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ANOCA PRESIDENT'S END-OF-YEAR MESSAGE

Mustapha Berraf

IOC member
ANOCA President

2023

ONE STEP CLOSER TO PARIS!

For any organisation, the years come and go, but they are hardly ever the same. At ANOCA, 2023 has ended with both its successes and moments of adversity.

The most influential stakeholders of our continental Olympic and Sports Movement demonstrated a strong desire to improve what already exists by exploring opportunities likely to drive the development of sport and Olympism in Africa more vigorously, with sustained momentum. The year just ended was rightly heralded as the year of regained time, after the worldwide COVID-19-induced paralysis and its impact on sports events, lives, athletes' training sessions and institutional meetings. It will be remembered as an eventful period for our continental Olympic Movement. Indeed, 2023 has ended with the shared resolve of all stakeholders of the African Olympic Movement to further commit the continent to sport development and the promotion of Olympic values, with the ultimate aim of prioritising the interests of youths and fully fostering youth development. It was punctuated by activities of great importance, with preparations for the Paris 2024 and Dakar 2026 Olympic Games taking centre stage. The past 12 months also gave the African Olympic Movement real grounds for satisfaction, bearing the promise of a brighter future, particularly for 2024, which promises to be a year of challenges, amongst which is a creditable African participation in the Paris Games and sustained preparations for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

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Olympic Year 2024 will bring out the best of Africa in Paris. It will reach its peak from 26 July to 12 August 2024 in Paris. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to wish all our African athletes the very best in their respective sports.

This publication, the first of its kind, is initiating a tradition that we intend to perpetuate, that of taking a retrospective look at the activities carried out by our association for the benefit of young people across the continent.

It aims to revisit the ground we have covered as the flagship organisation of the African Olympic and Sports Movement, so that, together, we can forge ahead, with confidence and determination, into the New Year, the year of the Paris Olympic Games.

I am positive that the African athletes taking part in Paris will be followed up very closely in their home countries, across the continent. They will be aiming for gold and many others will simply be proud to fly their countries' flags on the world's biggest stage and try to achieve their best performances.

The African Olympic and Sports Movement undertook several remarkable actions in 2023. While many of them were initiated by our association, others were extrinsic.

During the past year, we held our statutory meetings to better brainstorm strategies needed to build a worthy and respected Olympic and Sports Movement, whose lofty ambition is to serve the continent's youth. These meetings were also an opportunity to make a mid-term evaluation of the actions carried out to implement our strategic development plan adopted for the 2021-2024 Olympiad. In this regard, worthy of note were the 21st session of the General Assembly, which was successfully held in Hammamet, Tunisia, and the extraordinary session of the Executive Committee, which was organised in June 2023, in the same city, on the sidelines of the 2nd African Beach Games. Our institution also organised the 60th Ordinary Session of its Executive Committee in Paris on 19 and 20 September 2023 at the headquarters of the French NOC. The annual seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs is part of a drive to harmonise governance within the continent's Olympic structures. The 40th seminar of its kind, held in Mombasa, Kenya, on 4 and 5 November 2023, once again afforded a capacity

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building opportunity for officials of our national structures on the central theme: *“Countdown arrangements for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.”*

The ANOCA Commissions too were quite active, reflecting the dynamism of the highly experienced men and women leading their activities.

As for Olympafrica, the various facilities and activities continued to provide a platform for youth expression and emancipation, thereby enabling them to cultivate values inherent to Olympism. The Foundation funded the reopening and completion of construction works on several centres in the several centres across Africa.

With regard to the vital aspect of relations with Olympic Solidarity, ANOCA pursued its partnership with the OS Unit in charge of implementing the Continental Activities Programme via RELAY. We are pleased with the increase in the number of NOCs that submitted applications for 2023, taking up the rate of applicant NOCs to 75%.

The year 2023 also witnessed significant activity by our association with respect to the Paris 2024 ANOCA Athletes Support Programme. The programme stepped up support to athletes whose NOCs submit the necessary evaluation and financial reports. Most of the athletes on the programme continued to deliver outstanding performances in their respective disciplines, which is something to be proud of.

With regard to the major meetings of the Olympic Movement, ANOCA was represented in several important meetings for the future of our Continental Olympic Movement. I am referring in particular to the Executive Council of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), which recently met in Lausanne and afforded a platform to make the voice of the continent's NOCs heard, and the 12th Olympic Summit held in the same city on 5 December 2023.

As concerns competitions, the 2nd edition of the African Beach Games was successfully organised in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 23 to 30 June 2023. The programme featured 14 competitive disciplines and 2 exhibition sports. The high number of participating NOCs, 50 in all, was also a key indicator of this success. As has been the case since Dakar was awarded the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games, we also continued to support Senegal in its preparations for the big event in 2026. Dakar will be our vital space and Senegal our fundamental space for the exceptional success of these Games, which will bring together thousands of young people from across the world.

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ANOCA also distinguished itself in the area of cooperation with the signing of several agreements, notably with NOC France, Ganwon State in South Korea, Egypt and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (for the 2027 and 2031 African Games) and with Equatorial Guinea for the 3rd African Beach Games. I would also like to mention the organisation of the 2nd ANOCA Gender Equality Forum on Sal Island, Cape Verde, on 2 and 3 October 2023 and the ANOCA/Olympic Solidarity Regional Finance Forum on 1 and 2 November 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya.

Despite these remarkable events and actions, which gave the African Olympic and Sports Movement a new lease of life, the year 2023 was also marred by the sad news of the loss of some senior officials who, throughout their lives, helped make African sport outstanding. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

Distinguished members of the great African Olympic family, we will succeed in building the dignified and respected African Olympic and Sports Movement to which we all aspire only through discipline and by working in synergy in our day-to-day actions. Yes, an Olympic and Sports Movement united in its diversity and striving towards modernity in the service of the continent's youth.

For its part, ANOCA will continue to do everything in its power to drive sport development and Olympism in Africa. I know that I can count on the contribution of each and every one of you to make this happen.

ANOCA would like to thank the 54 National Olympic Committees for their patience, understanding and commitment. We need to unite because, together, we will accomplish great things and grow from strength to strength.

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Your contributions will propel us forward, thereby enabling us to make remarkable progress in advancing the sport and creativity environment in Africa.

As we enter 2024, I wish you happiness, prosperity and good health.

Happy reading!



OLYMPIC AFRICA AND DR THOMAS BACH



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, a great friend of Africa, spared no effort to support the African Olympic and Sports Movement in 2023. He always had words of encouragement during major ANOCA meetings. Excerpts from some of his messages.



**During the African Athletes Forum,
Algiers, 11 and 12 March 2023**



Athletes have a major responsibility to lead by example. This is why I am so pleased to see how ANOCA through its Athletes' Commission, is doing exactly that: leading by example, empowering athletes and being at the core of action. Today I would like to congratulate you all and in particular your interim Chair, Paul Tergat. I would also like to thank everyone at ANOCA under the great leadership of the President and my great friend, Mustapha Beraf, for the wonderful work they are doing, in supporting Athletes and promoting sport and its values across Africa.

As you the athletes have shown us: we can only go faster, aim higher, become stronger if we stand together. Your Forum is the perfect illustration of this new Olympic motto: Faster, Higher and Stronger together....





