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ANOCA Zone VI in Action

HONOURABLE MUSTAPHA BERRAF GRACES DELIBERATIONS OF ZONE VI GENERAL ASSEMBLY



At the invitation of ANOCA Zone VI, the ANOCA President was in Windhoek from 5 to 7 March 2026, a visit described as historic by NOC Namibia. Several meetings featured on his busy schedule during those three days, including participation in deliberations of the ANOCA Zone VI General Assembly.

Convened under the banner of solidarity and excellence, the meeting aimed to review progress, outline future prospects and reiterate the commitment of the region's NOCs to the African Olympic and Sports Movement. The ANOCA President availed himself of this opportunity to address delegates personally, a powerful gesture conveying a message of gratitude and encouragement to Zone VI NOCs.

Speaking on the occasion, the ANOCA President expressed his satisfaction and pride at the efforts made by the region's NOCs to promote youth and sport: "***I have come here to Namibia specifically to express our satisfaction and pride at your tireless efforts, which are truly admirable.***"



The Honourable Mustapha BERRAF went on to applaud the unity that binds Zone VI NOCs to their respective governments, and urged them to stay resolutely focused on the path progress, excellence and good governance.

He also emphasised the importance of unity within the African Olympic family, pointing out that ANOCA is now recognised as the best continental organisation in the world, a distinction all members can be proud of. He further highlighted the invaluable opportunity afforded by Kirsty COVENTRY's election as IOC President – she is the first woman and the first African to hold this position – as well as the presence at the helm of international federations of leaders who are attuned to the continent's challenges.

President BERRAF used the opportunity to talk openly about the African Games, highlighting the recent difficulties that have negatively impacted the continent's athletes. Recognising that organising the Games requires the concerted efforts of governments, the Olympic Movement and the host country, he reasserted ANOCA's resolve to spare no effort to ensure that these competitions once again serve as qualifiers for the Olympic Games, "***the only incentive we can offer***," he said.

Another highlight of the visit was the presentation of a commemorative trophy to the President of the Republic of Namibia, Her Excellency Dr Netumbo NANDI-NDAITWAH, by the ANOCA President, in recognition of Namibia's commitment to sport development and support for the Olympic Movement. The trophy



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was received on behalf of Her Excellency by Namibia's Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, Sanet STEENKAMP, who chaired the opening ceremony. The Honourable Mustapha BERRAF then extended the greetings of the Algerian President to his Namibian counterpart along with an invitation from His Excellency Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE for an official visit to Algeria.



A FIFA-STANDARD FOOTBALL PITCH



On the sidelines of the General Assembly, one of the key announcements made during the ANOCA President's visit was a major investment in Namibia: the construction of a FIFA-standard football pitch at NOC Namibia's OlympAfrica Centre in Omaruru. This project, a windfall of a strategic partnership between FIFA, the IOC and ANOCA, will boost grassroots sports development and improve access to high-quality facilities for young people in Namibia.

President BERRAF reiterated that this new infrastructure will consolidate the role of the OlympAfrica Centre as a hub for youth development, community sport and the promotion of Olympic values, offering more Namibians the opportunity to participate in elite sport.

NNOC welcomed the announcement and expressed its gratitude for the ANOCA President's historic visit to the country. A NNOC statement said the visit was of great value to Namibia and to sport development in the country. The NOC further said that it was highly



honoured by the presence of the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF and grateful for the generous sponsorship, which will directly benefit young Namibian athletes.

According to the NNOC, the visit by the ANOCA President demonstrates the strong ties between Namibia and the leadership of the African Olympic and Sports Movement, and further deepens cooperation ties aimed at offering more opportunities for young Africans to participate in sport and pursue their dreams.





International Women's Day

THE ANOCA PRESIDENT PAYS A HEARTFELT, HUMBLE AND WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE TO ALL AFRICAN WOMEN AND GIRLS

The commemoration of International Women's Day on 8 March 2026 provided an opportunity for ANOCA and President Mustapha BERRAF to celebrate all women and girls "who work tirelessly within the African Olympic and Sports Movement with courage, skill and determination."



African women are the foundation of our communities. They are the custodians of values, transmitters of traditions, the educators of future generations and the silent builders of our societies.



As usual, in his message on the occasion, the ANOCA President paid tribute to the remarkable contributions of women to our society, our culture and our sport: "***I am proud of all women who have made and continue to make history in our Olympic and Sports Movement. Champions of excellence, resilience and solidarity, you are the cornerstones of our families, our communities and our nations***," he said.

He also praised all those who, everywhere and at all times, are always present, committed, inspiring, transforming and taking the initiative to promote peace: "***From fields of play to boardrooms, you are present, you commit yourselves, you inspire and drive change. You are ambassadors for Olympism, promoters of peace, unity and understanding among communities***."

