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Representatives of the world NOCs in general, and African NOCs in particular, met for a Chefs de Mission seminar from 13 to 18 July 2023 in Paris, to discuss the various arrangements as part of preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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To ensure that delegations concentrate mainly on their sports performances and successful participation, the Organising Committee clearly explained to them the various stages that will lead them up to the Paris Games in the best possible conditions. Discussions focused on accommodation, ticketing, transport, ceremonies and visits to competition and non-competition venues in and around Paris.

Sustainable development initiatives for athletes in the Olympic Village were also presented.

The Torch, which is the symbol of the Games, bearing the Olympic and Paralympic Flames, was unveiled to the NOC representatives.

2,000 torches will be produced, five times fewer than for previous editions of the Games. On 8 May 2024, the Paris 2024 Torch will open the celebrations of the Games with the Olympic Torch Relay.

During a ceremony held at the Paris 2024 headquarters, IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, symbolically handed over invitations to the NOC Presidents and representatives of the host countries of the previous and next editions of the Youth Olympic Games, as well as to the IOC Olympic refugee team.

The President of NOC Senegal, Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, who is also an IOC member, was the representative for the next Youth Olympic Games, which will be held in Dakar.





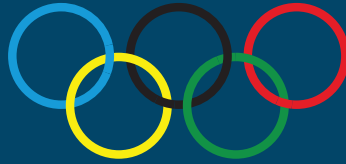
The ceremony was graced by a host of dignitaries, who appreciated the efforts of the French Government.

ANOCA President and IOC member Mustapha Berraf, for his part, paid a glowing tribute to the organising committee and the French national and local authorities for the huge efforts made to ensure the success of the Games: ***“PARIS will go down in history for the smooth organisation of the Games, which subtly combine sport, France’s ancestral culture and the fight against global warming ... Together, we will experience the MAGIC of the Olympic Games and, in Paris, the great joy of Olympism,”*** said the ANOCA President.





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