**During the Gender Equality Forum,
Sal, Cape Verde, 3 October 2023**



All of us in the Olympic community share one mission - to make the world a better place through sport. One of our priorities is advancing gender equality in and through sport. As sports organisations, we have an important responsibility to lead by example. With this Forum, ANOCA is doing exactly this: leading by example and demonstrating your commitment to advance gender equality in sport throughout Africa.

Gender equality is a basic human right of profound importance. It is also an integral part of good governance. No organisation, no country can today afford to leave the skills of 50% of the population behind. This is why the IOC is strongly committed to closing the gender gap on and off the field of play. For the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, we are going to have full gender parity....





**At the opening ceremony of the 2nd African Beach Games,
Hammamet, 23 June 2023**



Dear Athletes,

Dear Olympic Friends,

Happy Olympic Day to you all. What a great symbol for the opening of the 2nd African Beach Games Hammamet 2023! Over the coming days, you will all be experiencing and sharing, together, unforgettable moments of sport and emotions. These Games will be a real festival of sport and African culture. They will also be a celebration of African unity.

I wish to thank and congratulate the Organising Committee, the officials, the Tunisian authorities and all volunteers, for their remarkable commitment. Congratulations to ANOCA, under the leadership of my friend, Mustapha Berraf, for his support to African athletes and sport. My congratulations also go to NOC Tunisia, under the leadership of MehrezBoussayene, for his commitment to promoting sport and its values.





Review of Africa's participation in the Tokyo and Beijing Olympic Games

Dear President Berraf,

Dear Olympic friends,

«You can be just as proud of your participation in the success of the last Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022, and of having contributed to writing an extraordinary page in Olympic history. Organised at an unprecedented time, these Games showed the exceptional energy, resilience and determination of the athletes, as demonstrated by their memorable Olympic performances despite an extremely difficult period for preparation and training, sometimes in countries in confinement. In fact, whatever the obstacles we face, we can only go faster, we can only aim higher, we can only become stronger if we stand together. In these difficult times - with the spate of divisions and wars - we need the unifying power of sport more than ever to promote our Olympic values of peace and solidarity.

With ANOCA's help, the IOC is ready to shape this new world with our shared Olympic values. This is why our Olympic Agenda 2020+5 aims to strengthen the role of sport as an important partner in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. It is great to see ANOCA mobilising upstream for Olympism 365 - the strategy we have developed to strengthen partnerships with NOCs and social development institutions in areas such as education, gender equality, climate action and many others. It is a way for us to join forces to strengthen the role of sport in society, which will enable us to pursue our common mission: to put sport at the service of humanity.

This is why I would like to thank my dear colleague and friend Mustapha Berraf for his remarkable leadership, and all the African NOCs and the ANOCA team for their unwavering commitment to the development of Olympic sport; for their initiatives to keep the Olympic spirit alive in the hearts of everyone on the African continent; and for their efforts to instil in the younger generation the Olympic values of excellence, respect, friendship and solidarity.

Dr Thomas Bach
IOC President

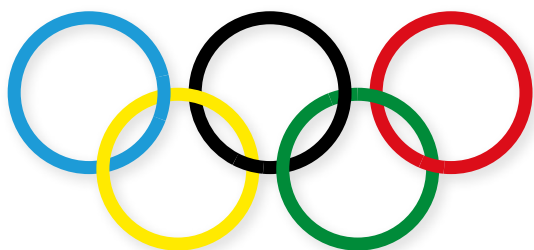
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Supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement.

About ANOCA.



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HISTORY

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) was established on 28 June 1981 in Lome, Togo. It is the supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement and currently has 54 member NOCs and seven development zones. ANOCA is headquartered in Abuja (Nigeria).

MISSION AND ROLE

ANOCA shall abide by the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and has as mission to:

Contribute to developing, fostering and defending the Olympic Movement and its autonomy in Africa pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

Serve and promote the interests of the member National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their dealings with third parties, in all matters of general interest in collaboration with the IOC and ANOC.

Promote understanding, cooperation and mutual assistance among NOCs of Africa.



Help African NOCs, in collaboration with the IOC, to promote, develop and defend Olympic ethics, good governance in sport, financial transparency and sustainability in the operations of NOCs across the African continent.

Work in close collaboration with African NOCs to better rationalise Olympic Solidarity and ANOCA funds.

Assist NOCs to organise and coordinate Africa's preparation for and participation in the Olympic Games, Intercontinental Games and Multisport Games.

Develop and sustain cooperation ties between African NOCs, the International Olympic Committee, the Association of National Olympic Committees and the other Member Continental Associations.

Organise continental games in close cooperation with the NOCs of Africa and other third party organisations, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and with the aim of promoting high performance and the sustainable development in sport, and to demand that continental games are held accordingly.

Collaborate with governmental and non-governmental sports bodies in general, in order to facilitate development and implementation in Africa of a coherent sports development strategy, which in terms of operational programmes clearly expresses the right for all to practise sports and physical activities.

Foster, through creative initiatives and sponsorship of training programmes and planned actions, a more rational and constantly upgraded preparation of African athletes for the Olympic Games.



Help African NOCs fight against all forms of discrimination, especially racial, political or religious discrimination within the Olympic Movement;

Encourage and support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with the aim of implementing the principle of equality between men and women.

Secure, in compliance with the fundamental principles that govern the Olympic Movement, funding sources likely to boost and support the action of African NOCs at local level.

Instil in and foster among the Youth especially, the love of sports practice as a means of education, training, health and environmental protection, social cohesion and integration.

Encourage the NOCs of Africa to work towards the integration of sport values in school syllabuses and to encourage and promote the creation of Olympic Academies and Museums as a means of disseminating culture and Olympic values.

Collaborate with the NOCs in grooming and training sports administrators with a view to furthering the fundamental principles of Olympism and good governance;

Strengthen, in collaboration with other African sports bodies, the observance of sports ethics during competitions and in relations between sports stakeholders as well as rigidly oppose any form of discrimination based on sex, race or religious considerations in sport and endeavour to ensure that the spirit of fair play rules in sport and that violence is banned.



Fight against the use of banned substances and methods, support the important mission of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the global fight against doping, undertake to fully abide by the World Anti-Doping Code and urge its members to do the same.

Protect clean athletes and the probity of sport by supporting the fight against doping and taking measures against any form of manipulation of competitions and related corruption.

Encourage and support the efforts of sports organisations and public authorities to ensure the social and professional future of athletes.

Encourage and support a responsible approach to environmental issues, promote sustainable development in sport and require that Continental Games be organised accordingly.

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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2023 ANOCA EXCOM AND GA

Regular Statutory Meetings for Concerted Development of African Sport.

In 2023, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) regularly held its statutory meetings, in particular a General Assembly session and three Executive Committee meetings, with the aim of working together more effectively to find the right solutions for the development of African sport.

Hammamet, Tunisia, Hosts ANOCA General Assembly

The 21st session of the ANOCA General Assembly took place in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 22 June 2023, bringing together 52 NOCs from all over Africa and more than 150 delegates.

Representatives of International Federations, Olympic Solidarity, WADA, Paris 2024 and the African Games 2023 were also in attendance.

Highlights of the meeting included the presentation of the Executive Committee's report, a speech by the Ethics Commission and the audit reports for the 2021 and 2022 financial years. ANOCA auditors issued an independent report with an unqualified opinion for the 2021 and 2022 financial years. The ANOCA Treasurer General, Eng. Ahmed HabuGumel, who doubles as the project coordinator, presented a report on the NOC headquarters construction project. According to the report, ANOCA had already received twenty-two



applications. So far, some eight NOCs had already started construction works. Six NOCs, including Uganda, were waiting for the land acquisition procedures to be finalised.

