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## THOMAS BACH'S AFRICA TOUR





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# Thomas Bach's esteemed African tour, three years to Dakar 2022

On an official visit to West and Central Africa from 11 to 15 November 2019, I had the distinct honour to accompany IOC President, Thomas Bach, a major architect of an important reform process within the Olympic Movement, as part of IOC Agenda 2020. The visit was highly symbolic in two respects: first of all, Thomas Bach was visiting our continent barely eight months ahead of the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, where thousands of athletes from the Continent are expected to gun for medals. Secondly, it came at a time when all of Africa in general and Dakar in particular, are preparing seriously for the fourth Summer Youth Olympic Games, billed for the Senegalese capital in 2022. Overjoyed, beaming with pride and a burning passion, Africa stands as one, eagerly looking forward to welcoming the world's youth. We look forward to staging to the world a wonderful event. There is reason to be proud and think that our continent will rise to the occasion and, with the world watching, meet all the challenges with the organisation that go with this huge gathering.



**MUSTHAPHA BERRAF**  
 IOC MEMBER  
 PRÉSIDENT OF ANOCA

Twelve years after South Africa hosted the 2010 FIFA World Cup, our continent should, once more, in 2022, showcase to the world its knowhow in the organisation of major planetary events. We Africans should therefore be fully satisfied at the end of these games for having taken up, with dignity and dexterity, a daunting technical task. Following his audience with the Senegalese Head of State, Macky Sall, the IOC President saw for himself the state of the preparedness for the world youth jamboree. In Dakar, every athlete would want to excel, each country would want to do better than in previous editions, each continent would seek to assert itself; it will be an exciting race for medals... for a spectacular show. Dakar 2022 will afford another opportunity to celebrate sport and Olympic values. A true melting pot of people from across the world, where the values of ethics, fair play, respect for the opponent, a healthy lifestyle and modesty will be showcased, the Summer Youth Olympic Games also afford a platform where every nation, every continent seeks to stand out with a large number of participants and an abundant medal haul, while its athletes conduct themselves in a healthy and an exemplary manner.

President Thomas Bach's satisfaction that all of Olympic Africa has taken ownership of this event warrants me to request that we put all hands on deck to make these games the best ever. I urge all NOCs of the continent to work in advancing this noble cause, since the games belong to Africa as a whole. ANOCA, the governing body of the African Olympic Movement, will for its part provide all necessary support for the success of these games and make them an ideal setting in which the world youth will in fraternity, on the Atlantic coast, share our traditions, our colours, our way of life...

On behalf of Sporting Africa, I would like to thank IOC President, Thomas Bach, the President of the Republic of Senegal, Macky Sall, and the President of NOC Senegal, Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, three key architects of the award of these games to Dakar, for their invaluable and constant contribution to the optimal preparation for this event.

Finally, it will remain in our collective memory that Thomas Bach's visit consolidates the excellent relations that have always existed between African NOCs and the IOC, which of course fosters proper dissemination and a better understanding of Olympic values in Africa. This visit of the IOC President thus leaves us with a positive impression: we will always remember it!

**Mustapha Berraf, IOC member, President of ANOCA**

FEATURE

# THOMAS BACH'S AFRICA TOUR

*IOC President, Thomas Bach, was in West and Central Africa from 11 to 15 November 2019. The visit took him to Cape Verde, Senegal, Nigeria and Cameroon respectively. Thomas Bach was, throughout his stay in Africa, flanked by a number of dignitaries, amongst them ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf.*



**IN CAPE VERDE...**

# Thomas Bach meets with the country's leaders



Le Cap-vert a constitué la première étape de la visite The first lap of Thomas Bach's tour was in Cape Verde, where he touched down on Monday, 11 November 2019. Accompanied by Filomena Fortes, new IOC member in Cape Verde and President of the local NOC, and Mustapha Berraf, another IOC member and President of ANOCA, Thomas Bach was, during his stay, received in audience by the country's highest authorities, especially the President of the Republic of Cape Verde, Jorge Carlos Fonseca. During that audience, the two officials discussed the major role of sport in society, especially in terms of health and education. The Head of State and his guest also discussed Cape Verde's preparations for the upcoming 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

in this context, particularly in terms of health, physical activity and the welfare of all. During his stay, the IOC President also met with the Minister of Sport and the Mayor of Praia, Oscar Santos. During his discussions with the council executive, he promised IOC support for the construction of a new NOC headquarters in Cape Verde.

