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ADDRESS BY ANOCA PRESIDENT

During the ANOCA extraordinary session held on the sidelines of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the **ANOCA President and IOC Member, Mr Mustapha BERRAF**, in his opening address hailed the spirit of solidarity within the African and global Olympic movement. He urged all stakeholders to commit to the success of their initiatives. The full text.



The ANOC President,

The French Minister for Sports, the Olympic and Paralympic Games,

The IOC President,

Your Excellencies, Presidents of African NOCs,

IOC Members,

ANOCA Executive Committee Members,

Dear Partners,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of ANOCA, we would like to welcome you to the ANOCA General Assembly here in Paris, the capital of world Olympism in 2024, on the occasion of the Olympic Games.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel MACRON, for his hospitality and vote of confidence and, above all, for the wonderful organisation of the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

We would also like to commend Mr Tony ESTANGUET, who has successfully harnessed the necessary organisational methods and techniques for an unforgettable show at these Olympic Games, which are quietly writing the history of world Olympism. Africa is proud to be part of this great celebration of world sport.

Olympic Solidarity has made an incredible contribution to our athletes, who are poised to win as many medals as possible at this event. We are deeply grateful.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests,

Our agenda for today is quite interesting and unifying. We will discuss the organisation of the African Beach Games to be hosted by Equatorial Guinea, the situation of boxing at the Olympic Games and the way forward for the noble art, among other matters. We will also, and above all, look at what our organisation is doing on the continent and beyond.

ANOCA has been diligently and efficiently implementing its 2020-2024 strategic plan.

This is a joint effort. We are working hand in glove, as one. Our objective remains the same: to bring happiness and joy to the youths of Africa.

We seek to develop the African continent through sport, reason we support all 54 African nations in their ongoing quest for prosperity. Sport is a driver of development and Africa is resolutely committed to leveraging it for socio-economic growth.

These deliberations will thus add an innovative touch to the pursuit our shared goals.

Our General Assemblies have always bolstered our resolve and the case will not be different here today in Paris. Our solidarity has always been our strength. We must protect this shared vision.

The involvement of each and every one of us is key to the complete success of our initiatives.

In all humility, we can safely assert that we have implemented our projects and strategic plan with rigour, and so are confident that our results are satisfactory. Yet, we still need to do more.

The exceptional atmosphere that currently reigns in the Olympic Movement is such that we can freely say that our NOCs are forging ahead with determination.

They are all real champions and we are proud of them. In close collaboration with the IOC, we launched a project to build and renovate NOC headquarters in some countries to ensure that they work in good conditions. The project is currently underway in most countries.

Also worthy of mention are our Olympafrica centres, which are spread across Africa and which offer young Africans numerous opportunities through the practice of sport. They are indeed places for development and hope for a better future.

We will not fail to pay tribute to some International Federations and their leaders, such as those of Cycling, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, and Canoeing and our ANOC President, who is always available and ready to listen to everyone.

For the next Olympic Solidarity quadrennial plan for the African continent, we will have multiple events and activities, notably the African Games Egypt 2027, the African Youth Games in Angola in December 2025, the African Beach Games in Equatorial Guinea and the African School Games in Algiers in July 2025.

The African School Games, in close collaboration with the International School Sports Federation, should enable our NOCs to work with their respective Federations to identify young talents and thus offer them more promising prospects.

We will also be working towards the first Olympic E-sport Games in 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This meaningful collaboration between the IOC and NOC Saudi Arabia is of utmost importance to us.



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Together, we will continue to work on priority issues such as sustainable development, the African Athletes' Forum, gender equality and many others, including the fight against doping and preparations for the Dakar Games.

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Our valiant athletes are currently competing in Paris 2024 and, with the Games promising a bumper medal haul by our champions, their deployment is paramount. ANOCA awarded them grants to help them prepare for the Games and IOC Olympic



Solidarity was also deeply involved in their preparation.

To our athletes, we say, GO! GO! AFRICA IS STRONGLY BEHIND YOU. The Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be a success for the continent and we're convinced that Team Africa's performances will live up to expectations. After this competition, we intend to continue supporting our athletes to achieve even better results in Los Angeles 2028.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests,

I wish you every success in your deliberations and a very pleasant stay here in Paris during these Olympic Games, which are turning a new leaf in the history of African and world Olympism.

Thank you very much!



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**ADDRESS
BY IOC
PRESIDENT**



“Africa is a good and strong force in the Olympic Movement....”

Taking to the rostrum, the IOC President Dr Thomas BACH stated.

Dear President and friend, Mustapha BERRAF;

Dear African friends, and newly African friends;

Allow me to follow the protocol of our South African friends by saying all protocol observed;

It's indeed a great pleasure that I can be with you, our dear African friends. I have to apologise for my dress here. I feel completely underdressed with all the elegance I see here with your president and all of you, but thank you for accepting me, nevertheless.

First of all, my most sincere congratulations to all of you for everything you have done for the Olympic Movement and the athletes of your various countries. We can see that very clearly here in Paris. Africa is a great force in the Olympic Movement and your athletes deserve your support and assistance. Your athletes are in our hearts with their excellence, but also their respect for fair-play and friendship. So thank you very much!

You may have come across the IOC's Olympic Games' campaign and this campaign is saying we in the Olympic Movement we are about sport, but we are about more than sport. And you the African NOCs are a living example of this.

You have made great achievements in sport with your extremely successful ANOCA Scholarship Programme, with all your training programmes for the athletes, with all the qualification, with all the direct support you are offering to the athletes that enable them to train and to compete but you have also shown and demonstrated that the Olympic Movement is about more than sport. If I think of your great engagement for sustainable development, if I think of your engagement for gender parity, if I think of your engagement for equal conditions for everybody and in many other respects. So, you are really contributing not only to the success of these Games by making your

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athletes very successful but by also living up to our Olympic mission, which we share to make the world a better place through sport. And in this respect, you may have made the greatest progress in the last couple of years because we can only achieve great things if we are together and if we are united.

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you deserve to be because, again, of all the great achievements of your athletes and the great efforts you are undertaking. And with this unity, you have been able to demonstrate this to everybody in the Olympic Movement and you have clearly created the momentum for Africa to grow even stronger and to grow even more and to become an even more influential and powerful force.

We see the efforts, how you are embracing many more sports than you did before. We see the efforts to make the African voice heard as it should be heard and we see the arguments of the African continent coming to the table and they are being respected in the way they should be respected. And personally and on behalf of the IOC, I would like to thank you, in particular, for your support in one very important issue for the IOC in the area of more about sport.

You know under which great difficulties and under which really extreme difficult geopolitical tensions we had to prepare these Olympic Games and what efforts we had to undertake to make it possible to have now today the athletes from all the territories of all the 206 National Olympic Committees plus the Refugee Team here in Paris, living peacefully together in one Olympic Village.

