



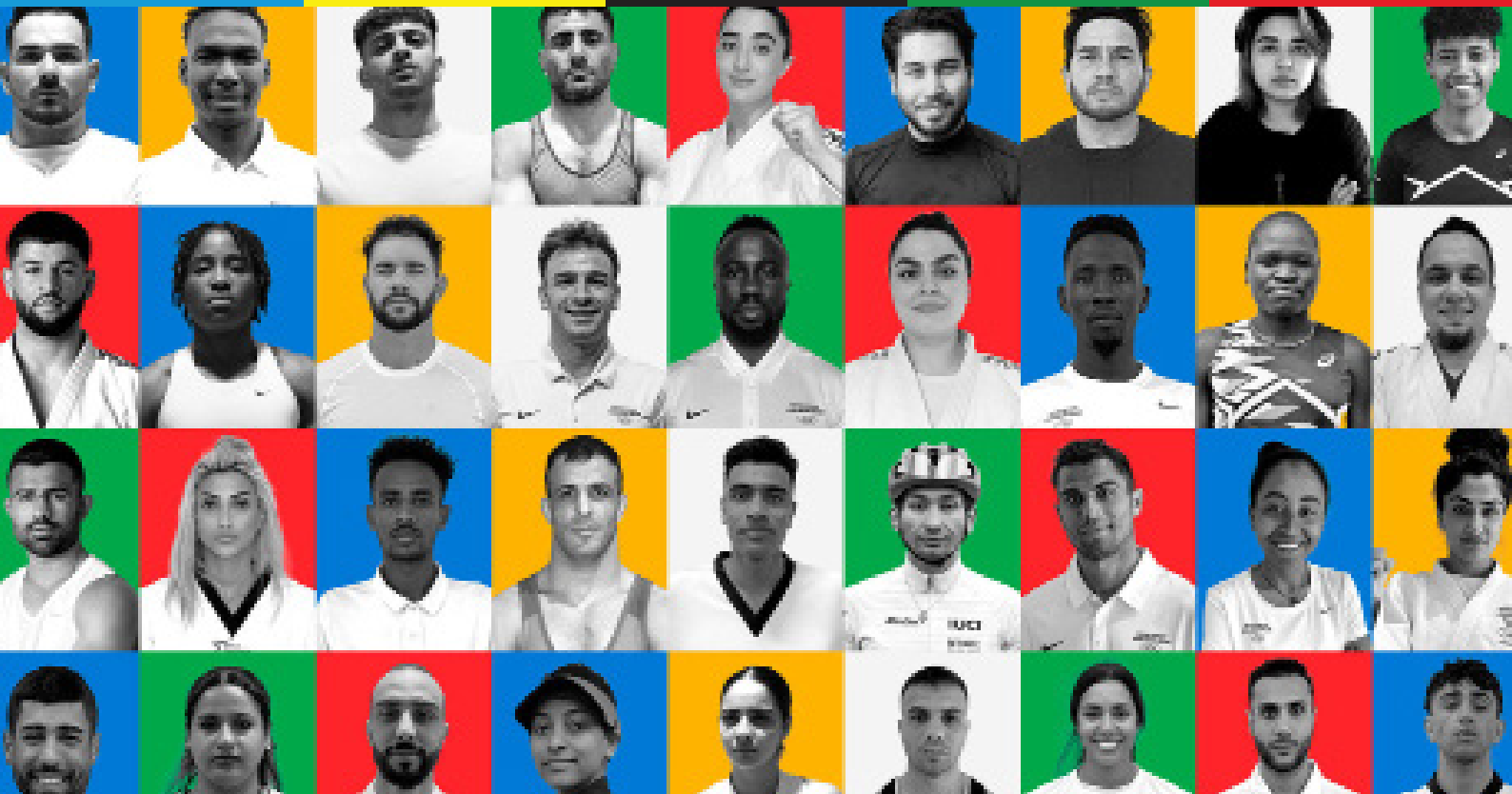
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REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM

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The Refugee Olympic Team is made up of 36 athletes from 11 different countries, who will represent refugees at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It comprises 23 male and 13

female athletes who will compete in 12 disciplines, and has 9 African athletes.

The boxer Cindy NGAMBA and the Ethiopian runner Farida ABAROGÉ are two of the women who are part of this



REFUGEE
OLYMPIC TEAM



African cohort, with athletes from the DRC, Eritrea, Cameroon, Sudan, and South Sudan.

