for the football World Cup, the captain of the "Elephants" calls his people to reason during the civil war. This "Appeal of Khartoum" is the first act of Ivorian reconciliation. He created his Foundation in 2007, donating all his commercial income to benefit to actions improving access to health and education. He is ambassador of the "Caravan for Peace".

Laure Fournier (Sambo, Vice-World Champion, France)

Laure Fournier divides her time between her career as a top-level athlete and her job as a business development engineer.

Able to adapt to different environments, she brings her savoir-faire and her selfless dedication to our Sports Workshops.



Tahl Leibovitz (Para-Table Tennis, Paralympic Champion, USA)

Having experienced problems with drugs and homelessness in his youth, he discovered Table Tennis by chance. Talented but with a genetic disorder, he joined the US National Paralympic Team in 1995. Motivated by his personal hardships, he pursued a career in social work and launched the "Project Table Tennis" program.

Adrien Maré (Motorsport, Baja World Champion, Monaco)

17/10/2015: After the Merzouga Rally in Morocco, Adrien Maré was awarded the title of World Champion.

Convinced by Peace and Sport's message, Adrien will wear the organization's colours in the next Dakar Rally as a Champion for Peace.





Daba Modibo Keita (Taekwondo, 2x World Champion, Mali)

22/05/2007: During the Taekwondo World Championship, Daba Modibo Keita became the first Sub-Saharan African to win a world Championship. Having experienced war and exile, sport offers a new dynamic. Flag-bearer of the Malian delegation during the 2008 Olympics, he became ambassador for Sport and HIV Prevention in Mali. His Foundation is involved in development through the values of sport and he will support the “Caravan for Peace”.

Zsolt Moradi (Kickboxing, 8x Champion du Monde, Hongrie)

Zsolt Moradi grew up in a district of Budapest where issues such as bullying, poverty and racism were constantly present, yet this did not deter him from wanting to give something back to the community. He is involved in a Bully Defense Program aiming to give confidence back to kids who have been subjected to physical and mental abuse.



Sarah Ourahmoune (Boxing, World Champion, France)

Representative of ‘Team Solide’ Sarah is a pioneer of women’s boxing. government representative in Seine-Saint-Denis, she opens her own boxing club in Paris. Deeply committed, she runs several projects for social reinsertion, people with disabilities and sexual equality. In summer 2017, Paris2024 chose her to uphold the Olympic legacy which has the objective of investing in programs for young people in outlying districts of Paris.

Florent Pietrus (Basketball, Captain of National Team, France)

A member of the golden generation of French basketball, Florent Pietrus took part in all championships. Now at the end of his career, he’s working to develop basketball in the French Antilles, his country of origin, and in Africa, where he runs advanced training courses each year. He is a member of the French NOC Athletes Commission



Isabelle Yacoubou (Basketball, Captain of National Team, France)

Born in Benin, Isabelle played for her country in the junior World Championships, following which she sent a video of herself to the club in Tarbes, France, who recruited her at age 17. Three years later, she obtained French nationality and won the European title in 2009, going on to win the silver medal in the 2012 Olympics. Still wishing to be involved with her country of origin, she founded Basketball Week and would like to set up an Academy as soon as her sporting career is over.

CHAMPIONS FOR PEACE

ALAIZE J-Baptiste
BETSEN Serge
BONALY Surya (+USA)
BONNEVAL Hugo
BRUMOTTI Vittorio
BUBKA Sergei
CAPIROSSI Loris
CHABAL Sébastien
DE PUNJET Randy
DIAGANA Stéphane

NORTH AMERICA

AGENOR Ronald
CROOKS Charmaine
DE VARONA Donna
FOSBURY Dick
LEIBOVITZ Tahl
MESLER Steve
WADDELL Chris

SOUTH AMERICA

FIGUEROA Elias
GIRALDO Victor-Hugo
MASSA Felipe (+Mon)
POLL Sylvia (+SU)
RENERIA Edgar
TEHERAN Julio
TRANA TRIGUEROS Gabi
VALLARINO Gregory
YANG Pedro (+DAN)

EUROPE

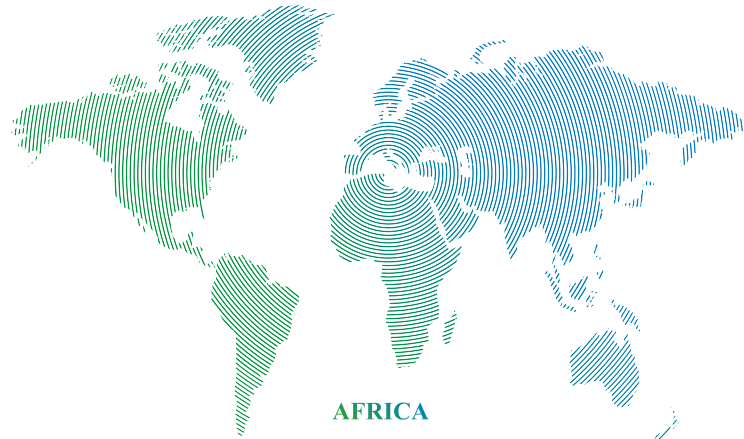
DJOKOVIC Novak
ELENA Daniel
EMELIANENKO Fedor
ENGEL Maro
ESTANGUET Tony
FLESSEL Laura
FLEURIAN JP (+USA)
FOURNIER Laure
FROLLA Pierre
FROOME Chris

GANDEGA Diana
GENTIL Pascal
GILBERT Philippe
GOLOVIN Tatiana
GROPELLIER Bertrand
HARINORDOQUY Imanol
HARNOIS Marlene
HURTIS Muriel
ISINBAEVA Yelena
JACQUE Olivier

KAREMBEU Christian
KARLSSON Peter
KARLSSON Robert
KOSS Johann (+CAN)
KOSTENIUK Alexandra
KOUYATE Willy
LAMOUCHE Sabri
LOEB Sébastien
LUGER Dan
MARE Adrian

MASNADA Florence
MEYER Jérôme
MORADI Zsolt
PEREC Marie-José
RADCLIFFE Paula
RAQUIL Marc
RODRIGUEZ Angel
SIDIBE Siddiqi
SIMONE Marco
SQUILACCI Sébastien

SROKA Bruno
SUKOVA Helena
THALJIEH Honey
TORDO JF
OURAHMOUNE Sarah
PIETRUS Florent
VINOKOUROV Alex
VIRIAMU Patrick
VLASIC Blanka
YACOUBOU Isabelle
WIBERG Pernilla



ASIA

BOPANNA Rohan
LAFTA Fareed
MEHRABI Kaveh (+SU)
QURESHI Aisam
SIDDIQI Kashif (+UK)
TOORPAKAI Maria

OCEANIA

MC GEE Bradley
O'GRADY Stuart

AFRICA

ANGBO Isaac
BENIDA-MERAH Nouria
BOUKPETI Benjamin (+FR)
DROGBA Didier
EL GUERROUJ Hicham
ELWANI Rania
FREDERICKS Frankie
GHRIBI Habiba

KIPKETER Wilson
KEITA Daba Modibo
LOROUPE Tegla
MEDANY Aya
MEYER Elana
NIYONGABO Vénuste (+IT)



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