Stressing the vital role women play in our African societies, ANOCA lauded the qualities of women, who are more than just members of society. They are its central pillar; they exude warmth and embody wisdom, around which life is organised and thrives. Women are much more than that: they embody our traditions: "***African women are the foundation of our communities. They are the custodians of values, transmitters of traditions, the educators of future generations and the silent builders of our societies***."

Urging women to continue breaking barriers, pushing boundaries and inspiring future generations, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF made a passionate appeal to these heroines of our continent, the custodians of our values and the architects of our future.







"***Your contribution is invaluable, your impact profound, and your legacy eternal. ANOCA proudly supports, encourages and celebrates you***."

Concluding his tribute with a pledge of unwavering and unflagging support for all the trailblazing women of our continent, the ANOCA President extended his most sincere gratitude, deepest admiration and most sacred promise to accompany, support and celebrate them not only this 8 March, but every day, in every decision, and in every struggle.

Underscoring the decisive role of women's leadership in setting an example, inspiring and supporting the sports movement, President BERRAF stated: "***African women are not just the future of African sport, but its present strength, its very heartbeat and its ever-burning light.***"



Together, we will use this period to ensure that Congolese sport regains some of its momentum and returns to the top level of African sport -and why not world sport.

NOC Congo (CNOSC)

RAYMOND IBATA RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT TO TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE

The outgoing president was re-elected at the helm of CNOSC on 7 March 2026 during the Elective General Assembly for this new Olympiad.



Shortly after his re-election, Raymond IBATA wasted no time in setting the tone for his new tenure at the helm of the CNOSC, calling for unity in his inaugural speech: "***Together, we will use this period to ensure that Congolese sport regains some of its momentum and returns to the top level of African sport - and why not world sport. We must do the needful to help Congolese sport move forward,***" he said.

During the Elective General Assembly, opportunity to renew the CNOSC's governing bodies, two new figures were elected to the CNOSC Executive Committee: Neyl Francis ATA ASIOKARAH, President of the Congolese Federation of Judo and Associated Disciplines, who replaced Pascal AKOUALA GOELOT as Second Vice President and Alain Fabrice NZABA MOUKIMOU now Deputy Secretary General, replacing Jean Baptiste OSSE, who was elected as Secretary General.

Just like the CNOSC President, other members of the outgoing executive committee were re-elected, including André Blaise BOLLÉ (First Vice-President), Françoise MAHOUNGOU and Micheline OKEMBA (Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents respectively). Meanwhile, Bouesse née Jeanne Claudette MAKILA and Jean Claude ITOUA were re-elected as Treasurer General and Deputy Treasurer General respectively.

Concurrently with the President's re-election, the CNOSC held its Ordinary General Assembly to review preparations for the African Youth Games Dakar 2026. On this occasion, Jean-Baptiste OSSE and Françoise MAHOUNGOU were designated as Congo's Chefs de Mission for this sports event.

The ANOCA President, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, on behalf of the entire EXCO, hailed the re-election in a congratulatory message to President Raymond IBATA: "***What an immense joy and satisfaction shared by all ANOCA Executive Committee members, who also extend their heartfelt congratulations to you,***" he wrote.

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To

Mr Raymond IBATA, CNOSC President

Subject: Congratulations

Mr President and Dear Brother,

Accept our warmest congratulations on your re-election as President of NOC Congo.

What an immense joy and satisfaction shared by all ANOCA Executive Committee members, who also extend to you their heartfelt congratulations.

You and your dedicated team can count on our support throughout your term of office, as ANOCA will always stand by you as you work for sport development in Congo in particular and African in general.

The African Olympic and Sports Movement is proud, knowing that you will once again champion the aspirations of young Congolese sportsmen and women. Your dynamism is matched only by your ability to work in complete solidarity.

May this new tenure be quite a successful one.