For his part, the Chairman of the Development Commission, Colonel Hamad KalkabaMalbom, presented a report in which he indicated that ANOCA had identified 5 training centres in South Africa, Zambia, Kenya (2) and Egypt that would benefit from support. These centres will train athletes at Olympic, regional and national levels.

The ANOCA Treasurer General, Eng. Ahmed HabuGumel, who doubles as the project coordinator, presented a report on the NOC headquarters construction project.



On the forthcoming 4th Youth Olympic Games, BallaDieyey, Sports Director of the Youth Olympic Games, gave a presentation in which he stated that Dakar was getting ready to welcome the world to this event, which will hold in Africa for the first time. 35 sporting disciplines will be on the programme for 14 days of competition in October and November 2026. 57% of the infrastructure was ready and the rest in process to be completed before 2026.

During the meeting, the Paris 2024 team indicated that preparations for the organisation of the Games were well underway. Delegates were reminded that they had to meet the various deadlines for booking accommodation and registration.

Another highlight was the presentation by the ANOCA Gender Equality Commission whose Chair, Mrs Matlohang Ramoqopo, indicated that a gender equality forum was envisaged for November 2023 in Cape Verde. It will bring together NOC Presidents and Gender Equality Commission Chairs.

In his presentation, Olympic Solidarity Director James Macleod, who led the OS delegation, also spoke about his organisation's activities in support of the African Olympic and Sports Movement. A message and advice on how to better prepare for Paris 2024, with regard to qualification in boxing, were addressed to all the NOCs.

Another item on the agenda was the organisation of the 3rd African Beach Games in 2025. Here, Equatorial Guinea, represented by its Sports Minister, assured delegates that the government of his country was fully behind this project. It was accordingly agreed that the games will be organised in that country. The Director of WADA Africa Regional Bureau also made an important statement during the meeting.





THREE SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE ORGANISED

It was in Nouakchott, Mauritania, that the ANOCA Executive Committee kicked off its series of meetings for the year 2023, on 2 and 3 March. This was the 59th Executive Committee session. Here, participants had the opportunity to set the scene for the Association's activities, with the underlying aim of building peace and unity through sport and the

Olympic ideal. Subsequently, the members of this body, which is the main body for implementing General Assembly recommendations, met twice again during the year. This was the case for the extraordinary session of the Executive Committee held in Hammamet, Tunisia, ahead of the General Assembly and the African Beach Games.



The ANOCA Executive Committee then met for its 60th Ordinary Session in Paris on 19 and 20 September 2023 at the headquarters of the French National Olympic Committee, chaired by Mustapha Berraf. The opening ceremony was attended by the French Minister for Sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as the President of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee. The Paris meeting was an opportunity for all Executive Committee members IOC members in Africa present to meet with the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games at a joint meeting with the Organising Committee. The Délégation Interministérielle aux Grands Evènements Sportifs (DIGES) also gave a presentation.

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All these meetings gave ANOCA the much-needed time to reflect on the concerted management of the African Olympic Movement and to take collective decisions on sport development on the continent.





SEMINAR FOR SECRETARIES GENERAL SHARED VISION FOR NOC MANAGEMENT

ANOCA was also came under the spotlight in 2023 when it organised the 40th Annual Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs in Mombasa, Kenya. The seminar aimed to provide participants with the technical resources needed to ensure that NOC administrations comply with internationally recognised standards in terms

of sports governance and Olympic facilities, particularly ahead of the Paris Games. The meeting also provided a platform to share experiences and develop a common managerial vision across the African Olympic Movement.

With just over a year to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, ANOCA organised this important meeting on 4 and 5 November 2023 in





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The opening ceremony took place on 4 November 2023 and was chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts, Minister Ababu Namwamba, with 120 delegates in attendance, including President Paul Tergat of NOC-K, the legendary Kipchoge Keino, ANOCA Secretary General Eng. Ahmed Hashim, ANOCA Treasurer General Eng. Abu Gumel, representing the ANOCA President, and many partner organisations.

During the Mombasa deliberations, the Paris 2024 delegation made a presentation on practical requirements to be considered by NOCs to better prepare for and participate in the Games. NOCs were also advised to use the tool to track the qualification of their athletes. An Olympic Solidarity (OS) team also travelled to Mombasa for the seminar. NOCs were updated on OS programmes and encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered till the end of the 2021-2024 Plan. The OS presentation outlined available opportunities that NOCs can take full advantage of.

Mombasa, Kenya, under the theme “*Countdown arrangements to Paris 2024 Olympic Games.*” The seminar afforded ANOCA and the Paris 2024 Organising Committee the opportunity to highlight the technical developments and arrangements made to host the Olympic and Sports Movement in the best conditions, and to ensure the Games are a global and popular festival.





The Mombasa seminar also featured various presentations. Morake Raleaka from NOC Lesotho made a presentation of grants adequacy and payment policies from the NOC perspective; Dr Rodney Swigelaar, WADA Africa Regional Director, presented a paper addressing specific issues on ensuring compliance, standards and preparations for African Games and Paris 2024. The theme of his presentation was *“Athletes as the cornerstone of sustainable, relevant and responsible anti-doping efforts.”*

There was also a presentation by Olympafrica, where participants discussed the institution’s development methodology.

The O! YES (Olympafrica Youth Empowerment Through Sport) strategic plan was also presented.

The future of continental games and NOC expectations were presented by David Ojong, Secretary General of NOC Cameroon. Expert Robert Mutsauki, focused his presentation on collaboration with NOCs in the areas of strategic

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planning, training and strategic plan certifications, induction of newly elected Executive Committee (EXCOM) and development of the quadrennial programme implementation plan. NOC Mauritius, through their representative in Mombasa, Hedley How Foo Kiong Han Mui, presented its project on climate change, describing the process, while the representative of NOC Gambia, NjireYorro, presented a paper on harnessing digital transformation for greater involvement of youths and fans in sports activities. The presentation also tackled challenges and how NOCs could take full advantage of digitisation to reach more young people.



STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STREAMLINED GOVERNANCE OF AFRICAN NOCS

The Mombasa seminar concluded with the following recommendations:

- Improve the infrastructure and programmes of existing training camps in Africa and strengthen cooperation between African countries in this regard;
- Meet the deadlines set out in the Paris 2024 agenda;
- Do better than the Tokyo Olympics in terms of gender representation by ensuring that 30% of females occupy positions of responsibility at the Games;
- Ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct for the prevention of competition manipulation and infringement of rules;
- Ensure that the uniforms of NOC delegations and competitions comply with the standards set for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games;
- Submit uniforms for validation via the RELAY platform by 31 March 2024;
- Ensure compliance with IOC and IF guidelines on the uniforms available on NOCnet and conditions for use of the official emblem or word mark of Paris 2024;
- Help, support and assist delegations with visa processing issues;
- Mitigate NOC challenges and concerns in the run-up to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games;
- Support by Secretaries General of African NOCs for the ANOCA Executive Committee stance on the organisation of the ANOCA Games as qualifiers for the Olympic Games;
- Optimise the use of funds allocated to NOCs;
- Emphasise education of athletes in the fight against doping;
- Encourage NOCs to set up Olympafrica centres;
- Open an Olympafrica centre bank account different from the NOC bank account;
- Organise the SG Seminar in Maputo, Mozambique, in 2024.”





