



17. Mr. CITO Angelo

- Current Position: WT Council Member
- Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: February 9, 1966
- Nationality: Italy
- Language: English, Italian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Angelo Cito is president of the Italian Taekwondo Federation (FITA) and his leadership extends until 2028. Under his leadership, FITA has experienced significant growth and achieved remarkable international success. Previously, he served as Secretary General of FITA from 1995 to 2016, laying the foundation for its modern structure and strategic vision.

At the international level, Angelo was a member of the World Taekwondo (WT) Council from 2016 to 2024 and contributed to the evolution of the sport as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) between 2017 and 2024. He has held key technical roles within the ETU, serving as Chairman of the Technical Committee (2011-2017), Chairman of the Competition Committee (2006-2011). He also led the Referees Committee (2004-2005) and served on the WTF Technical and Development Committee (2014-2017).

In 2024, he was appointed as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the reform of the WT competition rules for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, reflecting the global recognition of his expertise.

As President of THF Italy since 2021 and a member of the Board of Directors of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) since 2024, he has promoted taekwondo as an instrument of peace and empowerment in support of Ukrainian, Afghan and Iranian athletes in the promotion of Olympic values and peace.

His leadership, vision and deep commitment have made him one of the sport's most respected and influential global figures

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Cito has also been active in the Olympic and humanitarian fields. Since 2016 he has been a member of both the National Councils of CONI (Italian Olympic Committee) and CIP (Italian Paralympic Committee), supporting inclusivity in sport.

- 2023 'CONI awarded President Cito the Collare d'Oro for sporting merit, the highest honour in Italian sport'

- 2018 'Gold Star' CIP - Italian Paralympic Committee
- 2016 'Stella d'oro' CONI - Italian Olympic Committee
- 2014 'Knight of the Italian Republic

C. Education

Angelo Cito holds a Master's degree in Coaching in Sport from the Department of Sport Psychology at Newport Research University, where he focused on athlete development and performance improvement through psychological and methodological approaches.

He also completed a Master's degree in Sport Management at the prestigious Bocconi University in Milan, deepening his skills in strategic planning, governance and organisational leadership in the sports industry.

This education has equipped him with a comprehensive and forward-looking vision, combining scientific knowledge, managerial skills and a strong humanistic foundation: all essential tools for his leadership within national and international sports institutions.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Angelo Cito has always believed that sport, and Taekwondo in particular, has the extraordinary power to shape individuals and inspire positive changes in society. His vision is to promote ethical values such as solidarity, respect, citizenship, inclusion and peace, especially among the younger generations. He sees major international competitions and events not only as showcases for athletic excellence, but also as opportunities to convey these values and bring people together across cultures and borders.

Cito firmly believes that building a better future requires innovation, courage and a commitment to social responsibility. For him, young people are the true protagonists of tomorrow, and it is through them that we must cultivate a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable world.

His motto is: 'The future, our history'.

Because the future is not something distant and abstract: it is the result of the choices we make today, the dreams we cultivate and the values we uphold. It is a history that belongs to all of us and that we must write together.

In a world where sport is constantly evolving, Angelo Cito embraces change as an opportunity for growth. He is convinced that only through vision, unity and innovation can we build a legacy that truly matters.