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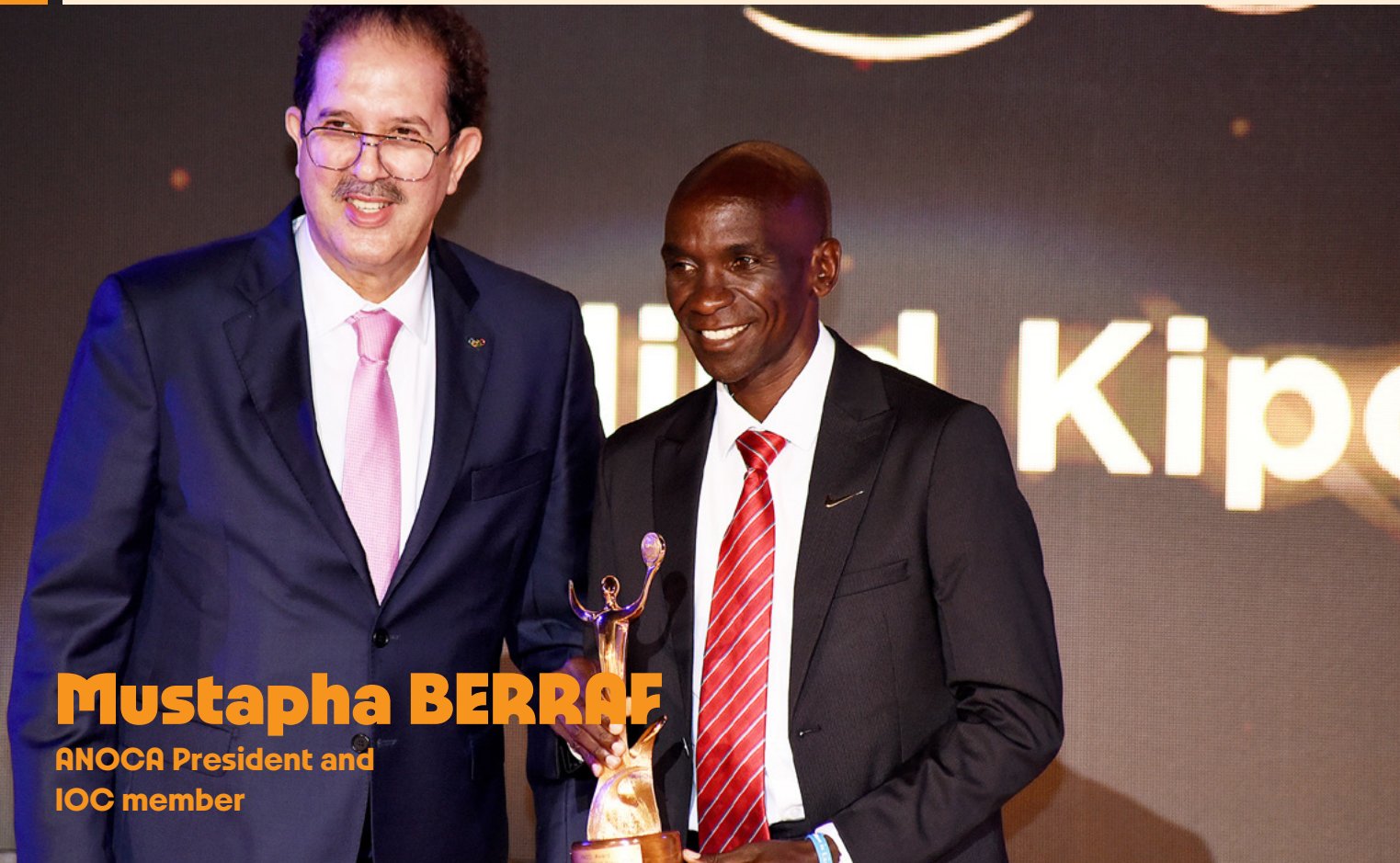
NEWSLETTER ON AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES



**INTERVIEW WITH THE ANOCA PRESIDENT**

**OLYMPIC AFRICA'S ACHIEVEMENTS,  
CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

**“WE ARE PROUD OF OUR  
REPRESENTATIVES AT PARIS  
2024”**



## **Mustapha BERRAF**

**ANOCA President and  
IOC member**

### **Before we begin this interview, can you share your thoughts?**

Thank you. First and foremost, I would like to express our solidarity with and thanks to the IOC and our President, Dr Thomas Bach, for the attention and support we have received over the years.