GENDER EQUALITY FORUM

Brainstorming to give women greater exposure within the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

In 2023, women were given pride of place within the African Olympic and Sports Movement. Several actions were undertaken to highlight their place and their essential role within the Movement. In particular, on 3 October 2023, ANOCA, with the help of its partners including the IOC, organised an important strategic meeting in Sal, Cape Verde, to get women more involved in sports management and practice. The event was a forum on gender equality centred around the theme “*Sport and Gender Equality*”.

Through this continental forum on gender equality, ANOCA wanted to show the two hundred participants from member NOCs and several African sports structures the importance of having more women in decision-making positions, while at the same time highlighting the need to value them so that they can be more motivated. Also worthy of mention is the presence of His Royal Highness, Prince Faisal Al Hussein, member of the IOC Executive Committee, Vice-Chair of the IOC Commission for Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Chair of the ANOC Commission

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for Gender Equality, as well as several Olympic Champions and IOC members in Africa.

The Sal Forum was also in line with the goals of the International Olympic Committee, which encourages and supports the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, especially in decision-making positions, with the aim of implementing the principle of gender equality. This prompted ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, to open the forum in the following words: “The ANOCA strategic plan mentioned above advocates gender equality in sport. We therefore have to brainstorm, organise and devise specific strategies, and also set requirements in a bid to achieve our objectives in this area. Gender equality, inclusion and diversity are among the fundamental principles of Olympism set out in the Olympic Charter. They are key to translating the vision of the IOC and the Olympic Movement to ‘build a better world through sport’ into reality.

Meanwhile, in his video message of encouragement, the President of the IOC was quick to point out that: *“Gender equality is a fundamental and vitally important human right. It is also an integral part*



of good governance. No organisation or country today can afford to overlook the skills of 50% of its population. For this reason, the IOC is resolutely committed to bridging the gap between men and women on and off the field of play. For the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, gender parity will be respected to the letter.”

During the deliberations, participants followed a number of presentations by experts and senior officials from the Olympic Movement. These were invaluable lessons, not only for sharing experiences but also for enhancing knowledge at a time when the debate on the place of women in sport is more topical than ever. Participants were also able to contribute to the promotion of initiatives and reflection on the development of the role of women in sports organisations, and on the benefits of sport for young girls and women.



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED TO GIVE WOMEN GREATER EXPOSURE IN SPORT

The forum concluded with the following recommendations aimed at giving African women greater exposure in sport, both qualitatively and quantitatively:

1. Develop gender equality strategies and action plans in all NOCs and Zones.
2. Implement sports protection and safety policies under the supervision of NOCs.
3. Identify male allies to work with.
4. Budget and allocate resources to activities aimed at promoting gender equality.
5. Carry out research to establish a database on gender equality with a view to monitoring, training and reporting.
6. Carry out the necessary awareness-raising campaigns, as well as mentoring programmes for young girls.
7. Step up the participation of women, from the bottom up, at all levels.
8. Implement quotas of 30% for women in senior management.
9. Increase the capacity and representation of women in all categories (athlete coaching, administrators), from grassroots to elite level.
10. Implement the IOC guidelines on representation in the media and with stakeholders in the world of sport.
11. Adopt and implement measures to promote a safe sporting environment for all, particularly for vulnerable groups.
12. Formulate policies on protection and safety in sport.
13. Improve resource allocation policies based on gender equality criteria.





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Lausanne, 21 March 2023

Mr President, dear friend,

International Women's Rights Day is an important moment for us to take stock of the progress made on gender equality and other challenges that we must rise to. I was therefore delighted to read your message and your call to action to all the NOCs of Africa to continue to push for gender equality in sport.

As you rightly pointed out, gender equality, particularly in sport, is more than a cause. It is a human right and a fundamental principle of Olympism. It is our shared responsibility to act and direct change towards a more diverse, equitable and inclusive Olympic movement.

I am therefore pleased to see that ANOCA is continuing to implement initiatives aimed at raising awareness of the need to step up the participation of women in sport, both on and off the field. I am confident that your work will bear fruit in Africa and I look forward to seeing the outcomes at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

Looking forward to seeing you again, Mr President, dear friend, please accept my very best regards.



ANOCA ATHLETES' FORUM

AFRICAN ATHLETES UNITE FORCES

The ANOCA strategic plan has placed athletes at the heart of the ANOCA Executive Committee's deployment mechanism. As part of this drive to create strong bonds among sportsmen and women across Africa, the ANOCA Athletes' Commission was revitalised by organising an Athletes' Forum in Algiers, Algeria, on 11 and 12 March 2023. It afforded an ideal platform for discussion, to brainstorm issues and issue recommendations for the development of African sportsmen and women.

THE ALGIERS DELIBERATIONS

Bringing together participants from the various ANOCA member NOCs, the meeting organised by ANOCA and the IOC was a resounding success with about one hundred delegates in attendance, the papers presented, and the commitments made to make athletes the cornerstone of the Olympic and sports management policy in Africa. It also aimed to highlight the importance and role of athletes in Olympic institutions by giving them the opportunity to create a communication network between the Athletes' Commissions of the NOCs, ANOCA and the IOC.





The Algiers forum was attended by senior ANOCA officials, including its President, Mustapha Berraf, the Algerian Minister for Youth and Sport, AbderrazakSebgag, the President of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Emma Terho, world and Olympic champions and great African sports dignitaries.

Besides the opening ceremony, which featured addresses by the President of the Algerian NOC, the Acting President of the ANOCA Athletes' Commission, ANOCA President and the Algerian Minister for Youth and Sports, the deliberations also involved presentations from several partner organisations and workshops. This was the case of the IOC, which sensitised athletes to a number of issues, including harassment. Likewise, the World Olympians Association reasserted its commitment to be «*at the service of Olympians, empowering them to make the world a better*



One of the highlights of the forum was the election of the Commission's executive committee, with Namibia's Gaby Ahrens voted as the new Chair. Gaby Ahrens is also Vice President of NOC Namibia and a member of the WADA Athletes' Commission. Cameroonian volleyball player Victoire Ngon Ntame, who represented her country at Rio 2016, was elected Vice Chair of the Commission.



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It is worth mentioning that during the Algiers meeting, the athletes fully supported the independence of the Olympic Movement, based on the principles of Olympism, without discrimination of nationality, religion or ethnicity. With regard to the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes, they felt that these athletes should be reinstated in international competitions, provided they do so as strictly neutral athletes, thus aligning with the position taken by the ANOCA Executive Committee on 3 March 2023, in Nouakchott, at the 59th session of its Executive Committee.

The ANOCA Athletes' Commission plays a leading role alongside this institution in addressing the concerns of sportsmen and women. Until then, the acting Chair of this commission was NOC-K President and IOC member, Paul Tergat.

place». A presentation was also made by the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee and Paris 2024. The President of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Ema Terho, also made a presentation on the «Athlete365» programme, which is an official community that brings together top-level athletes and Olympians, whose main mission is to improve the lives of athletes.

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PAUL TERGAT AND KIRSTY COVENTRY DECORATED BY ANOCA

At the Algiers Forum, Paul Tergat and Kirsty Coventry were decorated by ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf.