They live in 15 countries (Kenya, US, Canada, Mexico, Jordan, Israel and 9 European countries) and will all participate in the march past led by Greece at the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Games on 26 July.

These athletes are all beneficiaries of the IOC Olympic Solidarity Refugee Athletes' Scholarship Programme. Given the millions of displaced people across

the world, the Refugee Team was created by the IOC for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro to ensure athletes keep competing, even if they have been forced to leave their home countries.

Dr Thomas BACH, the IOC President stated:

“This is something we must all commend. Besides all the performance, it’s the emotional value, sending this symbol of hope to the more than 100 million people who, unfortunately, had to migrate, and at the same time make people around the world aware of the magnitude of the refugee crisis. The presence of these elite athletes, representing more than 100 million refugees and migrants worldwide, should make them proud. They should also be delighted by this.”

These athletes were shortlisted based on their sports performances. 36 of them were selected from a pool of 73 Refugee Olympic Scholarship beneficiaries ahead of the Paris 2024 OG. Their Olympic training will be organised in Bayeux, North of France.

For the ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF,

“This is an IOC initiative that reveals the humanitarian aspect of Olympic sports governance. Africa is well positioned with its 9 athletes, given the ever-increasing number of refugees worldwide.”



HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

THOMAS BACH REACHES OUT TO SUDAN

“Despite the extremely dire situation in my country, sport can still play a role in bringing people together because this is a grave situation for the Olympic Community and for sport in Sudan, with NOC headquarters destroyed and sporting infrastructure badly damaged. Many members of the

Olympic Community have been trapped in Kartoum, the Capital city, because of the escalating and unpredictable violence there,” declared Ahmed Abu Elgasim HASHIM, President of NOC Sudan who also doubles as the ANOCA Secretary General, as he met with Dr Thomas BACH to discuss the humanitarian situation in Sudan, where a civil war has



been raging for just over a year now. It has left more than 15 000 dead and 30 000 injured. According to the UN, 222 000 children could die of malnutrition, with millions on the brink of famine. Some reports even highlight cases of «mass graves, gang rape, and indiscriminate attacks in densely populated areas.» Famine and violence have led to more than 7.2 million displaced people.

Dr Thomas BACH stated:

“I was deeply moved on learning about the scale of the tragedy unfolding in Sudan. As a sports organisation, we must acknowledge the limits of what we can do. We are fully activating our partnership with the UN system, and in particular UNHCR, to offer our contribution to the aid effort with regard to the Olympic Community in Sudan. We are committed to immediate ‘ad hoc’ help to those in extreme need and will also strengthen our support for the Sudanese athletes who have the chance to represent Sudan at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Through Olympic Solidarity and the Olympic Refugee Foundation, the IOC will offer physical and mental health support through sports programmes for displaced people in refugee camps. The IOC is committed to helping the members of the Olympic Community in Sudan in most need with regard to their basic needs and safety and security. A number of NOCs are already giving assistance, by hosting Sudanese athletes who have had to flee the violence and famine, and the IOC will strengthen this support to give them an extra boost in their preparations for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, beyond the Olympic scholarships they already receive.»



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The ANOC Executive Council met in Athens, Greece, on 31 March 2024. The meeting was opened by ANOC President Robin Mitchell, who gave an update on recent activities while thanking ANOC Vice President Spyros Capralos and the Hellenic Olympic Committee for hosting the meeting and the spectacular Olympic Torch Handover Ceremony the previous day. The Executive Council expressed its concerns about the announcement made by World Athletics

to award prize money to Olympic gold medallists at Paris 2024 and to all medallists at Los Angeles 2028 and reiterated the importance of preserving the values of Olympism. ANOC engaged in constructive discussions on how ANOC can best support the NOCs. Suffice it to note that the Association of National Olympic Committees seeks mainly to provide maximum value to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

Reports were presented by each of the continental associations, including the presentation by the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, and Vice President of ANOC.

Following is the full text of the report presented by President Berraf:

“This report covers activities during the period running from the last ANOC Executive Council Meeting held in Madrid on 31 March 2023 to date.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

The 21st session of the ANOCA General Assembly was held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 22 June 2023 on the sidelines of the African Beach Games, and the next ANOCA ordinary session of the General Assembly is billed for 31 July 2024 in Paris.

