



ANOCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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HIGHER AND STRONGER IN HAMMAMET!



Dear African NOC Presidents,

Dear athletes,

Dear friends of sport and the Olympic family,

We are back from Hammamet, proud and galvanised by the success we have achieved together.

I wish, first and foremost, to congratulate all the valiant athletes who staged a thrilling show on the dazzling sands of the seaside resort of Yasmine Hammamet. They portrayed a wonderful and exceptional image of beach sport on the African continent.

Congratulations to the Organising Committee, NOC Tunisia and the authorities of this country for their legendary hospitality. We hail their illustrious Head of State, who spared no effort through his personal involvement in the success of the Games.

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I would also like to thank the 54 National Olympic Committees of Africa for their stellar participation in this competition, which broke the participation record, and for their memorable contribution to this unprecedented success.

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What a celebration! Hammamet was a celebration, a sports and cultural festival that fosters fair and healthy competition among athletes, officials, trainers, fans, supporters, spectators and television viewers, and is in tune with the vision set out in the 2020-2024 action plan of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa.

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ANOCA is thinking big and harnessing all its energy for the emergence of modern sports governance that is suited to contemporary requirements.

In Hammamet, we held a General Assembly worthy of the great organisation that we are. In a spirit of solidarity, we reached the consensus needed to pursue our actions with a view to achieving further victories.

The future holds great successes for us all. ANOCA is poised to rise to any challenge, which is why I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our partners and friends who support African sport for the benefit of young people on the continent.

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Our hearty thanks to IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach and his Olympic Solidarity delegation. I would like to thank ANOC President, Robin Mitchell, and all the other international partners who have always stood by us and who were there once again in Hammamet.

I thank the entire nation of Tunisia and all the people of Africa who, like one man and in unison, heeded our call for a prosperous «Africa in Solidarity».

It is in this spirit that we will be heading to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in a few months' time. I urge all 54 African NOCs to echo the message of the Hammamet victory in Paris, so that we can soar even higher and stand even stronger in Paris, in unity, together.

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