Fraternally,

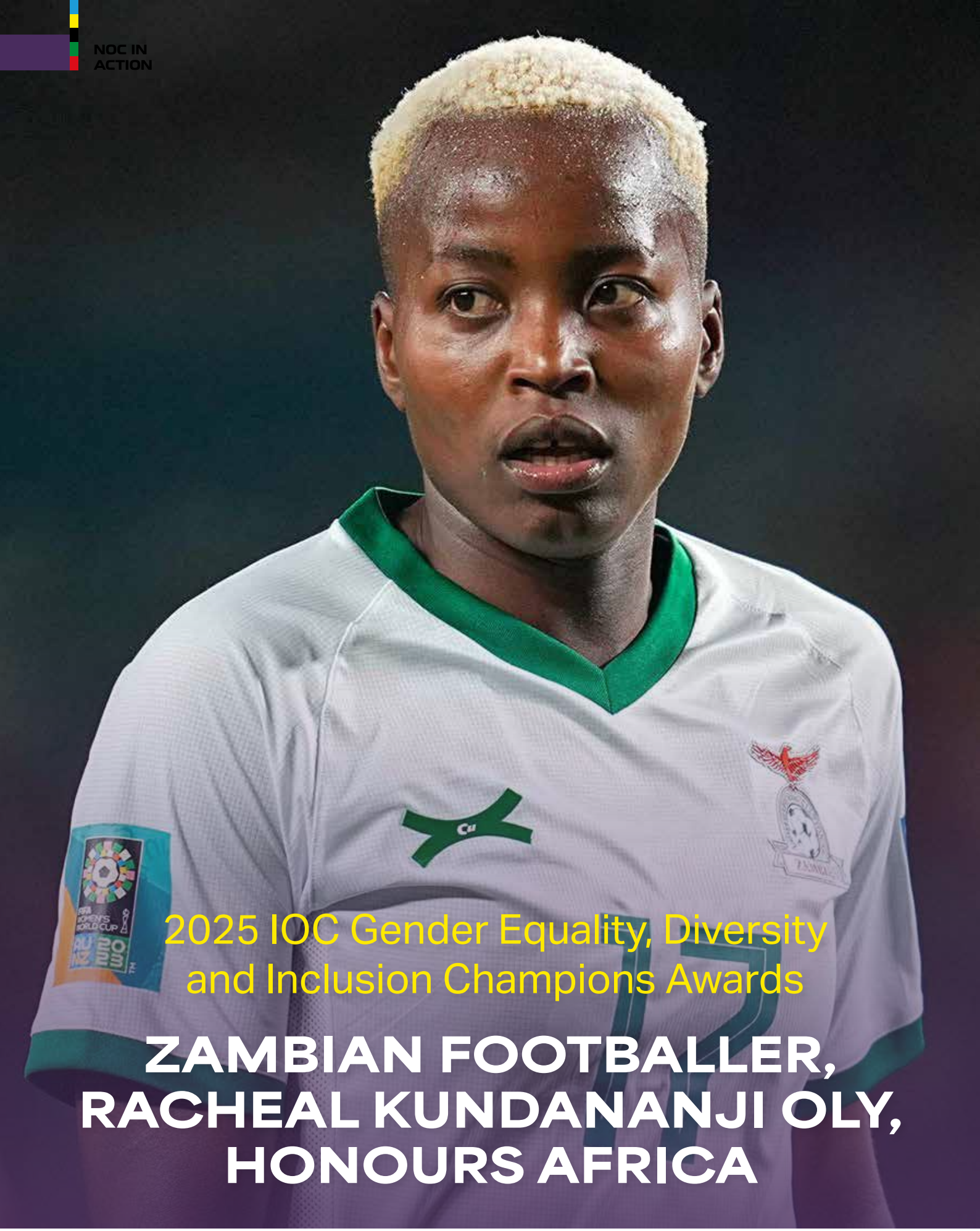
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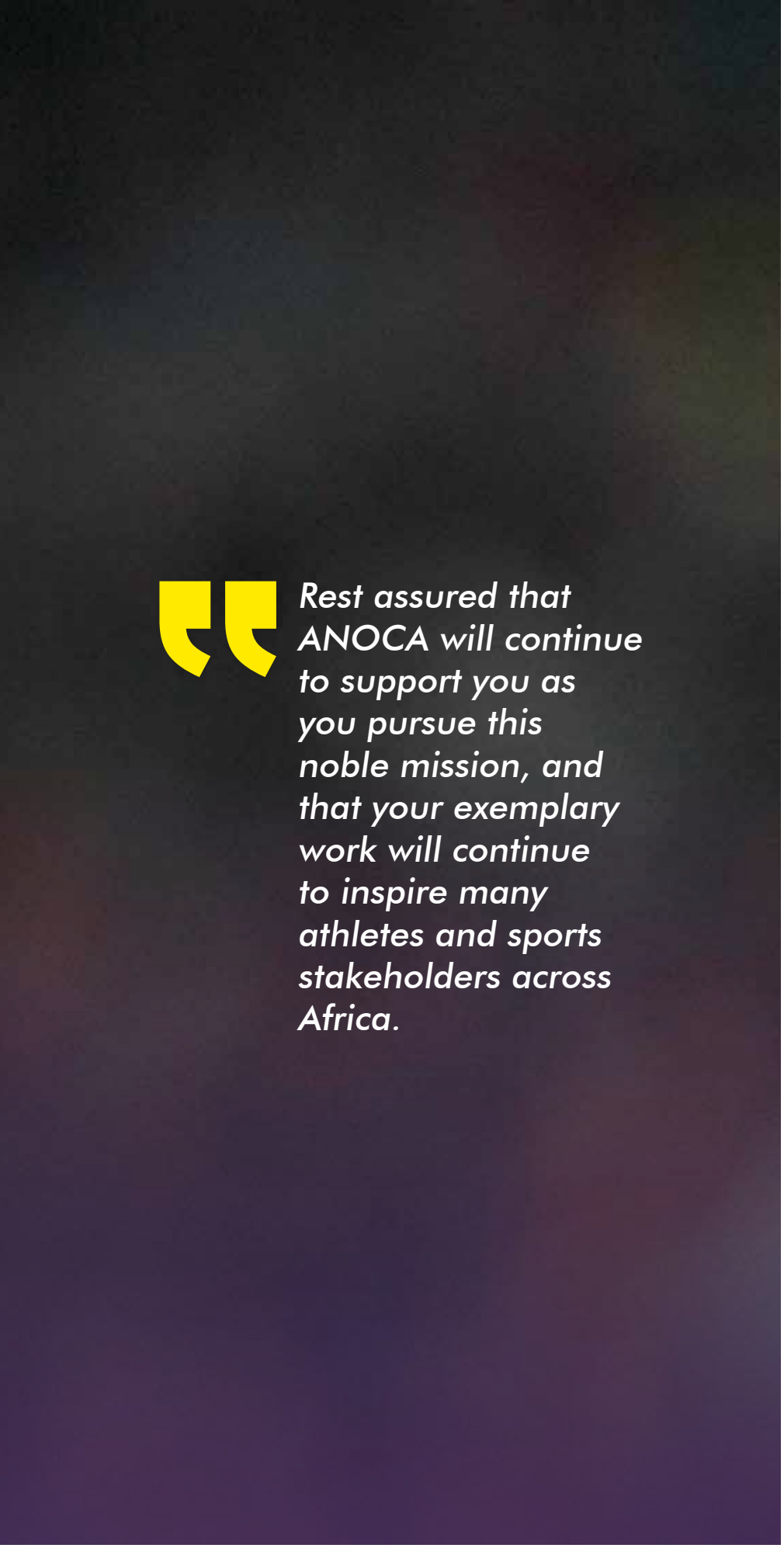