Kenyana Paul Tergat, who was appointed Acting Chair of the ANOCA Athletes' Commission in 2021, successfully carried out the tasks entrusted to him by the President of the governing body of African Olympism, Mustapha Berraf. The Algiers meeting was also prepared by him and his team. While decorating him, ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf paid him a glowing tribute. In his opinion, Paul Tergat succeeded in ensuring credibility during his tenure at the helm of this Commission. The ANOCA President also pointed out that Paul Tergat and Gaby Ahrens

worked tirelessly to bring the continent's athletes together, and contributed immensely to the Forum's success.

Born on 16 September 1983 in Harare, Zimbabwe, Kirsty Coventry won a gold medal in the 200m backstroke swimming event at the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Games. In 2012, she was elected an IOC member, and appointed Minister for Youth and Sports in her country in 2018. The former Olympic champion has regularly been a member of several IOC commissions. Her hard work has led to the success of several competitions in Africa and across the world.

Composition of the ANOCA Athletes' Commission

Following the elections on 12 March 2023, the composition of the ANOCA Athletes' Commission is as follows:

ELECTED MEMBERS

- Gaby Ahrens (**Namibia**) Chair
- VictoireNgonNtame (**Cameroon**) Vice Chair
- Amina Rouba (**Algeria**)
- BallaDieye (**Senegal**)
- Djenebou Dante (**Mali**)
- Angelika SitaOuecraogo (**Burkina Faso**)
- KosiNayo (**Togo**)
- Daniel RockmanSamedi (**Central African Republic**)
- AyaMedany (**Egypt**)
- Olivier Ntagengwa (**Rwanda**)
- KhotsoMokoena (**South Africa**)
- Sally Faisal Abdourahman (**Djibouti**).

APPOINTED MEMBERS

- Paul Tergat (**Kenya**)
- Olarinoye Adijat Adenike (**Nigeria**).

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

- Humphrey Kayange (**Kenya**).





BIG EVENTS IN 2023

ANOCA-OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY COOPERATION

Mombasa hosts financial management training forum for NOC officials.



Over the years, ANOCA has emerged as a body at the service of wide-ranging development, supported by various programmes and assistance. As part of this strategic vision, African NOCs are able to undertake and implement a number of projects and programmes in partnership with Olympic Solidarity. The numerous and varied projects and programmes help to strengthen the African sports system today and in the future. The programmes provide the NOCs with technical, financial and administrative assistance to organise specific sport development activities in order to redefine the continent's sporting landscape.

One of the highlights of this beneficial partnership between ANOCA and Olympic Solidarity in 2023 was the organisation of a forum on financial management and control of funds from 1 to 2 November 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya. It brought together Secretaries General of ANOCA member NOCs and heads of structures in charge of the day-to-day management of finances. The Mombasa finance forum focused mainly on: basic accounting principles, financial management and governance, Olympic Solidarity policies and procedures and best practices within the NOCs. It featured papers by experts, with group discussions and online plenary question/answer sessions. Mombasa 2023 was a rich learning experience, particularly in terms of OS accounting principles, drafting annual reports with financial statements, external audits, financial management, preparing annual budgets, risk management and internal controls. Delegates were also briefed on reporting via the Relay platform and ANOCA procedures regarding continental activities.

While opening the forum, ANOCA Secretary General, Engr. Ahmed AbouElgasim Hashim tendered to participants the apologies of



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President Mustapha Berraf, who was unavoidably absent. Yassin Yousfi, the Olympic Solidarity representative, urged participants to draw lessons from this meeting, which was equally attended by Francis Mutuku, Secretary General of NOC Kenya (NOC-K) who, at the opening ceremony, also tendered the apologies of NOC-K President, Paul Tergat, who was on mission abroad.





OLYMPAFRICA

A POWERFUL AFRICAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TOOL

The Olympafrica programme, designed and implemented by ANOCA, has continued to enable many African youths to practise their favourite sport and engage in other activities. The year 2023 was also marked by the firm resolve of the ANOCA leadership to diversify the sites for this strategic programme. Indeed, Olympafrica has extended its reach to most of the member NOCs, with the construction of new sports facilities and pitches here and there to put more smiles on the faces of the young people of Africa.

This programme has worked with the African youth to give them more opportunities to have fun and meet their expectations. This way, ANOCA has amply justified the need to set up this important mechanism which, through sport, strengthens social cohesion among the youth and develops the practice of sport and physical exercise. The various activities carried out in the centres in 2023 have had a positive impact on young people in Africa, particularly by imparting values that will help them in their everyday lives.



The management of the various centres has received support from the Olympafrica Foundation in the form of computer and photographic equipment, including complete computers and cameras. In addition, work has begun on a new communications strategy, which uses both in-house and external expertise.

In order to boost the quantity and quality of the infrastructure, the Olympafrica Foundation has supported the construction of new centres and/or the refurbishment of existing ones where necessary. Construction of new Olympafrica centres is ongoing in Niger, Benin and Nigeria, and construction works are nearing completion in all the three countries. Work on the centre under construction in Ghana is also progressing satisfactorily, with completion scheduled for 2024, provided that the weather conditions that delayed progress in 2023 are favourable. Similarly, construction work on the new Olympafrica centre in Togo is progressing smoothly. The multi-purpose platform has been completed and the contractor is currently working on the building proper.

Renovation works have been completed in the already operational centres in Eswatini, Niger (Niamey centre), Burundi and Guinea (Kassa centre), thereby encouraging a high level of use. This is also the case in Lesotho, Uganda and Senegal, where the existing infrastructure has been given a facelift, while in Burkina Faso, the Koudougou centre has been equipped with a solar-powered borehole. Also noteworthy is the Foundation's support to the Mozambique centre, which was hit by heavy rains.

Other highlights of 2023 included the validation and funding of several projects, notably in Burundi, Mozambique, Gambia and Côte d'Ivoire, with the agricultural project already up and running.

Pertaining to sport per se, there were a number of activities in 2023, including the organisation of a Baseball5 session, a programme that will be extended in 2024, and the affiliation of a number of centres to local federations. The effective implementation of the O! YES, Programme







launched in October 2022 was also a significant milestone in 2023. Overall, the maiden edition of this programme went very well, with some 65,000 children from the Olympafrica network participating.

In the same vein, several programmes were funded in 2023, including Baseball⁵, the IBA MBAYE Scholarship, Olympafrica Youth Games and wrestling with the support of UWW.

Undoubtedly, Olympafrica remained an invaluable secular arm of ANOCA in 2023, enabling young people to flourish in the many centres spread across Africa.









WINTER YOUTH GAMES GANGWON 2024

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG AFRICAN ATHLETES

The Gangwon Winter Youth Games kicked off on 19 January and will run up to 1 February this year (2024). Young African athletes are taking part in the event, which establishes a new vision of sports in Africa.

This is a partnership between the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA),

the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation and Gangwon State in South Korea.

The winter sports project involved the organisation of training camps, two of which were in Gangwon State in 2022, and which set the stage for the initiative. The first training camp, from 30 May to 12 June, was attended by 56 athletes and 13 officials from 10 National Olympic Committees. After an

evaluation, Korean coaches selected athletes for various disciplines and based on which some were invited to the second training camp.

Young athletes from the following countries took part in these training camps: South Africa, Algeria, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Lesotho, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tunisia, Comoros, Eswatini, Morocco and Uganda.

The second training camp, in winter, held from 20 to 29 December 2022 in PyeongChang, Gangwon State. During these training camps, participants received equipment adapted to the climatic conditions. Training sessions were held almost every day. The youths were trained in the following sports: bobsleigh, skeleton, alpine skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding.