I think this is a huge success for the Olympic Movement in these times to bring the entire world together. Nobody else has managed this. And this success is greatly to you my dear African friends because you have been standing at your side from the very beginning. You have never been wavering when it came to the difficult discussions and when it came to the difficult decisions. You have always made it clear that you are standing behind this mission of the Olympic Games, and from this, I say from the bottom of my heart thank you very much! Thank you very much my dear African friends.



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Now we have very successful Olympic Games here in Paris, but then, get ready. The next are yours. These are the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar and as we always have said, these are Youth Olympic Games in Senegal for the entire African continent. And you made this true at a time when we were about to allocate these Youth Olympic Games to your continent by rallying behind Senegal and making it possible that from the very beginning again, the African continent was united and then preparing together for the success of these Youth Olympic Games.



This will be a unique opportunity there for you to showcase again the power of sport in Africa and the power of sport of the African Olympic Movement than in the worldwide Olympic Movement. So, get ready! You know that we, and I personally, have all the confidence in you. You know we will stand by your side as you have been standing at our side also

in these difficult moments and you can count on us in every respect. So, good luck for you and all your teams and keep growing strong as you have been growing strong in the last couple of years. My dear African friends, again, thank you very much and enjoy the Games and good luck at these Olympic Games.

**ADDRESS
BY ANOC
PRESIDENT**



In his capacity as **ANOC President, Dr Robin MITCHELL**, who was also in attendance, wished African athletes competing at the Olympics every success and thanked ANOCA for all the major activities that benefit athletes.

All of the members of the ANOCA Executive,
 Representatives of the 54 National Olympic
 Committees of Africa,
 Representatives of Governments and Distinguished
 Officials,
 IOC Members, fellow Colleagues,
 International Federations Representatives and
 The extended Sports families that are here today at
 the ANOCA General Assembly,

It is a pleasure to be here again meeting you all,
 having had a good time in Algiers at the meeting that
 was held there. Both ANOCA and continents also
 preside over ANOC, the only ones that don't have
 national or regional games bringing the benefits as to
 the 3 other continents: Europe, Americas and Asia.

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 that you would have in 2027 continental games that
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 worked very closely together and as part of my
 presidency, I worked closely with the continents and
 in particular with the continental presidents to ensure
 that we all paddle our canoes in the same direction.

We've had the budget for 2025-2028 approved at
 the last IOC session. So each of the continents gets
 a 10% increase in the allocation from Olympic
 Solidarity. In the years leading up to our meeting,
 we are a bit concerned that we may not be getting
 an increasing funding but a decrease. Fortunately at



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our 7-officers' meeting held in Lausanne, we were able to look at the projections and at least provide the 10% that I mentioned to you. So 2025-2028,

there's probably a few changes that Olympic Solidarity will explain to you during the course of the meeting. But I think, as all of you know, things are getting more expensive, particularly travel and ANOC has a situation that we have to review in terms of how we can operate and deliver the services to you with the decrease in funding that we are getting in the coming quadrennial. So, we will be making some changes, looking at the frequency of meetings, location of meetings but I think it's important that we try to use as much of the technology available to reduce the cost.

Ideally, we meet in-person as much as we can afford to, which is usually a better way to understand and get to know people that can help you. But we need to be realistic and look at how best we can reduce our cost and that's essentially what ANOC is in the process of. You would have noticed that in the past few years, the commissions of ANOC reduced in terms of numbers. We are looking at not only reducing the numbers to 10, 2 from each continent, plus several experts but also to ensure that all of our continental commissions have an equal number of men and women, and we are getting there.

In a couple of days, the ANOC Athletes' Commission will be meeting; they will select their chair and the people that will help run the commissions but I think for us we will be sharing knowledge to see how best we can. I think the programmes that we've set up recently whereby we have groups of 50 meeting over special topics that has gone down very well in the sense that we can share experiences of good and bad and how to better use the resources that we have. We're looking at getting on board sponsors to help with the work that we're doing and I think that you will be aware that in the preparations for the General Assembly in Cascais that there's a change in the travel policy. If there're any issues that you need to understand, I suggest that you go to the office on the



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first floor of the Hyatt so that they can better explain what's happening and how we best we can help you.

Apart from that, I think as much as we can, we should continue working closely together. Both the continental chairs talk to each other quite regularly and I think the main thing for us is to continue to work with each other to help the people that we are looking after: the athletes and their entourage.

Thank you ANOCA for your hospitality. I enjoyed the visit to Algiers and I think I will be back in your part of the world early next year. All the best to you and your athletes here in Paris, for a successful outing. I see that some of your members have already won medals, so that's really good. What you do is good for us and our athletes, so thank you very much!

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATIVE



CNOF President, who doubles International Cycling Federation President, Mr David LAPPARTIENT, conveyed the message of the President of France, host of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. In a very impassioned speech, Emmanuel MACRON said: “Thank you Africa for what you are doing for sport, for what you are bringing here to the Paris Olympic Games.”

Dear ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF,
 Dear ANOC President Robin MITCHELL,
 Distinguished IOC Members,
 Presidents of African NOCs, I should say Dear
 Friends,
 Distinguished Ministers,
 Your Excellencies,
 Dear friends of the Sports Movement,

Hello everyone and welcome to Paris for the 2024 Olympic Games!

Unfortunately, the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel MACRON, who was able to speak with President BERRAF, could not make it here today to say a few words to you and has asked me, on behalf of the French Olympic Movement, to address you and also to say, on his behalf, a very warm welcome to our beautiful country for these Olympic Games. You know how important the historic ties that unite France and Africa are, and this is another opportunity to say it again to all of you! To all 54 African NOCs, welcome to our country. We are very happy to welcome you here for these Olympic Games.

There are, of course, Olympic values at these Games that we would like to share; there are historic ties of friendship and I know that you all enjoy meeting up again. And we are delighted to be here for these Olympic Games. The Games have been eagerly awaited by everyone; eagerly awaited because we love the Olympic Games; eagerly awaited because Paris has always been bold and creative, and using our capital's historic monuments, we chose an opening ceremony on the River Seine that was undoubtedly unique. I hope you enjoyed this opening ceremony, which is somewhat a symbol of the French touch, and I know that more than three billion people around the world watched this thrilling opening on television.



I wish to congratulate the African National Olympic Committees and African athletes: Congratulations! What you are bringing to sport is wonderful for everybody.

