

Beat: Sports

## HANIDSPORT HOSTED 400 ATHLETES FROM 30 COUNTRIES AT CHARLETY STADIUM PARIS

### LAURA FLESSEL SPORTS MINISTER ATTENDED

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#### PRESS CONFERENCE WITH LAURA FLESSEL EMMANUELLE ASSMAN AND FREDERIC DELPY-----

"I am delighted to be here this is the festival of handisport and it is an appointment that I already knew, and seeing athletes in a handicap situation, come and see them with eyes that sparkle me, Around the sport, all this delights me.

My two missions as Minister of Sports are to lead the Paris2024 bid to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

My second mission is to fight exclusion and work with other ministries to achieve this goal. PARIS 2024, it is our straight line and we are preparing to go to Lausanne in July, for supporting Paris 2024 candidacy. This is the promise that it is a Grand Prix that takes place for the disabled in Paris and the government goes beyond it for that. So it's a movement in place that is already on my side and I'm delighted that you're the one to get the messages across" Minister of Sports Laura Flessel stated---

**QUESTION** Rahma Sophia Rachdi: When the former Minister of Sports Patrick Kanner was transferred to your new ministry of sport, you, Laura Flessel, spoke about your great support and your personal involvement in the PARIS2024 bid, The OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. So we hope that it has been well noted by the media, as we have noted on our side. At the last ministerial council meeting at Elysee, Spokesman Mr Castaner explained to us that "President Macron has asked all ministers to mobilize with you for the PARIS 2024 bid. How will this collegial work be organized?-----

**ANSWER** Laura Flessel: As far as Collegiality is concerned, we are on the road and we are indeed going to work in a solidarity between ministries and sport by transversality is taken into account in all fields. There are bridges to be made there are projects that already exist and we will make them integrate and at the European level.

**QUESTION** Rahma Sophia Rachdi: Personally I am very glad that you are named Minister of Sports because you are a great multi-Olympic champion of fencing, a woman, and you come from the DOM TOM (French West Indies). How is it that one does not communicate enough on the DOM TOM knowing that it is their champions that bring back the majority of the Olympic medals? (17 medals brought just during the RIO 2016 Olympics)-----

**ANSWER** Laura Flessel: I do not forget my origins, I come from DOM TOM and it is a nursery and my next trip at the end of June will be done in DOMTOM then Reunion and Guyana to improve the infrastructures on the spot and encourage the DOM TOM has felt completely integrated in the candidature Paris2024, of the Olympics.

#### LAURA FLESSEL : French Minister of Sports-----

Born on 6 November 1971 in Pointe-À-Pitre (Guadeloupe) DOM TOM (French West Indies)

Professional curriculum

Mental coach, graduate MEE (Management of Excellence Team)

International Coach at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games  
General manager of club Clichy Fencing  
Presenter of the program "They are France" - Channel Number 23  
Consultant for Canal + at the Rio 2016 Games  
Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council  
Member of the National Sports Council  
Chair of the Ethics and Values "of Sport Committee  
Women's 24H Initiator

#### RECORDS AND MEDALS

Fencing champion (sword)  
Quintuple Olympic medalist  
Sextuple world champion  
European Champion  
18 times champion of France  
Volunteering  
Member of the Bid Committee Paris 2024  
Member of the Women's Foundation Committee  
Ambassador of AMREF  
Handicap International's godmother  
Ambassador of the association 1 Maillot pour la Vie  
Sponsor of the Gay Games Paris 2018  
Sponsor of C-Lyne's Lutins  
Ehlers-Danlos National Union of Syndromes Sponsor  
Ambassador of the international organization Peace & Sport

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