Through this project, ANOCA is offering young Africans the opportunity and hope to practise winter sports.



The aim is to inspire and educate young athletes at training camps. According to ANOCA President, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF,; *“These training camps are a plus for athletes because they help them to pursue their dreams and to progress. This experience could change the lives of some athletes”*. Thus, on behalf of ANOCA, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF sought to *“... sincerely thank the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation and Gangwon State for their support and contribution to our athletes’ participation in the training camps and qualifiers.”*





ANOCA PROGRAMMES IN 2023

AFRICAN NOCS HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

MAKING GIANT STRIDES

Since he took office at the helm of ANOCA, President Mustapha Berraf took the commitment to make the governing body of African Olympism a worthy, respected and credible organisation. He equally promised to diversify the activities of this institution. It is against this backdrop that

the programme to build headquarters for NOCs that did not have headquarters was designed and is being implemented. The programme aims to provide African NOCs with modern headquarters in a bid to streamline their managerial and administrative performance, thus offering these structures an enabling environment for continental youth development.



The African NOCs construction project is driven by the strong desire of ANOCA President and all Executive Committee members to provide member NOCs with quality infrastructure. It is coordinated by Engr. Ahmed HabuGumel, who is also the Association's Treasurer General. Since the project was launched, this top official has spared no effort to support the NOCs in their various procedures at every planned stage. For effective implementation, the programme also receives substantial financial and technical support from the International Olympic Committee.



Since it was launched in 2021, 22 NOCs have applied for support for the construction of their headquarters.



In 2023, the NOCs headquarters construction process shifted gear. Remarkably, some NOCs, Eswatini for instance, have even completed construction of their headquarters. The new headquarters was commissioned on 25 February 2023, and President Berraf was represented on this occasion by the 2nd Vice President, MatlohangMoiloa-Ramoqopo. Other NOCs have either expedited their procedures to obtain land titles, signed the agreement with ANOCA, received another funding instalment or had their applications generated on RELAY. It should be noted that the 22 African NOCs which have submitted applications for the construction of headquarters and which are benefiting from the support of this programme are: Eswatini, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Chad, Guinea Bissau, Togo, Tanzania, Nigeria, Benin, Angola, Cape Verde, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Lesotho, Mauritania, Mauritius Island, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.





MAKING HISTORY ON THE SANDS OF HAMMAMET

2ND AFRICAN BEACH GAMES: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The 2nd African Beach Games (ABG) took place in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 23 to 30 June 2023. The event brought together athletes and participants from across Africa to compete in a variety of exciting beach sports. They offered young Africans a unique opportunity to contribute to the success of this international event.

BOOSTING HEALTHY COMPETITION AMONG YOUNG AFRICANS

Dubbed the “*African Beach Games*” on 12 April 2015 at their inception, the African Beach Games are a unique gift from ANOCA to the youth of the continent. They aim not only to promote beach sports in Africa, but also to create healthy competition among young Africans around these



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HIGHLY COLOURFUL OPENING CEREMONY

The Games kicked off on 23 June 2023 with an opening ceremony held at an open-air theatre in the Tunisian coastal town of Hammamet. The ceremony was graced by several prominent figures, including ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, IOC members in Africa, presidents of African NOCs, members of the Tunisian government, African sports ministers, the Governor of Nabeul, Sabah Mallak, and several renowned athletes. Representatives of international Olympic structures were also present at the opening ceremony, one of the highlights of which was the raising of the Tunisian flag, accompanied by the playing of the national anthem by a troop of the National Armed Forces, followed by the singing of the Olympic anthem.

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In his welcome address, Mehrez Boussayène, President of NOC Tunisia and COJAP-2023 Chair, underscored Tunisia's pride in welcoming the peoples of the Continent. He went on to emphasise the importance of such sporting and Olympic occasions in bringing together young people from African countries and spreading the culture of tolerance and peace among peoples.

Meanwhile, the President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, expressed his appreciation to Tunisia for organising this second edition of the Games and for providing the best possible conditions for its success. He underscored that the event goes beyond the sporting aspect of the games to also include the cultural specificities of African countries and the dissemination of

the Olympic and sports principles of solidarity, tolerance and peace among African nations.

On his part, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, commended all the participating NOCs for their efforts and commitment to implementing a global vision in line with international Olympic values and principles, and for spreading a culture of tolerance and peace.

The flags of the participating countries were raised on the stage of Hammamet's open-air theatre.

Guests were also treated to a varied show that reflected African cultural diversity and the most striking features of Tunisian national culture.

AT THE HEART OF THE GAMES

The 2023 Africac Beach Games afforded an opportunity for athletes to showcase their talents. They also awakened the spirit of competition and fair play in them. From 23 to 30 June 2023, participants treated the public to a spectacular show, a beautiful African festival and moments of intense emotion. The event, in which 1,100 athletes competed, marked a turning point in the history of beach sports, providing an exceptional showcase for athletes and a lasting legacy for the youth. For

eight days, Hammamet became the epicentre of the African continent, and the spotlight was on this flagship event. The 2023 African Beach Games featured 30 events. These were spread over 16 disciplines, including 14 competition disciplines and two exhibition events. A total of 50 NOCs participated, up from 42 at Sal, Cape Verde, in 2019. 2,302 participants were accredited through the accreditation platform. These facts evidence the success and perfect organisation of this multi-dimensional event hosted by Tunisia.





The 3rd African Beach Games will be hosted by Equatorial Guinea in 2027.

THE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY NATURE OF THE HAMMAMET GAMES

























The Organising Committee of the 2nd African Beach Games, in conjunction with the Tunisian NOC, adopted an environmentally friendly approach for these Games. A number of projects were carried out in this area, including the creation of a dedicated Technical Committee, with an advisory and monitoring role. Checkpoints were also set up at each key stage to ensure that the action plan is progressing hitch-free, in partnership with the

Tunis International Centre for Environmental Technologies (CITET). Another project involved setting up a sustainable management system, with the aim of involving all stakeholders in this environmentally-friendly approach, in particular federations, fans, athletes and partners.

ALGERIA TOPS THE CHARTS

The Beach Games ended with Algeria topping the medal rankings as they bagged 34 (15 gold, 7 silver and 12 bronze) medals. Following is the final medal table by country. Exhibition sports are not included.

AFRICAN BEACH GAMES MAMMAMET 2023
MEDAL RANKINGS

Rank	NOC	TOTAL PER NOC			
		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	NUMBER OF MEDALS
1	 Algeria	15	7	13	35
2	 Tunisia	13	13	14	40
3	 Morocco	8	10	4	22
4	 Nigeria	6	3	2	11
5	 Senegal	5	4	6	15
6	 South Africa	4	6	7	17
7	 Djibouti	2	0	2	4
8	 Mauritius Island	1	1	2	4
9	 Mali	1	1	1	3
10	 Namibia	1	0	1	2
10	 Ethiopia	1	0	1	2
12	 Cameroon	1	0	0	1
12	 Gambia	1	0	0	1
14	 Kenya	0	3	0	3
15	 Lesotho	0	3	0	3
16	 Benin	0	2	2	4
17	 Libya	0	1	2	3
18	 Guinea Bissau	0	1	0	1
18	 Ivory Coast	0	1	0	1
18	 Mozambique	0	1	0	1
18	 Madagascar	0	1	0	1
22	 Zambia	0	0	2	2
23	 Tanzania	0	0	1	1
23	 Rwanda	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		59	58	63	180





PARIS 2024

ANOCA ATHLETES' SUPPORT PROGRAMME ON THE MOVE

The Summer Olympics will kick off in Paris in just a few months from today. The athletes are already in the starting blocks for this event, which will keep the French capital and the public around the world on tenterhooks for its entire duration. Paris is eagerly looking forward to welcoming the world's sporting youth, amongst whom will of course be African athletes who will be competing at this grand event. ANOCA is fully aware that the Olympic Games are a great gathering and represent much

more than the conquest of medals. They are, above all, an excellent opportunity for Africa to showcase its Olympic potential.