## In communion with sportsmen and women

The delegation led by the IOC President was also welcomed by more than 3,000 young people during an event organised at the Várzea Stadium in Praia as part of the 'Sports for Life' programme, which is run in cooperation with UNICEF. The officials of the Olympic Movement also visited the high performance centre, CARD.

Thomas Bach rounded off his stay in Cape Verde by chairing a ceremony for the award of the Olympic Values Trophy and a certificate of recognition to the NOC by the IOC.



With Prime Minister José Ulisses Correia e Silva, Thomas Bach discussed the various sports programmes and measures implemented by the government. **«It was also an opportunity to acknowledge and be thankful for this visit, which testifies to Cape Verde's credibility and the confidence placed in sport in Cape Verde,» said the Prime Minister. He also spoke of a «clear sign»** from his country that is «aligned» with what the sustainable development goals and the role of sport





## IN SÉNÉGAL...

## Thomas Bach decorated by the Head of State Macky Sall



IOC President Thomas Bach was received in audience on 12 November 2019 by Senegalese President, Macky Sall, at the Presidential Palace in Dakar. During that audience, the President of the Olympic Movement's governing body was raised to the rank of Commander of the National Order of the Lion by the President of the Republic. On that occasion, the latter spoke of «how proud his country, his people and their president» were to host the Youth Olympic Games, adding that Senegal was «fully committed by the side of the IOC to stage historic Games.» President Macky Sall also talked about the importance of sport in fostering social cohesion and international understanding, and offered Senegal's support to the resolution on the Olympic Truce to be presented to the United Nations Organisation in December.

Talking about the audience, President Thomas Bach said that **«We had a very friendly and fruitful meeting with the President of the Republic who confirmed his personal commitment to the**

**success of these Youth Olympic Games, thanks to which Senegal will make Olympic history as the first to host an Olympic event on African soil. I am touched by the commitment and enthusiasm of all stakeholders.»**

The audience was also an opportunity for Thomas Bach to thank President Macky Sall for the commitment of the Senegalese government, which is working closely with the Senegalese National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSS). The IOC President finds in this collaboration a partnership based on mutual respect. «The success of the Games requires this kind of partnership between the government and CNOSS,» President Bach concluded.

The IOC President was accompanied at this audience by IOC member and CNOSS President, Mamadou Ndiaye, and Mustapha Berraf, IOC member and ANOCA President.

## IOC President visits Olympafrica headquarters



While in Senegal, the President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, in company with ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, also visited the headquarters of the Olympafrica Foundation in Dakar. Shown round by Executive Director, Thierno Diack, President Bach toured the facilities and a photo exhibition stand at the Foundation headquarters.

Under the guidance of ACNOA, Olympafrica International Foundation is responsible for the outreach component of the African Olympic Movement on the ground. It affords African youths a platform and the means to better their education, get special training in entrepreneurship, etc. There are 48 Olympafrica centres spread across Africa.

### Inspection tour of infrastructure in Dakar

The IOC President was in Senegal on 12 November 2019 to take stock of preparations for the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games. During their stay in Senegal, the IOC President and his delegation visited several sports facilities, notably those scheduled to host some of the event's competitions.

Thomas Bach thus saw for himself the ground

covered so far in the build-up to the great event. He notably visited the Dakar Aquatic Centre, with its 50m Olympic pool, and the site of the urban sports centre to be constructed nearby. Later, the IOC President felt the overwhelming enthusiasm of the local population at the «Parcours Sportif», an event organised on the beach, and which featured taekwondo, fencing and karate demonstrations.



