As the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) aspires to make for a more inclusive society for people with an impairment through Para sport.

Founded in Dusseldorf, Germany, in 1989 as an international non-profit organisation, the IPC is now based in Bonn, Germany, employing around 100 people.

The IPC executes and leads the direction of the Paralympic Movement, a global network of individuals and organisations brought together through their commitment to provide sporting opportunities for all Para athletes in the belief that it will contribute to a better world with equal opportunities for all.

The IPC’s vision is to enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world. In trying to achieve this vision, the IPC and Paralympic Movement has adopted and follows four athlete focussed values: courage, determination, equality and inspiration.

As part of the IPC’s role, it supervises the organisation of the Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games. In recent years the Paralympic Games have developed into the world’s number one sport event for driving social inclusion. Watched by millions of spectators and billions of TV viewers around the world, the performances of Para athletes have acted as a catalyst to people changing their attitudes and perceptions of people with an impairment.

The IPC also serves as the International Federation for 10 sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates World Championships and other competitions.

Launched in 2012, the Agitos Foundation is the IPC’s development division and has become the leading global organisation for developing Para sport as a tool for changing lives and contributing to an inclusive society for all.