We also made sure that the competition venues were the most beautiful and that we were in the most iconic places possible. You must have gone to experience the fencing event at the Grand Palais, undoubtedly one of the most emblematic venues, archery at Les Invalides, cycling at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, beach volleyball at the Champ de Mars, horse riding at Versailles and many others. So to love the Games even more, I urge you to enjoy these moments, to enjoy these iconic places in Paris. That's exactly what we wanted: to combine heritage, history and sport, and that's what I think we've succeeded in doing. Every time we go to see the competitions, of course, we love the competitions, we go to see athletes and their

extraordinary feats. However, when you do it in such great settings as our various competition venues, well, I think it adds magic to the place and so I hope you enjoy it all. We're delighted to welcome you.

With a view to modernising the Games, we also endeavoured to apply the new 2020+5 standard to Agenda 2020+5 and the new IOC guidelines. As you all know, the Olympic Games of the modern era and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) were both founded here in Paris on 23 June 1894, that is, 130 years ago. 130 years ago, Pierre de COUBERTIN had the bright idea of uniting the world through peace and making sport a tool for friendship among nations. Ultimately, this idea is still very relevant today as it was celebrated on 23 June here in Paris with the IOC President. The Games bear witness to the fact that Pierre de COUBERTIN's bright idea is indeed something that unites us all.

Paris is hosting the Olympic Games for the third time now. We welcomed the Games in 1900, and 1924, which at the time had already marked a key milestone in the Olympic Games and indeed their globalisation. It was high time we made some changes in 2024. The Olympic Games have brought a degree of innovation in line with Agenda 2020+5, notably with a 60% reduction in carbon emissions, and the inclusion of sustainability issues. And this is what has been done here in Paris to make the Olympic Games absolutely iconic.

We are expecting more than 10 (ten) million spectators at the competition venues and we have already sold between 9 (nine) and 10 (ten) million tickets. We think we can reach our target. That's huge, and that's what we want to achieve together in every stadium. I've had the opportunity to go to several venues, and the atmosphere in each of them is absolutely extraordinary. That's the atmosphere we want. I know that here in France and in Paris, many people with African origins have kept that inextricable



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link with their countries of origin, and your countries, and we see them all extraordinarily enthusiastic. Thank you Africa for what you are doing for sport, for what you are bringing here to the Paris Olympic Games.

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This is also your Olympic Games and I hope you enjoy the Games here in Paris, and we will continue to do our best to welcome you.

When I was elected last year as President of the French National Olympic Committee, President BERRAF immediately asked me to welcome a meeting of the Board of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa and it has been my pleasure, dear MUSTAPHA, to welcome you in Paris with your Board and to host at the French National Olympic Committee a meeting with all the African countries members of the Board of the ANOCA. Please feel here at home, please enjoy the Games.

And I also want to tell you something with my other cap, which is the cap of the President of the International Cycling Union because as you may know, if not, and I look at Félicité and our friend from Rwanda, next year, the UCI Cycling World Championships on the road for the elite and professional will take place in Africa, in Kigali, Rwanda for the first time ever. When I was elected UCI President in 2017, I said it is time for Africa. And we need to go to Africa not only to showcase our sport in Africa but it has to be also something for Africa and together with ANOCA, with the support of ANOCA, we signed an MoU between ANOCA and the UCI in order to bring cyclists from all the countries in Africa to the top level with the goal to have cyclists from all the 54 countries in Africa at the start in this wonderful World Championships that we will have in Kigali, Rwanda and you are all welcome in this UCI World Championships. I think it will be magnificent and we are expecting more than one million people just on Sunday for the men's elite race. So, of course, during the week it will be more than this. So, I hope that we can have more world championships in many disciplines and, why not, and this is something we need to have in mind one day also to have the Olympic Games in Africa. I know our friends from



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Senegal in Dakar will host the 2026 Youth Olympic Games and I think it will be magnificent for Africa. I will not be too long but I want to tell you: feel here at home, France is so happy to welcome you, enjoy the Games, long live the Olympic Games!

Thank you very much!





**ADDRESS
BY PRINCE
ALBERT II OF
MONACO**



“I am very happy to see how Africa is developing in different ways, in sport”

Said Prince Albert II of Monaco while encouraging both athletes and the African Olympic and Sports Movement.



Thank you very much Mr President,
Distinguished Guests,
Distinguished Presidents,
Dear IOC Colleagues and Friends,

I am delighted to be with you here today. Thank you very much, President BERRAF for inviting me.

It's a pleasure to be sitting by your side and, of course, with the President of NOC France (CNOSF), my friend and colleague, David LAPPARTIENT, as well as other dignitaries here. I just wanted to give you my full support for the actions you have taken and your projects. The wonderful presentation from our Egyptian friends testifies to the fact that Africa has many projects and is moving forward.

It's a great pleasure for me to be with you here this morning. I thank President BERRAF for his invitation and to see a lot of colleagues and friends from the IOC but also from other National Olympic Committees and from other organisations. I am very happy to see how Africa is developing in different ways, in sport, in Olympic sport and with the great presentation that we had from our Egyptian friends for these Games in 2027, but I know that there are other fantastic Championships and World Championships that will happen in Africa in cycling, in other sports as well. So, I am just here to offer my support, and my congratulations, and my thanks. May these Games also bring you a lot of success! I wish you all the very best for these Games and for the future.

Thank you very much!



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ADDRESS
BY CHINESE
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE
PRESIDENT



“Sport is an important constituent of China-Africa relations”

The President of the **Chinese Olympic Committee**, Mr **GAO ZHIDAN**, highlighted the excellent ties between Africa and China, noting that, while commending the performances of African athletes at Paris 2024 and announcing that Africa-China relations have broken new grounds. The full text.

Distinguished President Mr Mustapha BERRAF;

Distinguished President Dr Robin MITCHELL;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Dear friends;

It's my great pleasure to gather here with all new and old friends at the Extraordinary Session of the ANOCA General Assembly. On behalf of the Chinese Olympic Committee, I would like to extend my sincere greetings to President BERRAF and to all friends from the African Olympic family, and warmly, congratulations for the successful Extraordinary Session.

Africa is the continent with the highest number of developing countries. During recent years, African countries have been making great strides towards development and revitalisation, becoming one of the most important forces with increasing global influence. We are very pleased to witness this great advancement of the African Olympic Movement, achieved with the joint efforts of President BERRAF and the African sports community and the strong support of the international sports community. More and more, African athletes are shining brightly on the world stage and they are now presenting a wonderful performance in Paris. Many important international sports events such as the World Cup, the Youth Olympic Games held or will be held on this continent. The African sports community is playing an increasingly important role in international sports affairs.

The tradition of friendship between China and Africa has become stronger over time. In recent years, under the guidance of the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and of pursuing the greater good and shared interests in developing China's relations with Africa, put forth by President Xi Jinping. China-Africa relations have entered the new era of a stronger



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China-Africa community with a shared future. No matter how the international situation evolves, China has always been there for Africa.