## IN CAMEROON

### Prime Minister Joseph Dion Ngute hosts welcome dinner



The final stop in the IOC President's African tour was Cameroon. Here, he was welcomed by the new IOC Member, Odette Assembe Engoulou, and the NOC President, Hamad Kalkaba Malboum. Issa Hayatou, Honorary IOC Member, was also present. The visit kicked off with a dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Cameroon, Joseph Ngute, on 14 November 2019 at the Hilton Hotel, Yaounde. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister told the visiting official that: **"Sport is the first choice activity in my country. It contributes to Cameroon's international influence and is a factor in consolidating national unity and integration; it is a vehicle for social cohesion and inclusion."**

He reassured Thomas Bach that Cameroon was committed, among other things, to the Olympic values

of solidarity, universality, dialogue, diversity and respect. The Prime Minister said that Cameroon supports the participation of its athletes in the Olympic Games, builds modern and futuristic sports facilities and is currently preparing its athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

In response to the proposed toast, the IOC President said: **"I would like to encourage and motivate NOC Cameroon and the government to embrace the power of sport and join hands to build a better future for young people and the Cameroonian society. You can always count on the support of the International Olympic Committee."**

### Bach visits the Centre for Olympic Studies

Le président du CIO et sa délégation ont, au cours de During this Cameroonian lap of his tour, the IOC President and his delegation visited the African Centre for Olympic Studies to appraise the work done by this institution.

The dignitaries of the Olympic Movement also attended an international badminton qualifier for the Tokyo Olympics. Thomas Bach also met with athletes with whom he chatted lengthily.

## ECHOES OF THOMAS BACH'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

### Welcomed by the Federal Vice President

The IOC President's African tour continued on 13 and 14 November 2019 with the Nigerian lap. Here, he and his delegation were treated to a welcome dinner hosted by the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Yemi Osibanjo, who represented the Nigerian President, who was unavoidably absent

Thereafter, President Thomas Bach visited the Aduive School, an institution whose programme is focused on Olympic values. After meeting with students and attending sports performances, the President unveiled the Olympic rings on the school's playgrounds.

### Meeting with Olympians in Abuja

During this lap of his tour on 13 and 14 November 2019, the IOC President met with Nigerian Olympians and other athletes hoping to qualify for the Tokyo 2020

Olympic Games. It was an interactive meeting, and he urged the Nigerian government to strengthen the development of sport at the base and infrastructure to produce more Olympic champions. Bach also said his two-day visit was part of efforts to further promote the ideals of Olympism in the country. He also raised the possibility of including e-sports at the Olympic Games. **"The IOC is a values-based organisation and we cannot recognise any games in the Olympic programme that are contrary to Olympic values,"** he declared.

He further went on to say that Games that glorify or promote violence or that involve any type of discrimination are not acceptable to the Olympic movement, and that there is instead need for games that simulate real sports. For instance, he went on, the electronic version of cycling looks like a workout and is like the main cycling event, although electronic cycling is done indoors with no movements.

All the athletes also expressed thanks for the reforms pushed through by Olympic Agenda 2020 and the progress made by the IOC in gender equality.



# PICTURES











## SÉMINAIRE DES SECRÉAIRES GÉNÉRAUX

# Zanzibar hosts 36<sup>th</sup> seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs



The 36<sup>th</sup> seminar for Secretaries General of ANOCA member NOCs was held on 17 and 18 November 2019 in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

The seminar brought together 186 delegates representing the 54 African NOCs, the IOC and especially Olympic Solidarity and the delegation of the Organising Committee of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The opening ceremony was graced by the Minister of Information, Tourism and Heritage Mr. Mahmoud Thabit Komo.

In his opening address, ANOCA President, Mustapha

Berraf, urged the NOCs to avail themselves of the opportunity of this gathering to discuss and put in place effective mechanisms to help meet his institution's goals and make recommendations for the future of ANOCA. The deliberations were conducted in a serene atmosphere.

Besides, an ANOCA delegation headed by President Mustapha Berraf was received in audience by the President of Zanzibar.

## Dakar 2022: ANOCA will support NOC Senegal

African Olympic Committees, under the umbrella of ANONOA (Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa), will provide NOC Senegal with necessary support for a successful organisation of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) billed for Dakar in 2022, said the President of the governing body of the African Olympic Movement.