2025 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Awards

ZAMBIAN FOOTBALLER, RACHEAL KUNDANANJI OLY, HONOURS AFRICA



> *Rest assured that ANOCA will continue to support you as you pursue this noble mission, and that your exemplary work will continue to inspire many athletes and sports stakeholders across Africa.*

Zambian footballer, Racheal KUNDANANJI OLY, is the new Africa winner of the 2025 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Awards. She was recognised for her active advocacy for gender equality, diversity and inclusion in and through sport, notably through the Racheal Kundananji Legacy Foundation (RKF), which works to broaden horizons for girls through football in Zambia.

Through her RKF Foundation, Racheal KUNDANANJI empowers girls and young women from underprivileged communities by expanding their access to organised sport and leadership opportunities. The RKF "***Kick for Greatness***" initiatives, deployed in schools and universities across Zambia in partnership with UNAIDS and UNESCO, combine football training with mentoring sessions, life skills training and health education.

In its very first year of existence, the Foundation supported more than 500 children and young people by promoting girls' education, encouraging participation in safe sport, and increasing access to



leadership opportunities to help women and girls thrive.

Deeply committed to her fledgling foundation, her current ambition is to go an extra mile by winning the Holy Grail, the global trophy, which is within her reach. She will as such succeed the former captain of the Indian men's national volleyball team, Abhijit BHATTACHARYA, winner of the 2025 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Award.

In a message of congratulations and encouragement to the African continental winner, ANOCA and President BERRAF commended this prestigious award, which "***recognises an exceptional and tangible commitment to promoting the empowerment of women and girls through sport... a powerful driver of social change***."

The Honourable Mustapha BERRAF also reaffirmed ANOCA's support for this initiative, with continent-wide potential: "***Rest assured that ANOCA will continue to support you as you pursue this noble mission, and that your exemplary work will continue to inspire many athletes and sports stakeholders across Africa***," he concluded.

ANOCA President
ANOCA
(9 March 2026)

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Mrs Racheal KUNDANANJI OLY,
Founder of the Racheal Kundananji Legacy Foundation (RKF), Zambia

Subject: Congratulations on winning the 2025 IOC ***Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*** Champions Awards for Africa

Dear Madam,

It is with immense pride and deep admiration that I wish to extend to you, on behalf of ANOCA and on my own behalf, my warmest congratulations on your recognition as the African continental winner of the 2025 IOC ***Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*** Champions Awards.

