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In its strategic objective to be a worthy and respected organisation within the Olympic Movement, ANOCA, under the stewardship of the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, initiated an ambitious project to help NOCs with no headquarters to build one.

The Project sought to equip African NOCs with modern headquarters in a bid to streamline their managerial and administrative performances and, by so doing, create a conducive environment for these structures to foster youth development in Africa. The Project is coordinated by Engr Ahmed Habu GUMEL, who also doubles as ANOCA

Treasurer General. As a master strategist, with a wealth of experience and expertise, this senior official has lent momentum to this Project that, today, does Africa proud. He has been sparing no effort to support NOCs in their various requisite procedures and stages.

Since its inception, out of the 26 applications for funding submitted between 2022 and 2024, about 14 (fourteen) have received funds to start building their headquarters. Out of the 26 approved projects, only one, Eswatini, has been completed and the headquarters was commissioned in 2023.



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While Malawi, Equatorial Guinea and Togo have received the funds necessary for their projects, the following countries have received their first instalments: Angola, Benin, Chad, Cape Verde,

Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Tanzania. Furthermore, the ANOCA Secretariat continues to receive project progress reports from countries such as Angola, Chad, Malawi and Togo. Contracts have been signed with new applicants Botswana, Mauritius and Somalia in 2024 and they will be receiving funds soon.

While some NOCs have applied for funding to build their headquarters and their applications are currently under review, others like Cameroon, Mozambique and Namibia have applied to renovate theirs. Meanwhile, NOCs of Lesotho, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and Zambia are fine-tuning their applications.

To date, more than \$600,000 have been granted to 14 NOCs for their headquarters project and more will be allocated by the end of 2024.

An architecture firm was recruited to provide the Association with technical support. Though only Eswatini has officially commissioned its NOC headquarters, many others have already been completed, while construction works are well underway in some other countries.

For its effective implementation, the project receives significant financial and technical support from the IOC, thanks to the strong resolve of its president, Dr Thomas Bach.

The required procedure for the NOC headquarters construction project is as follows:





- An initial list of beneficiaries is drafted by the ANOCA EXCO.
- A copy of the list is sent to all identified NOCs, with a view to collecting all the necessary information. These NOCs must provide a land title of the land on which they intend to build their headquarters.
- The complete plans are then sent to all NOCs, together with the cost estimates, so that each can submit proposals from 3 (three) construction companies, with completion deadlines. NOCs verify if the plans comply with the architectural standards in force in their countries.
- A contract is then signed between ANOCA and beneficiary NOCs





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to ensure proper use of allocated funds. ANOCA also earmarks a small amount of money for utilities.

- After this stage, NOCs sign a building contract at a fixed rate to avoid increases in price.
- NOCs also choose the building control office to ensure the building is of good quality and complies with the cost estimates.





# BUDAPEST WELCOMES ANOCA PRESIDENT

**T**he Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, IOC member and ANOCA President visited Budapest from 18 to 23 June 2024 at the invitation of the Hungarian authorities as part of the final leg of the Urban Games Qualifiers for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

On 20 June, he was received by His Excellency Péter SZIJARTO, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The two leaders had a very cordial breakfast meeting.

Here, President Berraf drew attention to the need to consolidate multilateral ties with Africa.

He also made a presentation on the new development levers launched by Africa under its leaders.

For his part, His Excellency, the Minister responded by declaring his country's great interest, and its desire to engage anew economically and politically with Africa.





On the same day, he had a meeting with His Excellency Adam SMITH, Minister of Defence and Sports, and reminded him of the greatness and professionalism of Africa, which has sparked his interest to visit certain African countries and to develop closer relationships with African armed forces, with whom Hungary has always had historical ties.

Also on the agenda was the resumption of various training programmes, notably on sports diplomacy for African leaders.

President BERRAF also mentioned that he honoured the various invitations to these very important competitions that gave athletes a final chance to qualify for the Olympic Games.

He handed over trophies on behalf of the IOC President on 21 and 22 June and left Hungary on 23 June. Also present at these meetings were Mr Pat SMITH, former President of the Republic of Hungary, and the former President of Croatia, both IOC members.





## 23<sup>RD</sup> AFRICAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# MUSTAPHA BERRAF IN DOUALA

**T**he ANOCA President was in Douala, Cameroon, where the African Athletics Championships were held from 21- 26 June 2024, at the Japoma sports complex.