Very satisfied with the progress of the preparations for these games, Mustapha Berraf said: "**ANOCA will**

**provide significant support, I can assure you. We have been discussing with the NOC President (NOC Senegal) to tilt the conversation in this direction as soon as possible."**

The President of ANOCA also noted that a successful organisation will maximise Africa's chances of hosting the Summer Olympics one day.



## FINAL REPORT OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> SEMINAR FOR NOC SECRETARIES GENERAL

# ANOCA held a successful secretaries general seminar in Zanzibar

*Zanzibar played host to 36th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs on 17 and 18 November 2019. The seminar was organised by the Association of national Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and the official report is published exclusively in this issue of ANOCA*



ANOCA held a successful 36th Secretaries General Seminar from 17 to 18 November 2019. The Seminar was hosted by the NOC Tanzania in Zanzibar. The opening Ceremony was honoured by the Presence of The President of ANOCA, Mr. Mustapha Berraf, the Minister of Information, Tourism and Heritage, Hon.Mahmoud Komo, The ANOCA Secretary General Engr.Ahmed Hashim. Also in attendance was the ANOCA Treasurer General Engr. Habu Gumel , ANOCA Zonal Presidents- Executive Board Members and Zonal Representatives whom were attending the Olympiafrica General Assembly meeting organized on the sidelines of the seminar. President Berraf in his speech pledged his support to the seminar and the NOCs in their preparation for Tokyo 2020 and ensuring Africa presented good teams who will improve on the 2016 Rio medal results. He further emphasized ANOCA's commitment towards the ANOCA Athlete support programme and ensuring that athletes receive the required support and interventions to be able to prepare optimally for Tokyo, furthermore The President called upon all members of the African Olympic family to unite and work hand in hand for realization of The Continent aspirations.

The Theme for the 36th Seminar was - 250 Days Countdown to Tokyo 2020. Presentations and discussions focused on the preparation and delivery of African athletes and teams to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Topics ranged from African Games as a qualifier for Tokyo

2020; Qualification Pathways for Tokyo 2020; Safeguarding of Athletes: Harassment in Sports from an African Perspective; The 2018 Youth Olympic Games: Gateway to Tokyo 2020; The roles of NOCs, Government and NFs in the registration of teams of Teams for major Games. Olympiafrica also presented on the new perspective towards elite levels where some athletes from the Olympiafrica Centres had transitioned to elite sport. The IOC NOC Relations Department, Olympic Solidarity and Tokyo 2020 OCOG also presented and participated in the SG Seminar. The chair of the ANOCA Athletes Commission presented on what the Athletes Expectations were from the NOCs and ANOCA. WADA- Africa shared key aspects of anti-doping programmes and testing processes. It has committed to working with ANOCA and NOCs to ensure the protection of clean athletes. The ANOCA Athlete Support programme update was also presented showing the support granted to 52 Potential Medal Winner athletes. Phase 2





application deadline is 7 December 2019 , NOCs are expected to ensure submitting applications for athletes who have already qualified for Tokyo 2020 and acquiring the required guidelines conditions.

The ANOCA President at the commencement of the working sessions addressed the Secretaries General on the prevailing conditions at ANOCA expressing the commitment of the ANOCA administration to the principles of Good Governance and countering any deformities that has affected shaping the Organization,he further highlighted the ongoing reforms and restructure and the resistive actions in relation to its execution ,he reassured the platform that change is a tedious process that normally is faced by reluctance but it has to be completed.

A Great majority of Secretaries General reacted expressing unlimited support to the President and the Executive Board.

Unprecedented, The Seminar witnessed an opportunity an open plenary discussion for the Secretaries General to discuss matters not on the programme with the Secretary General and Management Committee of ANOCA. This included the Treasurer General, Technical Director, Ezera Tshabangu and Accountant Jonathan Dyagas. Key resolutions included :

- Extending the Seminar to 3 days, the 1st day being dedicated to Zonal Meetings where ANOCA will be in attendance ;
- ANOCA developing a Safeguarding of Athletes against Harassment in Sport and ensuring all NOCs have an implementable policy in place;
- Alignment of African Games within the World Sports Events Planner.;
- NOCs to co-operate with Olympafrica Centres to promote youth sport participation ;
- NOCs to institute athlete tracking and monitoring systems to understand the preparation and readiness for Tokyo.