This top IOC distinction recognises your exceptional and tangible commitment to empowering women and girls through sport. As an accomplished Zambian footballer, you have successfully transformed your sports career into a powerful tool for social change.

Through the Racheal Kundananji Legacy Foundation (RKF) and its flagship initiatives '***Kick for Greatness***', you ensure young women and girls from disadvantaged communities in Zambia have access to organised sport, mentoring, life skills training, and health education. In partnership with UNAIDS and UNESCO, your actions play an active role in promoting girls' education and grooming new generations of female leaders. In its very first year of existence, over 500 children and young people have benefitted from your programmes - an outstanding performance that attests to the reach and effectiveness of your vision.

ANOCA has always championed efforts towards inclusion, equal opportunities and sport development in African in all aspects, and therefore fully endorses your approach. Madam, you embody the very best of sport: the ability to break barriers, open up new horizons and transform lives.

Rest assured that ANOCA will continue to support you as you pursue this noble mission, and that your exemplary work will continue to inspire many athletes and sports actors across Africa.

Please accept our sincere congratulations and best regards.

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NOC Sao Tome and Principe

ORGANISES GALA IN HONOUR OF OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACTORS IN 2025

NOC Sao Tome and Principe recently honoured its athletes, coaches and federations at a special gala night graced by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Carlos VILA NOVA.

The gala night was organised to recognise and celebrate the talent and dedication of all those who, despite facing challenges, overcame them to bring Sao Tome and Principe onto the podium at several global competitions in 2025.

"***When a Sao Tomean athlete shines, the entire country shines, as proven by the gold medals won by our athletes while representing the country at recent competitions***," said the NOC President, João COSTA ALEGRE.

Among the athletes honoured was Herminia TEIXEIRA, gold medallist in the 200m C1 at the 13th African Canoeing Championships, a symbol of excellence and perseverance in Sao Tome and Principe's sports history. Overwhelmed with emotions, she thanked the federation President, her coach, her mother, God and everyone present, emphasising that the recognition is the outcome of hard work.

Athletes from other disciplines such as Athletics, Kung Fu, Taekwondo and Karate, were also recognised, while acknowledging the invaluable contributions of their coaches. "***This***









achievement is the outcome of the hard work we put in every day as a close-knit team," emphasised Simão CARVALHO, who was honoured as a coach and President of the Santomense Athletics Federation.

President Carlos VILA NOVA, lauded the sterling performances of athletes and urged them to continue inspiring young people through their commitment, resilience and sportsmanship.

He further stated that attending the event to celebrate his nation's favourite sport was an honour and source of pride. "***You, who are now regarded as role models, have an even greater responsibility. You must continue to set an example of selflessness, success and resilience so that others may follow in your footsteps***," he said.

President VILA NOVA also called on the Government to further support sport development in the country.

President BERRAF, for his part, warmly congratulated all the athletes, coaches and sports leaders for contributing to the growth of African sport.









NOC Mauritius

CELEBRATING THE MAIDEN EDITION OF MAURITIUS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (MOC) EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The MOC organised the very first edition of their Excellence Awards on Saturday 31 January 2025, at the Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, during a night of celebration, pride and sports excellence to recognise the winners, nominees and legends of Mauritian sport.

It was a particularly memorable ceremony made all the more special as it was graced by His Excellency Dharam GOKHOOL, President of the Republic of Mauritius, as well as other dignitaries.

Nominees and their coaches received vouchers, commemorative gifts and certificates in recognition of their commitment to sport, while National Federations were awarded trophies as a token of appreciation for their continued support and contribution to sport development.





WINNERS OF THE 2025 EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

- **Best Elite Performers 2025:**
- **Male: Adrien CHAROUX (Archery)**
- **Female: Kimberley LE COURT DE BILLOT-PIENAAR (Cycling)**
- **Rising Stars 2025:**
- **Male: Tristan HARDY (Cycling)**
- **Female: Elsa HOW HONG (Badminton)**

RECOGNITION AWARDS:

Bruno JULIE - Olympic bronze medallist at the Summer Olympics 2008 (Beijing)

Terence SARAMANDIF - Gold medallist at the Summer Youth Olympic Games 2018 (Buenos Aires)

Richard SUNEE - Gold medallist at the Commonwealth Games 1998 (Kuala Lumpur)

All the nominees were honoured and recognised for contributing to write the history of NOC Mauritius.