Sport is an important constituent of China-Africa relations. The sports communities of China and Africa have always helped each other and shared a common future. China has long been supporting sports development in Africa. We have shared sports development experience and jointly improved the performance of our athletes. The complementarity between the both sides indicates huge cooperation potential. During the 19th Asian Games last year,



President BERRAF and I jointly signed the cooperation MoU between the COC and ANOCA. Under this framework, we have set out practical cooperation projects which will inject in new impetus for our sports, ties and traditional friendship.

In the upcoming September, the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation will be held in Beijing, which will be themed on 'Joining hands to Advance Modernisation and Build a High-level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future'. We look forward to taking this China-Africa Cooperation Forum and the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games as an opportunity to keep enhancing our sports exchanges, carry out pragmatic and mutually

beneficial cooperation, intensify interactions between our sports authorities and both organisations, continue to communicate and coordinate on international sports affairs and support each other on issues involving each other's important core interest. I am convinced that we will achieve common sports development and leverage the unique role of sport to enhance mutual understanding and friendship among Chinese and African peoples and build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future.

I wish this conference a complete success, wish African athletes achieve outstanding results in Paris and every success for the Paris Games.

Thank you very much!

ADDRESS
BY NOC
SAUDI
ARABIA'S SC

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ABDULAZIZ BAESHEN lauded what he qualified as excellent relations with the African Olympic family. His solemn address to the General Assembly was historic.



Dear President BERRAF,

Your Excellencies,

Dear IOC members,

NOC colleagues,

Dear Guests,

I stand before you today with a message from Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal who, unfortunately is unable to join us this morning. He sends his heartfelt apologies and he has asked me to convey his warmest regards and well wishes to each and every one of you. It is an honour to welcome all ANOCA members and esteemed guests to this assembly.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I assure you of the excellent relationship that the Saudi Olympic movement has with the African Olympic family as we are the host of two key sporting organisations, where a total of 27 African NOCs are members of. In addition, we are delighted to be working closely with you in the lead up to and during the upcoming Olympic E-sports Games, which will be hosted in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia next year.

This event represents a significant milestone for the Olympic Movement and our nation and we are excited to showcase our commitment to the growth and development of E-sports on a global stage.

Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal hopes that each of you will experience the renowned Saudi hospitality and generosity first hand. Thank you and we hope to see you all in Saudi Arabia.

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**ADDRESS
BY ISF
REPRESENTATIVE**

The ANOCA President,

The President of ANOC,

Dear Presidents of all NOCs,

On behalf of the International School Sports Federation (ISF) that gathers more 135 countries in the world and 37 members in Africa, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to President BERRAF for the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding with one message that you know: firstly, Africa is the heart of humanity and secondly, that everything

starts in school. Sports starts in school and that is why we decided to sign this MoU to reinforce the collaboration between schools, the sports movement that I represent, and the African Sports Movement. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Executive Board members that are supporting this and I wish that this collaboration can be reinforced in all African countries with the school entity. After that, ISF will launched officially the first African School Games that we will organise, I hope, in your countries. So, be in touch and once again congratulations for all your work under the leadership of President BERRAF.





**ADDRESS BY THE
MINISTER OF
YOUTH AND SPORT
OF EQUATORIAL
GUINEA**

The President of ANOCA, Mustapha BERRAF;

The President of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee;

Allow me, first and foremost, on behalf of my country and on behalf of the President of the Republic, H.E. Obiang Nguema MBASOGO, to congratulate the French government on this wonderful organisation of the Olympic Games in the beautiful city of Paris. I'd like to thank ANOCA and all ANOCA delegates here present.

As you all know, during the 2nd African Beach Games, Equatorial Guinea was honoured to be the

host of the 3rd African Beach Games. The President of the Republic has thus asked me to come and thank ANOCA for the honour it has bestowed on his country to host this 3rd edition of the Games.

As you all African delegates are well aware, Equatorial Guinea is a great organiser of great events. The President has, therefore, requested me to inform you that you will not be disappointed for honouring the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. That said, I cede the floor to the NOC President.

Thank you!

**ADDRESS
BY THE
PRESIDENT
OF NOC
ANGOLA**

**ANOCA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLEE GENERALE EXTRAORDINAIRE DE L'ACNOA**



The resolutions of the ANOCA Extraordinary General Assembly were followed by remarks by NOC Presidents of countries that were confirmed as hosts of competitions.

The ANOCA President,

Honourable ANOCA Executive Committee Members,

Distinguished NOC Members,

Dear Guests,

Dear Friends,

Angola stands ready to take up the challenge of organising the 4th edition of the African Youth Games in 2025.

I would like to begin my presentation by sharing Angola's economic and social situation to give you a glimpse of where we will be in 2025 regarding this major sports event.

Thank you! Thank you very much!

To secure the government's support for this initiative of the Olympic Committee, the Minister of Youth and Sports was here, but due to his busy schedule, he had a meeting with the ANOCA President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer, and then returned home. But we are here to ensure that everything is set to welcome Africa to our country. And to showcase our organisational skills, I would like to remind you that Angola has organised the African Basketball Championships three times in recent years, and will organise the next African Championship in 2025. Last year we hosted the World Golf Challenge. We also organised the African Handball Championship three times, and last year, we organised qualifiers for the Paris Olympic Games. In skate hockey, we organised the World Championship; we have also organised the Olympic Judo qualifiers twice (in 2023 and early this year); we successfully organised

our Zone Championship and the African Swimming Championship last year; we also organised the Davies Cup, the African Table Tennis Championship and the African Sailing Championship. Of course, we have experience, but we also want to draw from the experience and expertise of all the African NOCs affiliated to ANOCA and, of course, our friends in African confederations to organise these Games successfully.

80% of our infrastructure is ready and I'd love to share it with you (at last another video to give you an idea of the sporting conditions involved in organising the Games).

Thank you very much! Thank you very much!

In this same atmosphere, let me highlight that we have three key words to guide our actions towards the organisation of the 4th edition of the African Youth Games: sustainability, friendship and solidarity.

In addition to that, we are preparing for the opening and closing ceremonies, cultural programmes and some activities showing African art, African culture in all its ramifications during the African Youth Games. To conclude, I can say that Angola is ready to receive 2,500 athletes, around 1,000 officials and receive you all NOCs in December 2025. Dear friends, thank you for supporting us. We need your support; we need your experiences; we need you all to make these Games a reference for our youth and a good moment for Africa.

Thank you very much!



**ADDRESS BY
THE PRESIDENT
OF NOC
EQUATORIAL
GUINEA**

**The ANOCA President,
Honourable Ministers and Dignitaries here present,
Distinguished Members of the ANOCA General
Assembly,
Dear Participants,**

I am indeed honoured today to share with you how we started preparations for the African Beach Games Riaba 2027. This event offers a unique opportunity to Equatorial Guinea, and we have already begun laying the organisational foundations for hosting these prestigious Games.