For ANOCA, the supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement, participation in the Games is measured not only by the number of medals won, but also and above all, by indicators such as the number of NOCs present and the individual behaviour of the athletes both on and off the field of play. Specifically, with regard to the

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participation of the NOCs in terms of numbers and quality, the institution headed by Mustapha Berraf has designed a programme to prepare athletes for Paris 2024.

The ANOCA Athlete Support Programme was set up immediately after the Tokyo Games to provide optimum support for the preparation of African athletes for this major event. Since 2022, this programme has provided financial and material support to a large number of athletes from ANOCA member NOCs. In 2023, the programme continued to support registered athletes. These athletes either took part in the qualifiers or participated in competitions as part of their preparation.

ANOCA has continued to support athletes whose NOCs submit the requisite evaluation and financial reports. Generally speaking, it can be observed, with satisfaction, that most of the athletes enrolled in the programme have produced good results in their respective disciplines. A case in point are the Egyptian athletes, whose country came first in the medal rankings at the 2023 UIPM World Modern Pentathlon Championships. Other achievements include the many athletes who finished on the



podium at their respective World Championships. These include Tatjana Schoenmaker (South Africa, silver and gold medals in the 100 m and 200 m breaststroke, respectively); Ahmed Ayoub Hafnaoui (Tunisia, silver and gold medals in the 400 m and 800 m freestyle, respectively); Jacob Krop (Kenya, bronze medal in the 5,000 m); Beatrice Chebet (Kenya, bronze medal in the 5,000 m); Soufaine El Bakkali (Morocco, gold medal in the 3,000 m); Joshua Kiprui Cheptegei (Uganda, gold medal in the 10,000 m); Ahmed Osama Ahmed Cheptegei (Uganda, gold medal in the 10,000 m); Soufaine El Bakkali (Morocco, Gold in the 3,000 m); Joshua Kiprui Cheptegei (Uganda, Gold in the 10,000 m); Ahmed Osama Ahmed El Gendy (pentathlon, Team Gold); Amira Kandil (pentathlon, Egypt, Gold in the relay); Azmy Mehelba (Egypt, Shooting, Bronze in Skeet) and Seif Hussein Eissa (Egypt): Bronze medal in the 80 kg Taekwondo event.

ANOCA's Athlete Support Programme aims to support African athletes so that Paris 2024 becomes the continent's best Games in terms of participation and performance.





ANOCA WORKS CLOSELY WITH OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY TO DEVELOP AFRICAN SPORT

ANOCA was very present in the field of cooperation in 2023. During this period, it intensified relations with its traditional partner, Olympic Solidarity, as both bodies worked actively to effectively develop African sport. ANOCA has, from its inception, maintained a strategic and beneficial relationship with Olympic Solidarity, whose mission is to help the NOCs, particularly the neediest, to live up to their responsibilities within

the Olympic Movement. This aid is granted through programmes drawn up jointly by the IOC and the NOCs and, where necessary, with the technical assistance of the International Sports Federations. This institution will undoubtedly continue to be one of the essential links in the development of Olympism on the Continent in 2024. Its contribution to youth development in Africa is invaluable.

Olympic Solidarity equally provided significant support for sports development, with the implementation of 48 projects. The Universality Programme was also launched on 1 October 2023.



Olympic Solidarity officials have regularly encouraged ANOCA member NOCs to take full advantage of the opportunities offered as part of the 2021-2024 plan. OS action in Africa has also extended to Olympic Games subsidies, the Olympic Refugee Foundation, the O!Yes programme in conjunction with Olympafrica, the Olympism 365 project, etc.

In operational terms, 115 scholarships were awarded to 26 NOCs. In addition, 56 MEMOS scholarships were awarded to further knowledge in the field of organisational management.

Over the last few months, 42 NOCs benefited from programme initiatives, and 144 training courses were organised across the continent. As concerns administrative management support, 52 NOCs received direct subsidies. Through its Entourage

Unit, Olympic Solidarity also provided support thanks to which a total of 156 technical training courses were organised by 50 NOCs, while 182 coaches from 40 NOCs benefited from grants and, for the year 2023 alone, 20 NOCs supported the Athletes' Commission by awarding grants to athletes.

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Last but not least, Olympic Solidarity provided significant multi-faceted support to African NOCs as part of preparations for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.





3RD AFRICAN BEACH GAMES

EQUATORIAL GUINEA TO HOST THE EVENT

As the flagship of the African Olympic and Sports Movement, ANOCA is quite active in several areas, including the organisation of its own sports events such as the African Beach Games. These Games bring together athletes from across the continent for beach sports competitions at a

single venue. From the maiden games in Sal in 2019 to the second edition in Hammamet in 2023, this event has emerged as a platform for nurturing talent and showcasing continental sport. Indeed, the third edition, slated for 2027, intends to continue in the same vein. On 19 December 2023 in Malabo, ANOCA and Equatorial Guinea signed the

For his part, the President of NOCE quatorial Guinea, Alejandro Martin OWONO EVUNA, thanked ANOCA for the trust placed in his country.

Hosting Agreement for these games, to be hosted in the seaside resort of Riaba.

The Agreement was signed by ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF, and the President of NOC Equatorial Guinea, Alejandro Martin OWONO

