## honicle from 23 to June 2 the African Beach





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From 23 June 2023, after the official opening ceremony of the Games, the kick-off was given for some of the 16 disciplines on schedule. The Organising Committee did its utmost to create conditions conducive to extraordinary performances by athletes.

Competing athletes are at the heart of the Games. Their accommodation and feeding were therefore considered to be the two major incentives for an exemplary and historic participation.

Country Chefs de Mission, who have been holding evaluation meetings every morning under the watchful eyes of ANOCA 1st Vice President Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre Afonso, and ANOCA officials, have commended the excellent care provided athletes by the host country. There have been no complaints. Everything has been smooth since the start of the Games: transport, accommodation, feeding, etc.





Officials such as ANOC President, Robin Mitchel, after visiting the competition venue, exclaimed: "What a wonderful achievement". He was impressed by the robust measures taken by the State and the entire population to support sport and its values. Robin Mitchel congratulated the ANOCA President on the successful organisation of the Games and the high quality of its infrastructure.

Honourable Mustapha Berraf, ANOCA President, asserted that: «such seriousness and professionalism are rarely witnessed in major competitions like the African Beach Games. Hammamet 2023 gives credit to the African Olympic and Sports Movement, given the special attention enjoyed by our athletes. They are thus set to deliver exceptional performances on the sandy beaches of Yasmine Hammamet.»



Bouchra Hjaief, President of the Confederation of African Volleyball, lauded the excellent organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Beach Games saying: «*The success of the ABGs is beyond all expectations.*»

The technical skills of men's and women's beach volleyball athletes and the warm welcome received by all delegations were deeply appreciated.

The African Olympic Garden in Nabeul was inaugurated by the Governor of Nabeul in the presence of Presidents Robin Mitchel of ANOC and Mustapha Berraf of ANOCA as well as the ABG Organising Committee. The African Olympic Garden spans over 1,500 m2 of the Nabeul public beach. 'YOYO', the mascot, illustrated by a 1.7 m sculpture overlooking the park, was displayed on this site.

Honourable Mustapha Berraf said without mincing words: «the ABGs are thus kept alive by fostering the spirit of our Olympic heritage. This Garden bears witness to Tunisia's desire to immortalise this sports event by promoting the values of friendship, fraternity and solidarity among all African countries. I hail the President of Tunisia, because Tunisia is one of the countries that can currently organise major sports events, and these efforts must be commended.»



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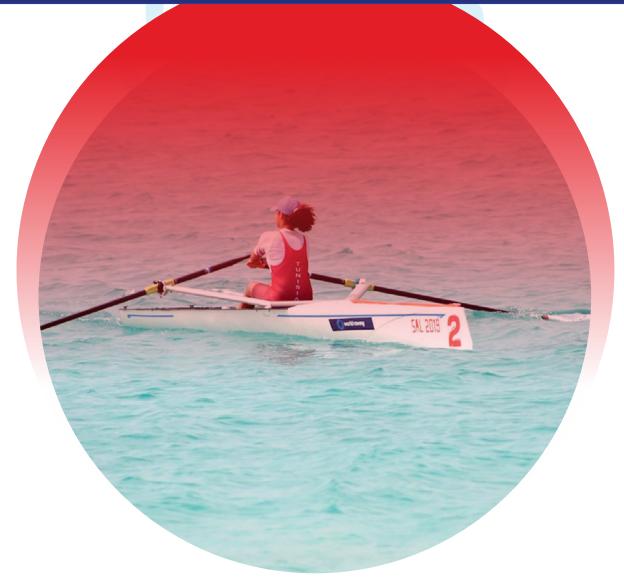


## 54 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

South Africa Algeria Angola Benin **Botswana Burkina Faso** Cameroon Cape Verde **Central African** Republic Comoros Congo Brazzaville **Ivory Coast** Djibouti Egypt **Eswatini** Ethiopia

Gabon Gambia Ghana Guinea **Guinea Bissau Equatorial** guinea **Mauritius island** Kenva Lesotho Libya Madagascar Malawi Mali Morocco Mauritania Mozambique Namibia

Niger **Nigeria** Uganda **Democratic Republic of Congo** Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe Senegal **Seychelles Sierra Leone** South Sudan Sudan Tanzania Chad Togo Zambia **Zimbabwe** 





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