Executive Committee sessions

An extraordinary session of the Executive Committee was held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 21 June 2023, still on the sidelines of the African Beach Games,

and the 60th Ordinary Session in Paris, on 19 and 20 September 2023, at the headquarters of the French National Olympic Committee (CNOSF). The opening ceremony was attended by the French Minister of Sports, Mrs Amelie Oudea-Castera, and CNOSF President, Mr David Lappartient.

The 61st Ordinary Session of the ANOCA Executive Committee convened on 17 and 18 April 2024 in Abuja, Nigeria, and took a number of resolutions, which will go a long way in enhancing the running of ANOCA activities.

Amongst other relevant issues, the ANOCA EXCO called on political authorities across the world to respect the Olympic TRUCE, which is synonymous with peace and respect for the well-being of humanity, inviting the international sporting community to act in solidarity to support the athletes and the NOC of Sudan.

ADMINISTRATION

The Secretariat also continued to prepare and coordinate various meetings and events held under the auspices of the Association. The staff strength of the Secretariat has been reinforced with the recruitment of new staff, meanwhile the Executive Committee has given the green light for the recruitment of a Technical Director, which position has been vacant for a while.

CONTINENTAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

We are continuing our collaboration with the OS Entourage Unit in the implementation of the Continental Activities programme on the RELAY platform. The activities most NOCs apply for include, but not limited to:

- NOC administration and operations
- Assistance towards administration of National Federations (NFs)
- Support towards participation in the Konya Games, Commonwealth Games, and preparations for 2023 African Beach Games, Paris 2024 etc.
- Direct support to athletes through scholarships and grants
- Equipment for NFs
- Workshops and Seminars for NFs and NOC Commissions
- Infrastructure maintenance
- Additional Support to Olympafrica activities and operations

ANOCA notes with satisfaction the great progress in NOCs Access to the Activities Budget.

ANOCA ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The current programme has, since August 2022, been progressing well, despite some challenges.

The scholarship programme supports a total number of 48 (forty-eight) athletes across from 11 (eleven) NOCs. Of the 48 athletes, 52% have qualified for the Games, 33.3% of them men, and 18.7% women from 9 (nine) NOCs. These include Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia,

Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia and Uganda.

The table below shows the number of qualified athletes per NOC, and who are beneficiaries of the ANOCA scholarship.

NOC	Men	Women	Total	Not qualified
Algeria	1	1	2	0
Côte d'Ivoire	1	2	3	1
Egypt	6	2	8	3
Ethiopia	2	2	4	1
Kenya	5	2	7	6
Morocco	2	2	4	1.
Namibia	0	2	2	0
Nigeria	1	3	4	1
South Africa	3	2	5	4
Tunisia	3	2	5	4
Uganda	2	2	4	4
Total	26	22	48	

At the time of reporting, 684 athletes from 36 African NOCs had qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games,

3RD AFRICAN BEACH GAMES

The 3rd African Beach Games are scheduled for Equatorial Guinea in 2027, and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the National Olympic Committee on 19 December 2023.

WINTER SPORTS PROJECT

ANOCA granted scholarships to athletes training to participate in the Gangwon 2024 Winter Olympic Games, and one of our scholarship beneficiaries went on to win a silver medal at the event.

NOCs Headquarters Construction Project

The project is ongoing, and reminders were recently sent to NOCs that have already accessed the grant to provide ANOCA with progress reports. Meanwhile, three NOCs (Cameroon, Mozambique and Namibia) were each sent a copy of the agreement to sign, for the renovation of their existing headquarters. Once concluded, ANOCA will provide them with the fifty per cent of the required amount to start renovation works and the remaining fifty per cent upon completion.

SGS SEMINAR

The 40th ANOCA Seminar for Secretaries General took place in Mombasa, Kenya, a day after an OS-ANOCA finance forum. Deliberations focused on the theme “Countdown Arrangements to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games”, the objective being to take stock of the situation and ensure

that all African NOCs prepare as best they can for the major event.

ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONS

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

The second Gender Equality Forum took place in the Island of Sal, Cape Verde, on 2 and 3 October 2023 on the theme “From the Boardroom to the playing field for Gender Equality at ANOCA.”