I do believe that, based on the exceptional atmosphere that currently reigns within the African Olympic and Sports Movement, we can say with confidence that our NOCs are making great strides.

In all humility, we can also state that we have carried out our projects and implemented our strategic plan with the necessary rigour, which leads us to presume that our results are satisfactory, although more efforts are still required.

### **Who are your key partners other than the IOC?**

Talking about partnerships, we cannot fail to acknowledge certain international federations and their leaders. These include the Cycling, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, Canoeing and Kayaking federations. Our ANOC President, who has always endeavoured to make himself available, cannot be left out.

### **What are your prospects for the future?**

There are multiple events and activities earmarked in the next Olympic Solidarity quadrennial plan for the benefit of the African Continent. These include:

- **African Games, Egypt, 2027**
- **African Youth Games, Angola, December 2025**
- **African Beach Games, Equatorial Guinea.**
- **African School Games, Algiers, July 2025**

In close collaboration with the International School Sports Federation, the African School Games should enable our NOCs in particular to engage in budding talent identification with their respective federations and thus look forward to a more promising future.

Besides, we'll be getting down to work in the run-up to the first e-sport Olympic Games in 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

There has been excellent cooperation between the IOC and the Saudi Arabian NOC, and we are well aware of Saudi Arabia's exceptional capabilities.

### **Do you have any other projects?**

At the same time, we intend to carry out a number of activities linked to priority issues such as sustainable development, the African Athletes Forum, gender equality and many other issues including the fight against doping and preparations for the Dakar Games.



**What about African athletes?**

We are determined to continue supporting our athletes to achieve even better results in Los Angeles, and also to complete our support programme for some of our NOCs so that they can be equipped with Headquarters that are commensurate with the missions with which they have been entrusted.

**I'm not sure I understand. What do you mean by providing the NOCs with Headquarters?**

We have embarked on a programme, in close collaboration with the IOC, to build or renovate NOC Headquarters in certain countries, for our NOCs need to work in good conditions. Most of these projects are underway.

**What can you tell us about the Olympafrica Foundation that you preside over?**

To answer your question, I would like to underscore the socio-educational relevance of the Olympafrica Foundation, which brings together hundreds of thousands of needy children, and we are requesting each and every one to lend them full support.

You can't imagine how happy these underprivileged children are when they're in full swing in the stadiums and at the Games.

We are giving them all our support and assistance.

Many of us have been through such challenging times and we owe it to them as part of our duty.

**Can we come back to the participation of African athletes in Paris?**

Africa will be out in full force at the Paris Olympic Games, and I can gladly say that we are proud of our representatives and of the African origins of the athletes who will be competing for countries in Europe and elsewhere.

We have recommended fair play and fraternity with all the peoples of the world. Our leitmotiv is for our athletes to live the great festival of sport wisely and in fraternity.

**A final word for our readers?**

I call for unity and solidarity among all the stakeholders of the African Olympic and Sports Movement. ANOCA will never deviate from the rules of Olympism laid down by the International Olympic Committee. We are committed to pursuing the implementation of our strategic plan to the very end. We will be launching new initiatives to boost sports practice by developing athletes' skills and organising high-profile sports competitions.

Supporting athletes and sports technicians is one of our priorities. We will achieve our goals together. Africa's youths must benefit as much as possible from this results-based management.

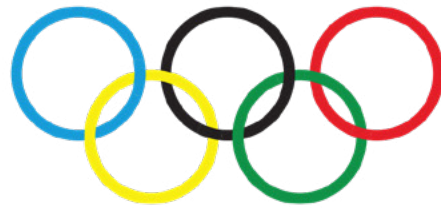
I wish, on behalf of our prestigious organisation, ANOCA, to extend our sincere congratulations to the French authorities, the Organising Committee and, above all, to the President of the French Republic, Mr Emmanuel Macron, for all the efforts they have deployed.

Paris has succeeded and risen to the challenge.





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