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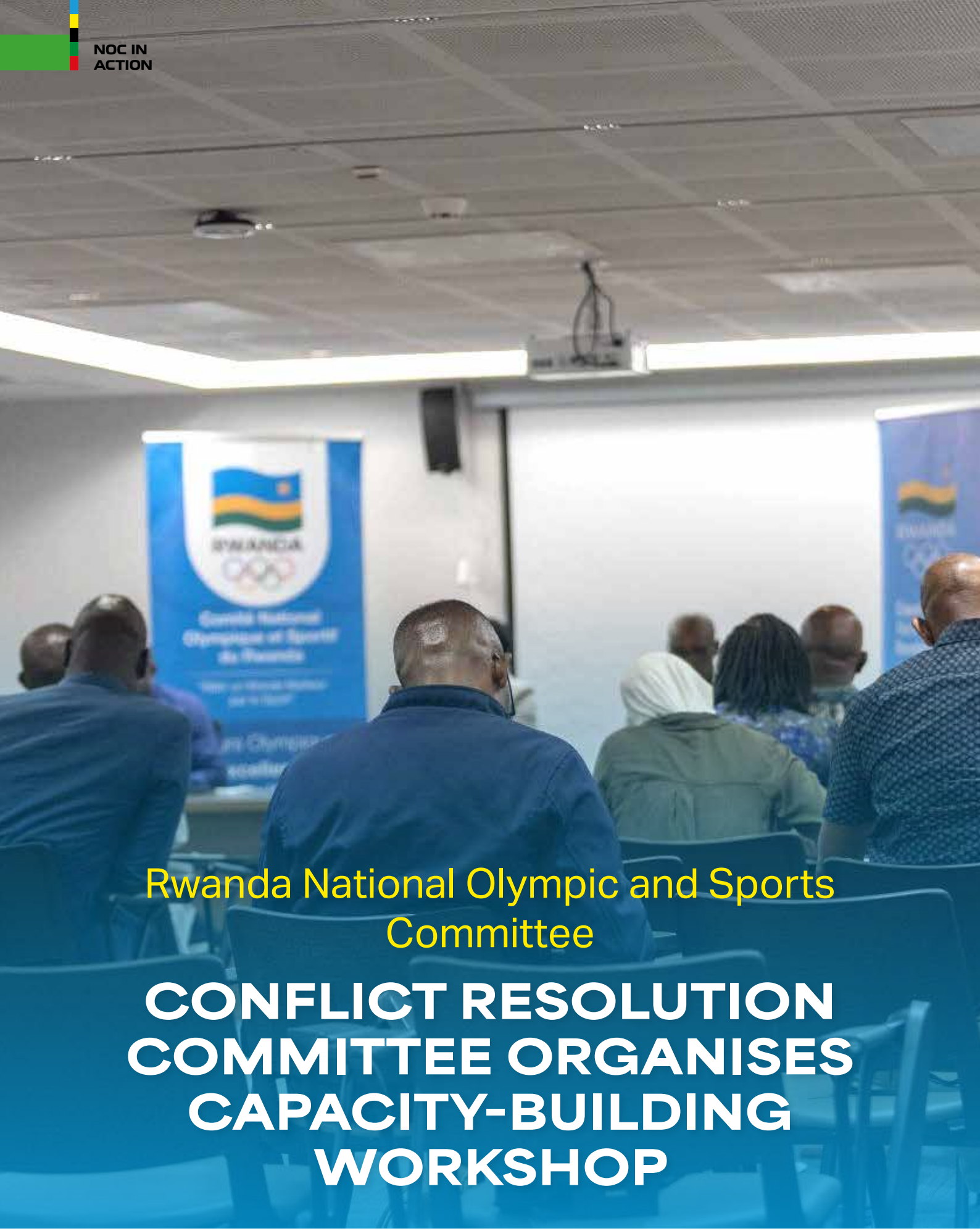



Excellence Award
MAURITIUS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE


BEST ELITE PERFORMER WOMEN
2025




BEST ELITE PERFORMER MEN



Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee

CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE ORGANISES CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP



The heavily attended event was held on 12 March 2026 at the initiative of the Local Conflict Resolution Committee. The workshop was facilitated by members of the RNOSC Conflict Resolution Committee, KAGARAMA Clementine, RWABUHIHI Innocent and NKURUNZIZA Jean Pierre, who shared their knowledge and experience with representatives from the various Conflict Resolution Committees of the National Federations.

During this highly attended session, discussions focused on key aspects of conflict management within sports organisations, including conflict prevention, dispute resolution mechanisms, hierarchical structure of dispute resolution procedures, and the most common governance challenges faced by national federations.

Closing the workshop, RNOSC Secretary General, Mr KAJANGWE Joseph, underscored the importance of properly understanding the appropriate hierarchical structure of reporting and conflict resolution procedures, in order to



prevent the escalation of disputes. "***It is essential that Conflict Resolution Committees understand the appropriate hierarchical structure of reporting and dispute resolution mechanisms to prevent the escalation of conflicts. Once a potential litigation is identified, it is not necessary to refer it immediately to the Ministry of Sport or the NOC***," he stated.