The forum concluded with the following recommendations:

- Actively participate and implement outputs of the ANOCA Zonal Task Forces on Gender Equality.
- Undertake collection of data, research, and information for monitoring, evaluation, learning, and reporting on gender equality.
- Develop campaigns to create awareness at all levels around Africa on Gender Equality.
- Increase the female athlete participation from grassroots to Elite levels.
- Implement the gender balance quotas for governing bodies, with minimum representation of 30% women as outlined in the ANOCA statutes.
- Increase women’s capacity and representation in all categories (i.e. athletes’ entourage, administrators, etc.) from grassroots to elite levels.

- Commit the appropriate resources, financial and non-financial necessary to enable delivery of the gender equality strategy.
- Implement and disseminate the IOC Portrayal Guidelines across media and sport actors.
- Establish and implement measures for a safe sport environment for all, especially groups that are at risk.
- Enhance policies for resource allocation according to delivery on Gender Equality criteria.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Under the distinguished patronage of the Prime Minister of Algeria, Mr Nadir Larbaoui, ANOCA held a sustainability forum on environmental protection and the fight against global warming on 5 and 6 March 2024. It was attended by delegates from 47 of the 54 African NOCs, 12 IOC members and guests from the French, Italian and Spanish NOCs.

At the end of the forum it was recommended that:

- African NOCs and Ministers of Youth and Sports, in consultation with the Ministers in charge of the Environment of the governments of the member States of the African Union, unite all their efforts.
- They be urged to use their great capacity to mobilise African youth in the fight against global warming.

- The relevant institutions implement the measures recommended by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations (UN) as part of their policy to protect the environment and combat global warming.
- Sports and political authorities of ANOCA partner countries, in conjunction with the bodies and institutions of each country in charge of this issue, be urged to introduce or encourage policies and actions aimed at preserving the environment and addressing global warming.
- All NOCs meeting in Algiers liaise with their governments, particularly those responsible for the environment and the fight against global warming, with a view to obtaining material and financial support and training for the implementation of a partnership between governments and associations.

In light of the foregoing, it was further recommended that ANOCA:

- Draw up reports on the various presentations made at the Forum and circulate same to all African NOCs and governments.
- Draw up an environmental sports charter consistent with the Olympic Charter committing African NOCs to work with their respective governments (Ministries in charge of youth and sports, the environment and sustainable development,

ministries interfacing with the National Olympic Committee), and propose that the «Environmental Protection and the Fight against Global Warming» Commission of each NOC coordinate actions and draw up a report to be forwarded to the ANOCA Commission.

- Work for interrelation between African governments and their NOCs for the implementation of concrete actions for the reduction or mitigation of greenhouse gases (elimination of plastic and paper at the various NOC meetings will be the first decisions to be taken).
- Encourage the NOCs to liaise with governments to build bioclimatic sports facilities.
- Establish monitoring mechanisms to assess compliance by countries that have signed the Charter.
- Create an environment fund to finance various projects.
- Support from the IOC and other sources for the use of solar energy or other non-carbon alternatives.
- Set up an operational monitoring schedule in which all the targeted actions must be implemented on the ground, supported by the NOCs, particularly materially and financially. An assessment must be made periodically, at least annually.

Participants unanimously raised the need to create an African institution of

governments/NOCs, which would be jointly responsible for implementing a coordinated environmental strategy for the benefit of the African continent.

OLYMPAFRICA

O! YES PROGRAMME

Olympafrica Youth Empowerment through sports is a sports and educational programme for children and young people. The programme is based on a unique methodology that uses sport, physical activity and Olympic values for social development, youth empowerment, inclusion, and gender equality. For its first edition, the programme is organised in 34 Olympafrica Centres since October 2022 and has continued until last June 2023.

ACTIVITIES OF ZONES

To better coordinate its activities across the continent, the ANOCA Executive Committee includes 7 zonal representatives who are also empowered to run sporting and Olympic Values activities in their various Zones.

9TH SESSION OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMIES OF AFRICA

The 9th Ordinary General Assembly of the Association of African National Olympic Academies of (AANO) met in Algiers from 3-6 March 2024, to evaluate efforts made by National Olympic Academies and their respective NOCs to promote and disseminate Olympic ideals and values.

25 of the 39-member national African academies took part in the deliberations.

MISSIONS

During the period under review, the President and other EXCO members undertook several missions be it in France, Hungary or Cairo, Egypt, where they discussed the Cairo 2027 ANOCA African Games with the relevant authorities.