Let me begin with a summary of the journey that has brought us this far. It all began with our

bid in Hammamet, where we passionately and convincingly defended Equatorial Guinea's ability to host the African Beach Games Riaba 2027. Our bid highlighted not only our wonderful beaches but also our organisational skills, as demonstrated during events such as our organisation of the Africa Cup of Nations in 2012 and 2015. The next key step was the inspection tour by the ANOCA President to Equatorial Guinea in December 2023, during which we had the opportunity to show our commitment to sport and Olympic values. This was a critical moment that culminated in the signing of the hosting agreement for the 3rd African Beach Games 2027 between NOC Equatorial Guinea and ANOCA witnessed by H.E. the Minister of Youth and Sport, who is here today, officially confirming our country as the host of the

Games. Today, we are pleased to give you a rundown of our preparations to date. We have begun work in several key areas to ensure the success of the event and would like to share these first steps with you before presenting our first advert for the African Beach Games.

Equatorial Guinea once more reaffirms its total commitment to the organisation of these Games, as demonstrated by the presence of the Minister of Youth and Sport. We are determined to rise to the challenge and ensure that the African Beach Games Riaba 2027 are a resounding success. I would also like to express my profound gratitude to ACOLOP members. Their unflinching support and motivation were decisive in NOC Equatorial Guinea's decision to submit its bid to host the Games. Their confidence in us inspired and encouraged us to take up this great challenge.

I would also like to sincerely thank ANOCA for trusting us by awarding us the organisation of these Games. We know that it is crucial to join hands and work collaboratively if we must succeed in this endeavour. In particular, we want to build on the experience of countries that have either organised the Games or have developed beach sports well. We have the challenge of training technicians and promoting this new sports culture in Equatorial Guinea. And we firmly believe that the support and experience of our allies will be pivotal in this process.

Finally, I would like to extend a kind invitation to the IOC President and all ANOCA members here present. We urge you to visit Equatorial Guinea to see for yourselves our country's potential to make these Games a unique and memorable event. Your presence and support will be fundamental to the success of this initiative. And now, I'll leave you with the Director of Marketing and Communications of NOC Equatorial Guinea for a visual presentation.

Thank you very much!



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ANOCA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**PARIS: THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC AND
SPORTS MOVEMENT HAILED FOR
ITS LEADERSHIP AND VIBRANCY**

ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLEE EXTRAORDINAIRE DE L'ACNOA



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The ANOCA extraordinary session held on 31 July 2024, on the sidelines of Paris 2024 took major resolutions for the future of the African Olympic Movement.

Chaired by President Mustapha BERRAF, deliberations began at 9.30 a.m. with all 54 African NOCs in attendance. Key features on the meeting's agenda included the award of the Youth Olympic Games, the African Beach Games, and the progress report on preparations for the Dakar 2026 African Games.

The meeting took the following resolutions:

- The award of the African Beach Games 2025 to Equatorial Guinea;
- Algeria will host the maiden edition of the African School Games in 2025;
- Angola will host the African Youth Games in 2025;
- Egypt will host the African Games in 2027;
- Senegal was confirmed as host of the 2026 Youth Olympic Games;



- Announcement of Egypt's bid to host the 2036 and 2040 Olympic Games;

On the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the Secretary General of NOC Senegal, Seydina Omar DIAGNE, said:

“Preparations for the sports event are on track and it promises to be grandiose.”

The following dignitaries were also in attendance:

The IOC President Dr Thomas BACH, who said:

“I commend the remarkable efforts of the Presidents of African NOCs and call for solidarity and unity to achieve significant progress in African sport... To support African NOCs, the IOC had made a major financial effort by increasing the Olympic Solidarity subsidy to African NOCs by 10%. You deserve this thanks to your efforts on behalf of the continent's youth. Africa is the future.”

He further promised that,

“There will be changes in the support to the TOP programme, ‘The Olympic Partner’, with increased support for the least privileged NOCs. We want them to sustain the momentum after all the difficulties caused by geopolitical conflicts.”

While recognising Prince Albert of Monaco, Mr David LAPPARTIENT, CNOSF President, conveyed the message of French President Emmanuel MACRON, who was unavoidably absent.

ANOC President Robin MITCHELL, lauded the African Olympic Movement as well as all the Presidents of African NOCs, and commended the ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF for his leadership.

Similarly, COC President Gao ZIDHAN and President Faissal bin Bandar bin Sultan AL SAUD of the International Federation of E-sports were equally in attendance, with IOC members as prominent guests.

Addressing participants, the French Minister of Sports, Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2004, Amélie OUDEA-CASTERA, who also graced the occasion, said:

“This association of 54 National Olympic Committees is dedicated to promoting sport and Olympism across the world, while supporting African athletes in their quest for excellence. Such efforts are reflected on a daily basis in Africa



Station, a fan zone specially set up with the city of Ile Saint-Denis to celebrate the African culture and victories during the Games. We wish the African athletes competing in the Olympics every success.”

In his opening remarks, ANOCA President and host, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF noted:

“ANOCA has been diligently and efficiently implementing its 2020-2024 strategic plan.

This is a joint effort. We are working hand in glove, as one. Our objective remains the same: to bring happiness and joy to the youths of Africa.

We seek to develop the African continent through sport, reason we support all 54 African nations in their ongoing quest for prosperity. Sport is a driver of development and Africa is resolutely committed to leveraging it for socio-economic growth.

These deliberations will thus add an innovative touch to the pursuit our shared goals. Our General Assemblies have always bolstered our resolve and the case will not be different here today in Paris. Our solidarity has always been our strength. We must protect this shared vision. The involvement of each and every one of us is key to the complete success of our initiatives.

In all humility, we can safely assert that we have implemented our projects and strategic plan with rigour, and so are confident that our results are satisfactory. Yet, we still need to do more.

The exceptional atmosphere that currently reigns in the Olympic Movement is such that we can freely say that our NOCs are forging ahead with determination.

They are all real champions and we are proud of them. In close collaboration with the IOC, we launched a project to build and renovate NOC headquarters in some countries to ensure that they work in good conditions. The project is currently underway in most countries.

Also worthy of mention are our Olympafrica centres, which are spread across Africa and which offer young Africans numerous opportunities through the practice of sport. They are indeed places for development and hope for a better future.”

President BERRAF further stated:

“We will not fail to pay tribute to some International Federations and their leaders, such as those of Cycling, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, and Canoeing and our ANOC President, who is always available and ready to listen to everyone.

For the next Olympic Solidarity quadrennial plan for the African continent, we will have multiple events and activities, notably the African Games Egypt 2027, the African Youth Games in Angola in December 2025, the African Beach Games in Equatorial Guinea and the African School Games in Algiers in July 2025.