He went on to stress the importance of proactive governance within sports organisations, suggesting that participants should

> ***Though dispute resolution remains important, our priority must always be to prevent conflicts before they arise.***

prioritise conflict prevention rather than resolution: "***Though dispute resolution remains important, our priority must always be to prevent conflicts before they arise***."

Held in the boardroom of the Ministry of Sports, the workshop was a resounding success, with the triple aim: capacity building for national federations, effective conflict management and enhanced governance within the Rwandan sports movement.







NOC Zambia (NOCZ)

NOCZ ORGANISES AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP TO HELP COMMISSION MEMBERS BETTER SUPPORT THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC MOVEMENT



On the initiative of NOCZ Secretary General, Mr Boniface KAMBIKAMBI, a workshop was recently organised in Lusaka to welcome and guide new commission members, while strengthening their role in supporting the Olympic Movement.

In her opening address on behalf of NOCZ President Alfred FOLOKO, Vice President Nakaonga KAKOMA aptly highlighted the vital role of commissions in promoting and developing the Olympic Movement in Zambia, stressing that the expertise, dedication and advice of commission members would help shape programmes and initiatives that benefit athletes, national federations and the wider sporting community.

Highlighting the importance of the session, NOCZ Vice President Nakaonga KAKOMA noted that the orientation workshop was a critical step in ensuring that commission members fully understand their duties and responsibilities as they work to advance the Olympic Movement in the country.




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Encouraging commissions to actively support preparations for upcoming global competitions, notably the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026 and the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, Vice President KAKOMA emphasised the required measures to ensure optimal athlete and team preparation for an honourable Zambian participation on the international stage.

During the session, Secretary General Boniface KAMBIKAMBI gave an overview of NOCZ's structure and a summary of its strategic planning, outlining the roles and expectations of various committees.

The following NOCZ commissions are now part of a global family committed to promoting the values of excellence, friendship and respect through sport:





Encouraging commissions to actively support preparations for upcoming global competitions, notably the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026 and the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

The Technical Commission;

The Marketing and Fundraising Commission;

The Safe Sport Commission;

The Gender and Environment Commission;

The National Olympic Academy Commission;

The Medical Commission;

The Athletes' Commission;

The Legal and Ethics Commission.



Senegal National Olympic and Sports Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXTENDS THE MANDATES OF THE CNOSS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND STEERING COMMITTEE



The CNOSS General Assembly was held on Saturday, 14 March 2026, effectively chaired by CNOSS President, Mamadou Diagna NDIAYE. The agenda featured a number of items, including the presentation of the activity report by the Secretary General, Seydina Omar DIAGNE, and the financial report presented by the Treasurer General, Babacar WADE.

As an expression of satisfaction, following their presentation during deliberations, the General Assembly unanimously approved the various reports. In the same vein, the long-awaited financial report was validated and endorsed by the audit firm.

Keeping the most exciting news to the end, the General Assembly decided to extend the mandates of the Executive Board and Steering Committee members until the Youth Olympic Games scheduled from 31 October to 13 November 2026 in Dakar, Senegal.



Namibia National Olympic Committee

NNOC ORGANISES AN INTENSIVE WORKSHOP DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING ATHLETES' MENTAL RESILIENCE AS PART OF THE ATHLETEMIND PROGRAMME





In an effort to provide athletes with practical tools to help them manage pressure, boost their confidence and maintain their focus in high-performance environments, the Namibia National Olympic Committee hosted a one-day intensive workshop as part of the AthleteMind programme.

The session was dedicated to strengthening the mental resilience of athletes who are preparing to represent Namibia internationally.

Speaking at the opening session, NNOC President, Dr Ndeulipula Hamutumwa, officially welcomed athletes and delivered an inspiring message, underscoring the importance of mental health and psychological preparation in elite sport. He particularly emphasised that, even if athletes train very hard physically, it is equally important to develop a strong and focused mindset when they have to compete under pressure on the global stage.

Workshop participants were inspired by the motivational stories of experienced athletes like Olympians Gaby Ahrens, Maike Betts and Maggy Mengo, while group discussions enabled athletes to share their experiences and support one another in facing the challenges of elite sport.

At the end of the session, the NOC expressed sincere thanks to all partners, sponsors and the Government of Namibia for their constant support in implementing high-impact programmes benefiting athletes, including the AthleteMind programme.