The Honourable Mustapha BERRAF had the opportunity to watch athletes from 49 African countries compete and presented medals to some of the champions. Many

of them met the qualifying standards for the Olympic Games billed for Paris from 26 July to 8 August 2024.

He also held talks with African and world athletics officials, including Hamad Kalkaba MALBOUM, President of the Confederation of African Athletics and Cameroon's Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Narcisse Mouelle KOMBI. Also present were World





Athletics officials, including President Lord Sebastian COE.

*“I was delighted to see how committed and professional our athletes are and, we can confidently say that athletics will once again be a major asset for Africa in a few weeks’ time at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The competition will bring together the world’s greatest athletes, and our athletes are up to the task. I also commend the spirit of fair play that prevailed during these African Championships. I wish great success to all the qualified athletes as they take up the Paris 2024 challenge, so that Olympic and sporting Africa can stand proud and fulfilled during the Paris Olympic Games,”* said Mustapha BERRAF.

President BERRAF attended the opening and closing ceremonies. In the final rankings, South Africa (18 medals), Nigeria (15 medals), Ethiopia (10 medals), Kenya (18 medals) and Algeria (8 medals)

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were the top five, while the host country, Cameroon, was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> with 7 medals.





## AFRICA STATION

# FAN ZONE FOR THE PROMOTION OF AFRICAN SPORT AND CULTURE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024

Paris-Saint-Denis has been chosen to host Africa Station, a fan zone dedicated to African culture and sport. During the Olympic Games, the facility will not only host broadcasts, but also events, concerts,

shows, exhibitions and meetings with athletes.

Africa Station, located just a stone's throw from the Stade de France, is more than just a fan zone. It is a living space where



Parisians and tourists can watch African champions present their medals, and also take part in several sports and cultural events.

In partnership with Africa House, the event will feature exhibitions, concerts and a range of activities highlighting the rich traditions and vibrancy of the African continent. This is an ANOCA initiative aimed at building bridges to link communities and celebrating diversity. According to the French Minister of Sports, Amélie OUDÉA-CASTÉRA: **«This is a wonderful celebration platform that will strengthen the ties between Seine-Saint-Denis, the Games and Africa.»**

The city's Mayor, Mohamed GNABALY, for his part added: **«I see this initiative as an opportunity to instil pride and confidence in the future of its residents, while establishing long-lasting relations with African youth.»**

Moreover, accessibility is at the heart of the Africa Station concept: most activities will be free, with the exception of some major concerts. The stade Robert-César, fitted out for the occasion, will also have shops and restaurants, offering a full experience of African cuisine and crafts.

In a nutshell, Africa Station stands to be the ideal meeting point for those who want to experience the Paris 2024 Olympic Games under the banner of diversity and fraternity. With an exciting programme, full of emotions and discoveries, the fan zone looks forward to leaving a lasting

legacy that goes well beyond sports achievements.

As part of the organisation of Africa Station, ANOCA, the International Canoe Federation and the Confederation of African Canoeing have signed a collaboration agreement to promote canoeing among youths when developing the project.

An official ceremony to hand over boats took place on the banks of the Seine, and ended with a brief demonstration by the Mayor on one of the boats offered in the presence of the ANOCA First Vice-President, Joao Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO.

A meeting was also held after the ceremony, during which the City Council officials presented a thorough progress report on the project and the challenges to be address for its success such as the sports and cultural programme, the stands allocation policy, and project details.

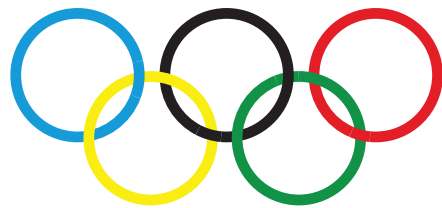
ANOCA was also informed that efforts have not only been made to raise awareness among sports and cultural associations interested in participating in the project, but to also to communicate with all 54 African NOCs, and ensure they reserve their stands and showcase their culture and other related events to their respective countries.

A number of contacts have already been made and are still ongoing to organise concerts, exhibitions and workshops, and measures are being taken to ensure that countries wishing to showcase their cuisine do so in good conditions.





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