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GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ROWING

***B**envenuto, welcome to Barletta ! World Rowing is thrilled to be back to Italy for the 2023 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals and Coastal Championships, on the shores of the Adriatic Sea.*

The event will bring the elite of coastal and beach sprint rowing to sunny south of Italy for sharp and thrilling racing. The fine sand and crystal clear waters of Barletta will provide the perfect venue for the best coastal rowers of the continent.

Tipped to be a future Olympic rowing discipline, Beach Sprints will bring the action close to spectators just off the festival atmosphere on the beach, while the Endurance format will test the

rowers' resilience, strength and ability to read the waves and currents. All the ingredients for a true adventure, on and off the water.

I would like to thank the organising committee and the large number of volunteers without whom this event would not be possible. I would also like to welcome the stars of the show, our athletes, their support staff and, of course, the fans and supporters to Barletta and its environs for a great week of racing.

Buona fortuna, and here's to a wonderful event!

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