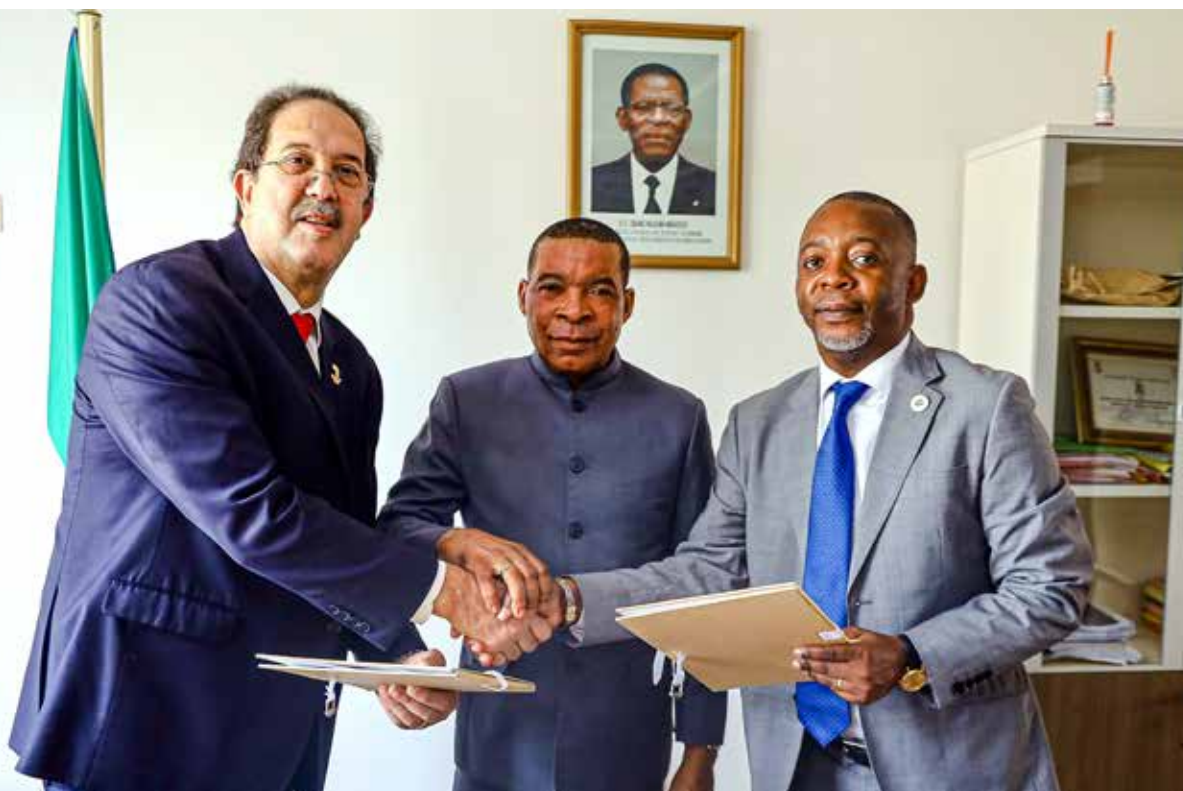
EVUNA, and witnessed by Patricio BAKOLO MEDJA, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The Parties have expressed their intention to harness efforts for a smooth organisation. All aspects are covered: the venue and timelines, the Games Village, the sports programme, medical services, transportation, accommodation, catering, communication, the marketing programme, media management, education and cultural programme, security, appointment and role of the Local Organising Committee, etc.

Please with the signing of the agreement, ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF, said he was confident that the agreement will pave the way for the organisation of exciting African Beach Games in 2027 with the collaboration of all parties involved.

For his part, the President of NOCE quatorial Guinea, Alejandro Martin OWONO EVUNA, thanked ANOCA for the trust placed in his country. He promised to do his utmost to ensure that his institution makes these Games a great continental event.

President Berraf was accompanied to the signing ceremony by First Vice-President, Joao Da Costa Alegre Afonso, and ANOCA Zone 4 President, Manuel AsumuCawan.





2027 AND 2031 AFRICAN GAMES

ANOCA, EGYPT AND DR CONGO PARTNER FOR SUCCESS

Since its establishment Lome on 28 June 1981, ANOCA has striven to assist and support sport development in Africa. This daunting, yet exciting mission warrants the organisation to work on several

fronts, especially when it comes to supporting the organisation of continental sports events. Thus, as the body that coordinates the African Olympic and Sports Movement, ANOCA plays its role well by supporting host countries of the African Games.



Arab Republic of Egypt, with the aim of promoting major events that meet international Games standards, pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

Concretely, Egypt and DR Congo will work in synergy, in consultation with ANOCA and all stakeholders, to ensure that both events are organisational successes. ANOCA will be responsible for harmonising the operation, organisation and management between the Parties and the NOCs of Egypt and DR Congo to ensure harmonious collaboration and of course success.

This move further strengthens ANOCA's position as a major sport development promoter in Africa. This action, just like many others, is aimed at fostering a spirit of fraternity and cooperation within the continental sports movement, thereby contributing to the achievement of common sport development goals across the continent.

ANOCA therefore intends to support Egypt and DR Congo in the organisation of the African Games in 2027 (Egypt) and 2031 (DR Congo). To make this vision a reality, a strategic meeting recently brought together Mustapha BERRAF, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), François-Claude KABULO MWANA KABULO, Minister of Sport of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Professor Doctor ASHRAF SOBHY, Minister of Sport of the





ANOCA-CNOSE

AGREEMENT TO BENEFIT AFRICAN SPORT

The partnership between ANOCA and the French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSE) took a major turn on 19 September 2023 with the signing of a Cooperation Agreement respectively by Mustapha BERRAF, President of the supreme governing body of Olympism in Africa, and CNOSE President, David LAPPARTIENT. The Parties

undertake to promote sports practice without discrimination, especially on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or any other opinions.

The Agreement focuses especially on the following areas: sports practice, whereby the Parties agree on the need to intensify collaboration in this regard, in



particular with respect to physical education, sport for all and elite sport; the fight against doping and anti-sport behaviour, as well as safe sport and sport for health. The Agreement also covers the following areas: institutional cooperation; sharing of best practices in the organisation of major international sports events and the preparation of African athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. On this point, CNOSF undertakes to forward information about the Games Preparation Centres (CPJ) to ANOCA members and to support them in their choice of facilities, by facilitating contacts with national and local authorities.

The Agreement, which will expire on 31 December 2025, comes at a time when African athletes are bracing for the Paris Olympic Games. This is just another focus area of the intense activity in which ANOCA has been involved over the past few years to ensure that the continent's athletes are fully prepared for this major event.

Suffice it to note that CNOSF has always been a very strategic partner of the African Olympic and Sports Movement when it comes to promoting Olympic values and sport.





ANOCA AND NOC CHINA PARTNER FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION

The partnership between ANOCA and the Chinese National Olympic Committee was formalised in Hangzhou on 23 September 2023 on the sidelines of the 19th Asian Games that held in Hangzhou. This followed the signing of a strategic partnership agreement between the ANOCA

President, Mustapha BERRAF, on the one hand, and Gao ZHIDAN, President of the Chinese Olympic Committee and Minister of Sport, on the other. The Agreement, which is intended to promote understanding and common interests between the parties in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect, aims to promote Olympism

To implement this Agreement, the signatory parties will collaborate to foster Olympism in Africa and in China. They will consult each other regularly on major issues and implement projects and programmes for the progress of sport in both Africa and Asia.



and Olympic Education in Africa and in China through relevant projects and activities initiated by both parties. The Agreement also aims to share best practices and technical expertise in the management of major events, and to promote the development of athletes and coaches through special programmes at sports training centres, among other things.

To implement this Agreement, the signatory parties will collaborate to foster Olympism in Africa and in China. They will consult each other regularly on major issues and implement projects and programmes for the progress of sport in both Africa and Asia. This prompted Mustapha BERRAF to say: *“This is a new era of cooperation and exchange between our two communities, one that opens wide the doors to new visions for a future of solidarity and mutual respect.”* He went on to say that China has always supported sport development in Africa, and that the African Olympic and Sports

Movement will always be a trustworthy partner for China. Meanwhile, Gao ZHIDAN said that President XI JINPING has always had a soft spot towards supporting African sport. Referring to the Agreement signed, he had this to say: *“This will be a mutually beneficial cooperation. I would like to pay a special tribute to Africa and its representatives, and we are committed to doing everything we can to make this strategic cooperation a reality, which will promote the spirit of the Olympic values cherished by our communities.”*

Besides President Mustapha Berraf, the ANOCA delegation also comprised Vice Presidents Joao Da Costa Alegre and Matlohang-Moiloa-Ramoqopo as well as ANOCA Athletes Commission Chair, Gaby Ahrens.



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