The African School Games, in close collaboration with the International School Sports Federation, should enable our NOCs to work with their respective Federations to identify young talents and thus offer them more promising prospects.

We will also be working towards the first Olympic E-sport Games in 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This meaningful collaboration between the IOC and NOC Saudi Arabia is of utmost importance to us.

Together, we will continue to work on priority issues such as sustainable development, the African Athletes’ Forum, gender equality and many others, including the fight against doping and preparations for the Dakar Games.

Our valiant athletes are currently competing in Paris 2024 and, with the Games promising a bumper medal haul by our champions, their deployment is paramount. ANOCA awarded them grants to help them prepare for the Games and IOC Olympic Solidarity was also deeply involved in their preparation.

To our athletes, we say, GO! GO! AFRICA IS STRONGLY BEHIND YOU. The Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be a success for the continent and we’re convinced that Team Africa’s performances will live up to expectations. After this competition, we intend to continue supporting our athletes to achieve even better results in Los Angeles 2028.”





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Discussions were held in an open and cordial atmosphere. The NOC Presidents deliberated on the organisation of various competitions in Africa, notably the African Youth Games, the African Beach Games and the Youth Olympic Games, after which, they granted Angola the rights to host the African Youth Games, while Equatorial Guinea will host the 2027 African Beach Games and it was confirmed that Dakar, Senegal, will host the Youth Olympic Games in 2026.

Concerning the bids to host the 2036 and 2040 Olympic Games, Africa will be represented by Egypt.

This Extraordinary General Assembly was an opportunity for IOC President Thomas Bach to share with sports leaders and address their concerns.







DIGNITARIES AWARDED HONORARY DISTINCTIONS AT THE ANOCA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS

The ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF awarded medals to some of its most deserving members during the deliberations.

- **IHF PRESIDENT**
Mr Hassan MOUSTAFA

- **COPRESIDENT OF NOC CAR**
Mr Gilles Gilbert GRESENGUET

- **PRESIDENT OF NOC SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE**
Mr Joao Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO

- **CAVB PRESIDENT**
Mrs Bouchra HAJI

- **PRESIDENT OF NOC BURUNDI**
Mrs Lydia NSEKERA.





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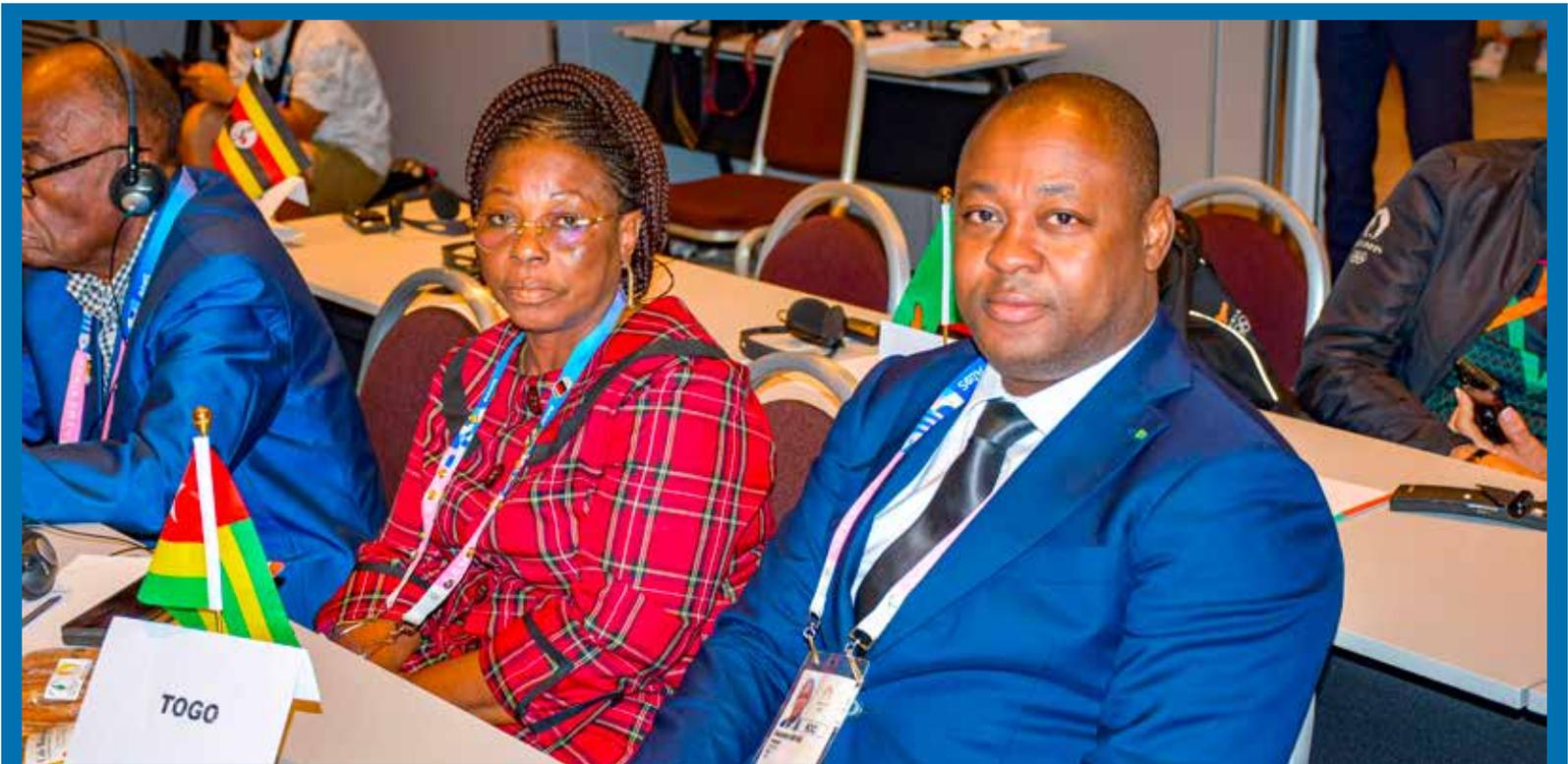
























ANOCA AND ISF SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE SIDELINES OF THE ANOCA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS

The agreement lays the foundation for the organisation of the very first African School Games in 2025, which have already been awarded to Algeria.

The Hôtel Méridien Paris Etoile in Paris, was the venue for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ANOCA and the International School Sport Federation (ISF) to work together to further promote school sports in Africa. The agreement was signed

by ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF and ISF President Laurent PETRYNKA.

The signing ceremony, which took place on the sidelines of the ANOCA Extraordinary General Assembly, was attended by the Sports Ministers of Egypt, Sierra Leone and Equatorial Guinea. The President of NOC Saudi Arabia, the President of NOC Germany, Presidents of Continental Sports Federations, IOC members in Africa, African NOCs

and ANOCA Executive Committee members were also in attendance.

