

## ANDREW PARSONS PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

Andrew Parsons is serving his second successive term as President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) having originally been elected in September 2017.

During his time as IPC President, he has secured a long-term partnership with the IOC through to 2032, successfully steered the Paralympic Movement through the pandemic, and overseen the successful delivery of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, as well as the PyeongChang 2018 and Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

Parsons has also changed the strategic direction of the IPC to not just focus on strengthening member organisations and delivering exceptional Paralympic Games, but to showcase the impact the Paralympic Movement's activities have on driving social inclusion.

Before becoming IPC President, he served as IPC Vice President (2013-2017) and IPC Governing Member (2009-2013).

He was also the President of the Americas Paralympic Committee from 2005-2009.

The Brazilian has been active in Paralympic sports in his home country for many years and started his Paralympic career as an intern for the Brazilian Paralympic Committee. He progressed through the ranks and became Secretary General of the National Paralympic Committee in 2001. He was the Chef de Mission of the Brazilian team at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games. Between 2009 and 2017, he was President of the Brazilian Paralympic Committee.

He is an IOC Member and represents the IPC on the IOC Coordination Commission for LA28, the IOC Marketing Commission and the IOC Future Host Commission for the Games of the Olympiad. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Olympic Channel.

He is a Commander of the Order of Rio Branco, the highest distinction given by the President of the Republic of Brazil.