NAMIBIA



Sports Diplomacy

ANOCA PRESIDENT AND IOC MEMBER, THE HONOURABLE MUSTAPHA BERRAF, HOSTS AN IFTAR DINNER IN HONOUR OF AFRICAN AMBASSADORS, PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT



In a "***festive Ramadan***" atmosphere of fraternity and solidarity, the President BERRAF hosted a community Iftar dinner on 14 March 2026, at one of the iconic traditional restaurants in the Casbah of Algiers, in honour of the African ambassadors accredited in Algeria, as part of the sports diplomacy initiative launched by the ANOCA Executive Committee.

The event brought together high-ranking diplomats and elite athletes, including many ambassadors from African countries, as well as prominent figures from the continent's Olympic and sports family, alongside representatives of international sports organisations.

The dinner afforded an ideal opportunity to strengthen cooperation and coordination among the various stakeholders in the African sports movement, highlighting the vital role of sports in promoting cultural and diplomatic ties among nations.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ITALY

The highlight of the evening was a special tribute paid to the President of the Republic of Italy, who was given a symbolic gift received on his behalf by Italy's Ambassador to Algeria. This gesture was part of the recognition of Italy's support and cooperation with the African Olympic and Sports Movement, as well as an expression of appreciation for ongoing efforts to support African youths through exchange, training, and sports development programmes.



STATEMENT BY MUSTAPHA BERRAF

Speaking on the occasion, President BERRAF pointed out that this meeting fully embodied the spirit of solidarity that drives the Olympic Movement:

"***This meeting is more than just a Ramadan Iftar dinner. It embodies the Olympic solidarity spirit and reflects the depth of the ties that bind Africa to its international partners. The tribute we pay today to the Italian government is a message of gratitude for its ongoing commitment to sports development on our continent and for guiding our young people toward a better future***."

The ANOCA President and IOC Member also lauded the legendary hospitality of the Italian people and authorities.

In his closing remarks, President BERRAF emphasised that the eventwas organised in line with the overarching guidelines of IOC President Kirsty COVENTRY, aimed at strengthening African cooperation and providing all the necessary support for sports partnership development among all countries on the continent.

He also underscored that Africa will, as always, remain an ideal platform for promoting solidarity and inclusion among nations through sport and the Olympic Movement.



Two videos were projected on a giant screen to make the evening even more memorable for the small diplomatic community accredited in Algiers: one highlighting ANOCA's activities in support of African sport and the Olympic Movement, the other focusing on the recent Winter Olympics Milan-Cortina 2026.

Praising an initiative that hopefully will become a long-standing tradition, the ambassadors and other guests warmly thanked their host for his hospitality on this memorable evening.





NOCZ SIGNS CONTRACT WITH ZHENGTAI GROUP (Z) LIMITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NOCZ HOUSE





The National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) recently signed a contract with ZhengTai Group (Z) Limited for the construction of the NOCZ Headquarters to the tune of K21,989,872.92, inclusive of government taxes, marking a significant milestone in enhancing sports administration and governance in Zambia.

The new HQ will serve as a central hub for sports programmes coordination and delivery, enabling NOCZ to operate more efficiently and better support athletes and federations nationwide. The project aims to promote sustainable sports development, youth engagement, health, and positive social values.

Speaking on behalf of NOCZ President, Alfred Foloko, NOCZ Vice President Nakonga M. Kakoma, emphasised the project's importance in boosting governance structures and fostering collaboration among sports stakeholders.

"***Investing in a dedicated facility for the National Olympic Committee will lay the foundation for sustainable sports development in Zambia. This headquarters will enable our federations, administrators, and partners to work together more effectively, ensuring that our athletes have the support they need to succeed locally, continentally, and globally,***" he said.

President Foloko also expressed appreciation to the Government of



the Republic of Zambia, particularly the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts under the leadership of Hon. Elvis Nkandu MP, for its continued support and collaboration in facilitating the project. He further acknowledged the technical support provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, whose involvement in the bid evaluation process ensured compliance with national and international standards.





Expressing satisfaction that Zambia was selected as one of the beneficiaries, NOCZ Secretary General cum CEO, Boniface Kambikambi, explained that the headquarters project was an ANOCA initiative aimed at providing NOCs with improved office infrastructure. He noted that the contractor was selected through a transparent procurement process involving bid submissions and evaluations overseen by a Board-appointed commission.

NOCZ Infrastructure and Projects Commission Chair, Greg Lubesha, described the project as a long-awaited development that will provide a permanent operational base for the organisation. The facility is expected to offer modern spaces for meetings, training, and programme delivery, while deepening collaboration among national sports federations, administrators, and partners.

Meanwhile, the Managing Director of ZhengTai Group (Z) Limited, Liver Tembo, assured stakeholders of the company's commitment to delivering quality work throughout the construction phase.

It is expected that, upon completion, the NOCZ Headquarters will enhance the organisation's operational capacity and serve as hub for athlete development and the furtherance of Olympic values in Zambia.





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