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Finnish advocate of grassroots sports and gender equality Mrs Birgitta Kervinen was awarded the IOC Women and Sport World Trophy in 2017 for her tireless and long-standing efforts to promote gender equality in sport and society. Having enjoyed an extensive and influential career as a voluntary sports leader both nationally and internationally, Kervinen has been instrumental in uplifting and mainstreaming gender equality, and is a role model for many women and girls.