The agreement, which has a historic significance for the parties, mainly focuses on:

1. Facilitating effective collaboration between ISF and ANOCA for the promotion of school sports activities that are mutually beneficial to both parties;
2. Strengthening general cooperation and partnership between the two organisations and their members;
3. Promoting sport in education at local, national and international levels, attracting school-age sport enthusiasts and fostering cooperation between ANOCA and ISF with local authorities;
4. Sharing information and updates using the organisations' platforms for mutual external communication and promotion;
5. Seeking opportunities for synergies and greater benefits stemming from this collaboration;
6. Officially recognising and promoting the ISF-ANOCA collaboration.

Both parties undertake initiatives to encourage the practice of sport by all students regardless of gender, promote girls' school sport, identify and synergise actions between the two parties in the Field of Play, create a training and assessment unit for international/national technical officials (ITOs), promote sustainability, the principles of fair play and integrity, and join the fight against all forms of racism in sport, promote the use of school competitions as a development platform to experimenting new rules and formats or any other innovation.

Specific cooperation initiatives will consist of creating the African School Games, a sports event aimed at



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promoting sport and physical activity, to foster unity and improve the development of young athletes across the African continent. The African School Games will serve as a platform for student-athletes from African countries to compete in various sports events, thus fostering mutual friendship and cultural exchanges between participants. There is need to promote sustainability, the principles of fair play and integrity, and join the fight against all forms of racism in sport. Both parties pledge to work together to ensure the successful planning, organisation, and management of the African School Games, adhering to international standards of sportsmanship, fairness, and inclusivity. Finally both parties will seek opportunities for broader synergies and benefits arising from this collaboration.

From a strictly sports viewpoint, ISF and ANOCA will jointly facilitate the participation of young African athletes in ISF events and other international competitions organised by ISF. Both parties will collaborate to identify talented budding athletes from African nations, provide them with the necessary resources and support to excel in their respective sports and contribute to the promotion of sports excellence and international cooperation, building on the shared goal of promoting education through



sport, the ISF Academy will offer a comprehensive educational programme designed to enhance the personal development of teachers and student-athletes, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary for success both on and off the field of play. In this regard, through the ISF Academy, African PE teachers and athletes will have access to high-quality coaching, academic support, and mentorship programmes, empowering them to pursue their ambitions while receiving a well-rounded education that prepares them for future endeavours. Parties will consider integrating joint sports seminars in educational programs, social programs (e.g. the UN Sustainable Development Goals), and good governance (e.g. anti-doping, environmentally friendly management) into ISF Events.

Speaking after the signing of ceremony, President BERRAF insisted that:

“Sport is a powerful tool for educating children, protecting their health and strengthening their mental resilience. By investing in school sport and in physical education and sport, ANOCA and ISF intend to help African youths to develop their full potential and lead stress-free lives. I would like to stress the importance of creating a peaceful environment that is conducive to the development of children so that they can become active and responsible leaders in a united and prosperous Africa. ANOCA-ISF cooperation is a beacon of hope for the future of school sport in Africa. Joint initiatives such as the African School

Games illustrate a deep commitment to youth education and welfare. By strengthening sports and educational structures, this collaboration aims to create an environment where children can grow up healthy, develop their talents and contribute actively to society.

By investing in young people and providing them with the means to fulfil their potential, ANOCA and ISF are striving together for a better future, where sport is a vehicle of unity, progress and prosperity for the entire African continent. The organisation of the African School Games is part of this cooperation, in tune with the IOC President's guidelines. My friend, Dr Thomas BACH, considers school sport to be a fundamental instrument for the education and emancipation of the African society. All ANOCA Executive Committee members and the Presidents of the 54 African NOCs are grateful to President Laurent PETRYNKA for this commitment to our great and beautiful continent, Africa. The youth of Africa feel honoured by this agreement which confirms our shared passion for youths and our common will to offer opportunities to African families through sports practice and the furtherance of Olympic values."

In response, the ISF representative said:

"On behalf of the International School Sport Federation (ISF), which brings together more than 135 countries worldwide, including 37 members from Africa, I wish to express my deep gratitude to President BERRAF for the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding with the message that you all already know: highlighting that Africa is the heart of humanity and that sport begins at school.

Indeed, sport begins at school, which is why we have decided to sign this memorandum of understanding to strengthen collaboration between schools,



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between the sports movement that I represent and the African sports movement. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee who support this project, and I hope that this collaboration can be fostered in all African countries, particularly with schools. Once this initiative is established, ISF will officially launch the first African School Games, which I hope we will organise in your countries. Let's keep in touch; I would once more like to reiterate my sincere congratulations for the work you are doing under the leadership of President BERRAF."