During a first mission to France, at the invitation of CNOSF President, Mr David Lappartient, ANOCA officials were on hand to mark the entry into Olympic year 2024, and discuss matters related to Africa Station in Saint Denis. They also visited various sites and games venues to ascertain the level of preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Other Missions included participation in the 37th AU Ordinary session in Addis Ababa on 17 and 18 February 2024, at the invitation of the AU Chair, Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER SPORTS GOVERNING BODIES AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

Meeting with the Association of Summer Olympic Sports International Federations (ASOIF).

An ANOCA Delegation headed by President Berraf met with the ASOIF President, Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, on 4 April 2024, at the ASOIF headquarters in Lausanne. The meeting sought to reach an

agreement to ensure that the next African Games Egypt 2027 act as qualifiers for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, while reviewing the attendant opportunities and challenges.

As a follow-up to the above meeting, the Secretary General and the Treasurer General of ANOCA met with Olivier Niamkey, Deputy Director of Olympic Solidarity and Yassine Youssfi, Director for Africa from the IOC. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting will be held with the IOC Sports Directorate during Paris 2024 to further elaborate on the meeting agreement with ASOIF.

MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS FEDERATION (ISF)

On the 26 March 2024, a virtual meeting was held with the president of the International School Sports Federation, during which various ways to enhance future relations between the sisterly organizations were discussed. Most prominently, was the proposal of the possible organization of the Africa School Sport Games as a joint venture between ANOCA and ISF.

A follow up meeting is scheduled to hold on the 5 May 2024 in Algiers to formalise the agreements.

MEETING WITH THE CHINESE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Following an invitation from the Minister of Sport and President of the Chinese National Olympic Committee, Gao ZHIDAN, for us to attend the Asian Games

from 23 September to 8 October 2023 in Hangzhou, a meeting was held aimed mainly to further deepen multilateral relations between Africa and China through a Memorandum of Understanding.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Apart from the Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese Olympic Committee, a cooperation agreement had been signed earlier with the French National Olympic Committee on the 19 September 2023.

Other agreements signed include the International Canoeing Federation (ICF), the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

These memorandums broadly aim at securing opportunities for all African NOCs to benefit from. Apart from seeking to foster the fundamental principles and values of Olympism, these MOUs also aim to consolidate friendship and mutual

understanding between the parties. The collaboration includes, but is not limited to, accessing high performance training centres, knowledge sharing between NOCs, capacity building for coaches and officials, knowledge sharing in the field of innovative technologies.

CONCLUSION

Dear ANOC Executive Council members, we trust that this report has provided insight into some of the activities of our dear organisation in the last few months. We sincerely thank all stakeholders, in particular the IOC, ANOC, Olympic Solidarity for the continuous support and collaboration.

The Association will continue putting athletes at the centre of its programmes and projects and will continue identifying potential partners to collaborate with in the implementation of our programmes.

Thank you for your kind attention.”

Mustapha BERRAF

ANOCA President
IOC Member
ANOC Vice President.

**The next
Annual General
Meeting will take
place in Cascais,
in 2024, and
preparations are
well underway.**



MALI ELEVATES MUSTAPHA BERRAF TO THE DIGNITY OF COMMANDER

A NOCA President, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, was recently decorated with the medal of Grand Commander of the National Order of Mali. The award ceremony was presided at by the Malian Ambassador to Algeria, His Excellency Mahamane Amadou MAIGA, who handed the medal on behalf of the President of the Transition in Mali, Colonel Assimi GOITA, Grand Master of National Orders.

The award is in recognition of all Mustapha Berraf's services to sport and Olympism in Africa, and aims to promote the culture of merit in society and on the African continent, a fundamental value that attracts the children of Africa and spurs them on, every day, to give their best.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E Mahamane Amadou MAIGA, Ambassador of Mali underscored the fraternity, the

good neighbourliness and historical ties between Algeria and Mali, before congratulating Mustapha BERRAF on his role in fostering sport and Olympic values on the African continent.

In his turn, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF could not help expressing his delight:

“

If receiving this great accolade is in recognition of merit, being raised to the dignity of Grand Officer of the National Order or elevated to the rank of Commander of the National Order is a consecration, the crowning glory of a career, especially as it is coming from the President of a country for which I have much respect and consideration.

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The ceremony took place on 2 May 2024 at the Malian Embassy in Algiers, and was attended by a smattering of dignitaries of the Algerian Olympic and Sports Committee, the Embassy’s diplomatic staff, a number of Federation Presidents, representatives of the national sports movement and the press.



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