The ANOCA President accompanied by an ANOCA delegation paid a courtesy call with the President of the Republic of Zanzibar and Pemda Hon. Ali Mohamed Shein, attending the audience was Mr Goulam Rashid ;President of The NOC of Tanzania and The NOC Secretary General Mr. Filbert Baye ,where they thanked his Excellency for the heartily felt hospitality by the people of Zanzibar and for hosting the seminar.



**HEADQUARTERS**

**IOC President graces the inauguration of the new ANOCA headquarters**



IOC President, Thomas Bach, took advantage of his visit to Nigeria to attend the inauguration ceremony of the new ANOCA headquarters in Abuja. He was flanked on the occasion by the administrators of this institution, notably the President, Mustapha Berraf, the Secretary-General, Ahmed Abou Elgasim, and the Treasurer General Habu Ahmed Gumel. Several Presidents and representatives of the 54 NOCs were also in attendance.

In his message delivered on the occasion, President Bach remarked: *"A new home is always a chance to look to the future. Bringing all African NOCs together under one roof is a chance to take African sport to new heights."* He also asserted that with the commissioning of the project a milestone was being set for the development of sport on the continent, and that he was honoured to share the historic moment with the entire Olympic family in Africa.

Nigeria's Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Sunday Dare, for his part noted

that *"It is a day that the entire black race should be proud of. And as Nigerians, we are proud to be a major contributor to the actualisation of this day."*

ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf said that the secretariat «would reflect our mission, our Olympic values and will house the 54 countries of our Continental Olympic Sports Association.»



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## Mustapha Berraf decorated with the Hungarian Order of Merit



The President of the Algerian Olympic and Sports Committee (COA), Mustapha Berraf, was recently awarded the Order of Merit of Hungary in Algiers. He was handed the distinction by the Hungarian ambassador to Algeria, Helga Katalin Pritz, who on the occasion insisted that the decoration was in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of sports relations between Hungary and Algeria. ***“President Berraf has paved the way for several exchanges, training courses for elite athletes and for the transfer of knowledge to other sports professionals,”*** The Hungarian diplomat said.

For the COA President, who doubles as President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), his sports body ***“wants to bring the Hungarian***

***experience to Algerian sport, particularly with respect to preparation of athletes, technical supervision and also in the organisation of major events.”***

Sports cooperation between Algeria and Hungary became effective following a framework agreement signed on 23 March 2018 between COA and its Hungarian counterpart (MOB), which covered several aspects, in anticipation of future international events. Under this cooperation agreement, 61 athletes from ten sports federations last August met in Budapest (Hungary), as part of the process to prepare budding sports talents of various disciplines in the build-up to the Youth Olympic Games (YOG-2022) in Dakar, Senegal.

## Signs partnership agreement with NOC France



Denis Masegla et Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye

The National Olympic Committees of Senegal and France have concluded a partnership agreement on the organisation of sporting events and 'better cooperation' between the sports federations of the two countries. The agreement was signed in Paris on 22 November 2019 by the presidents of NOC Senegal, Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye and NOC France, Denis Masegla «to contribute to the smooth organisation and success» of major sporting events they are responsible for organising as well as to «foster cooperation between the federations of the two countries.»

The agreement aims, in particular, to develop bilateral exchanges and cooperation in the field of sport in order to strengthen friendship and understanding between the people of Senegal

and France. It comes against a backdrop of two major events in the two countries: the 2022 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar and the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

It should be noted that the development of the fundamental principles and core values of Olympism, pursuant to the Olympic Charter, the fight against doping and the promotion of sports ethics are, among other things, major points of cooperation between the two institutions.

In Paris, the CNOSS President was accompanied by the general coordinator of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games, Ibrahima Wade.