ANOCA AND DOSB SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE OLYMPIC YOUTHS AND SPORT IN AFRICA

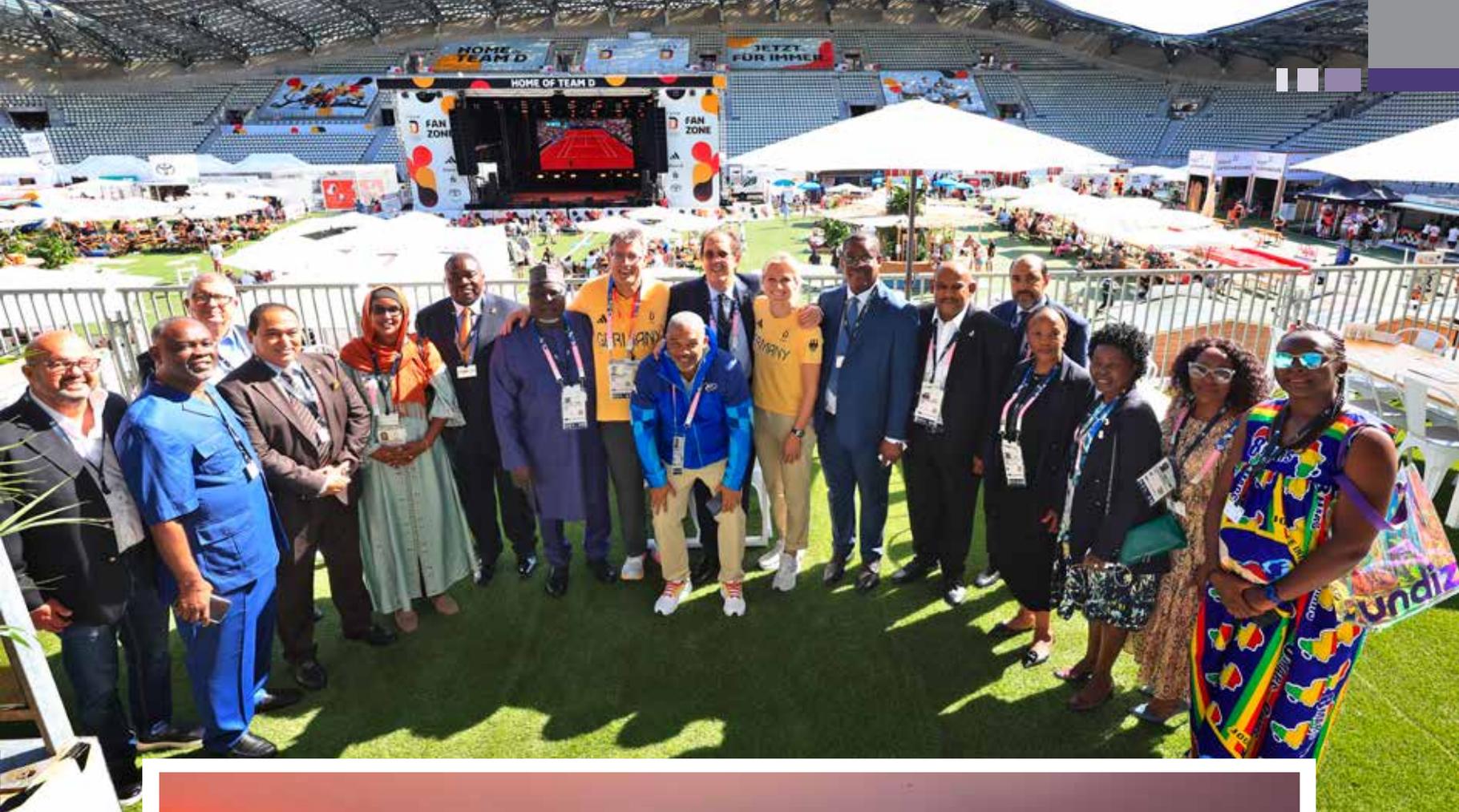
NOC Germany extends a hand of fellowship to Africa during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

ANOCA signed a cooperation agreement with the German Olympic Committee (DOSB) at the German House on the sidelines of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The related documents were signed by ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF and his DOSB counterpart, Thomas WEIKERT.

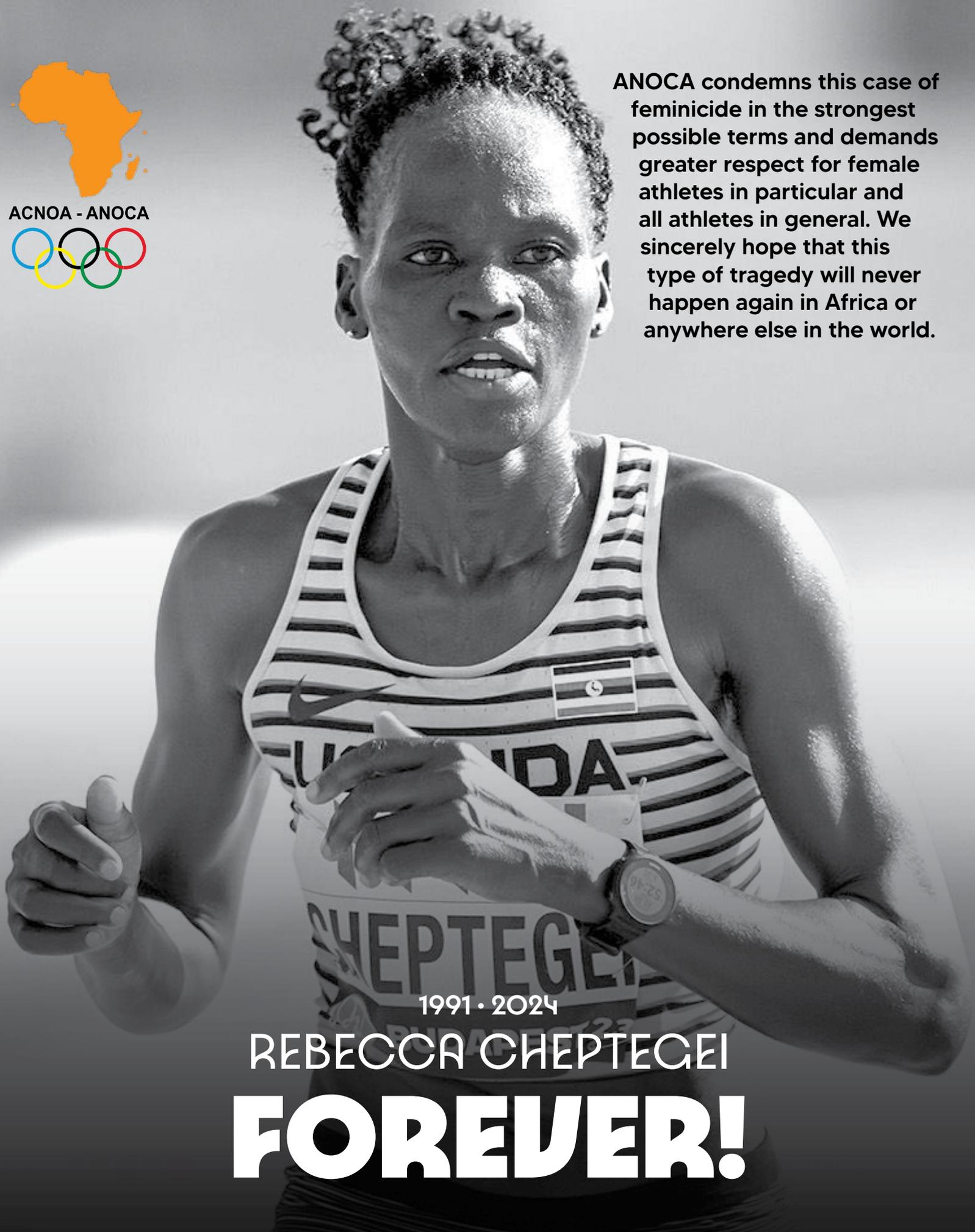
Signed for a duration of four years, the agreement provides for closer cooperation between Germany and Africa in the training of coaches and the development

of national federations. Specifically, German coaches will be dispatched to African countries for training periods of two weeks or more, at the expense of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Another training programme dubbed “*Kids Olympic Skills*”, will be set up in the build up to the 2026 Youth Games in Dakar. A German coach will be sent to the Senegalese capital for a period of two years. Finally, Germany will be awarding an average of 20 scholarships each year to African athletes or technical coaches for international post-graduate training courses at the University of Leipzig in Germany.



ANOCA condemns this case of femicide in the strongest possible terms and demands greater respect for female athletes in particular and all athletes in general. We sincerely hope that this type of tragedy will never happen again in Africa or anywhere else in the world.



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