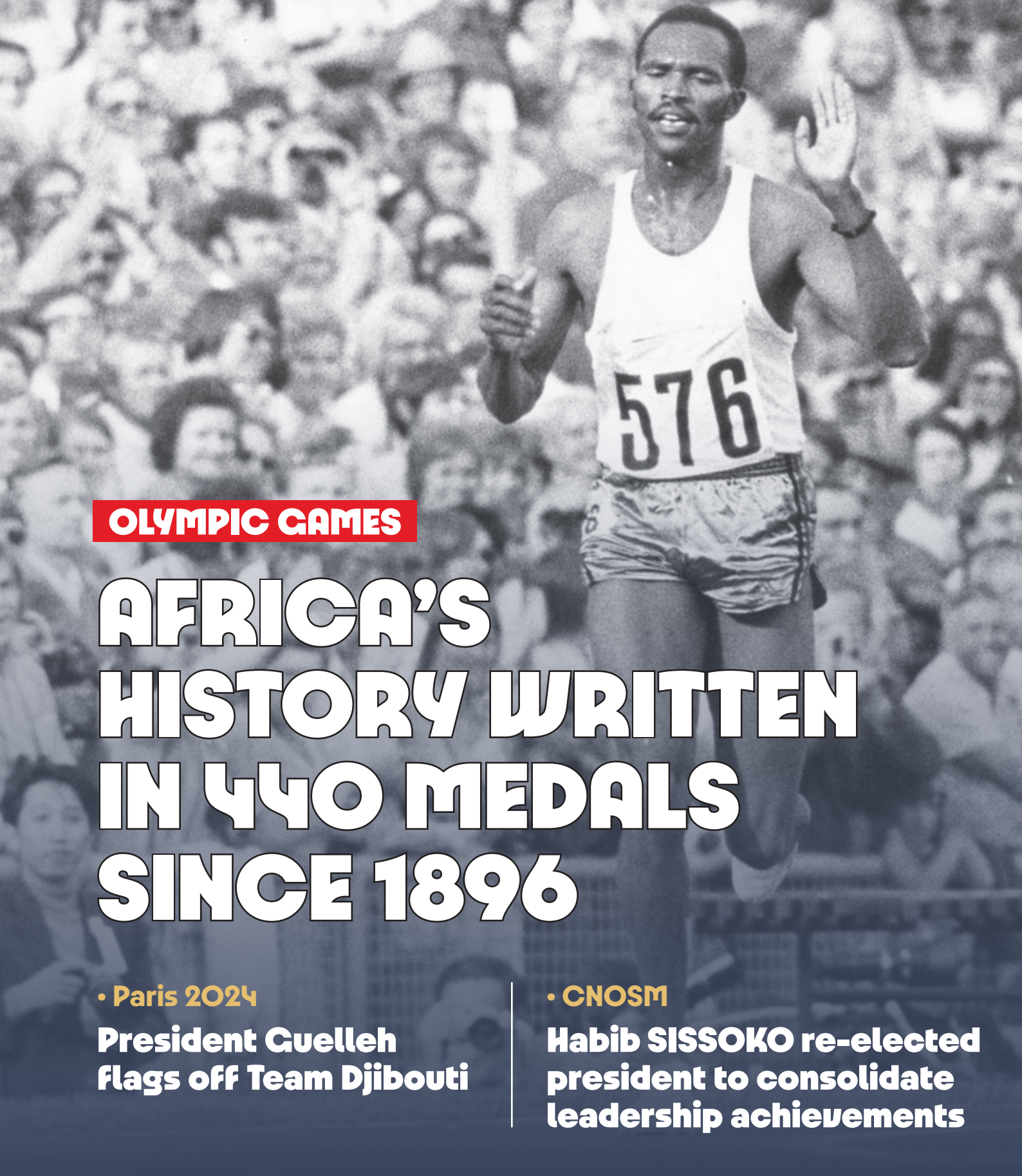


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AFRICA'S GOLD GO-GETTERS IN THE STARTING BLOCKS

Ethiopia and Kenya are prominent medal hopefuls for Africa in athletics, especially in the long-distance races. Both countries have been giants in the discipline for decades, holding sway in the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and the marathon, and they are looking forward to maintaining their supremacy.

In Paris, from Friday 26 July to Sunday 1 August, qualified African athletes from all the

54 NOCs will be challenging their limits in the hunt for gold.

It is expected that Africa will stage a stunning show in both the men's and women's events. In the women's race for example, Team Ethiopia is led by world record holder Tigst Assefa, alongside Amane Beriso and Megertu Alemu. These athletes will surely maintain Ethiopia's domination over the long distances.



The Paris Olympic Games will also be an opportunity to pay tribute to Kelvin Kiptum, world marathon record holder, who tragically passed on last February. His competitive spirit and influence on long-distance races will be etched in the minds of all African athletes.

The first Burkinabe athlete to win a medal since independence, Hugues-Francis Zango, world triple jump champion and bronze medallist at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, had this to say in a pan-African newspaper : *«I am eager to live this naïve dream: achieve personal glory and place Africa at the top, show youths that it is possible.»*

The same magazine describes Africa's performance prospects in the following terms: *“Since the maiden edition of modern Olympic Games in 1896, 28 African countries have bagged a total of 440 medals (126 gold, 146 silver and 168 bronze). That's six times less than the United States, which has a total of 2,656. On the African continent, one of every two countries has never won a medal, so some have contributed much more than others: Kenya, South Africa and Ethiopia have not won less than 60% of the total African medal haul. At international level, African athletes have all it takes to excel in many disciplines, particularly in the fifteen official races and walking events: Africa has twelve world record holders in these disciplines, six men and six women. Who will shine brightest in the stadiums of Paris this year? Morocco's Soufiane el-Bakkali in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, Kenya's Faith Kipyegon in the 1,500 metres or Congolese boxer Marcelat Sakobi Matshu?”*

All African delegations are set to achieve incredible feats, but also to display the Olympic spirit of fair play.

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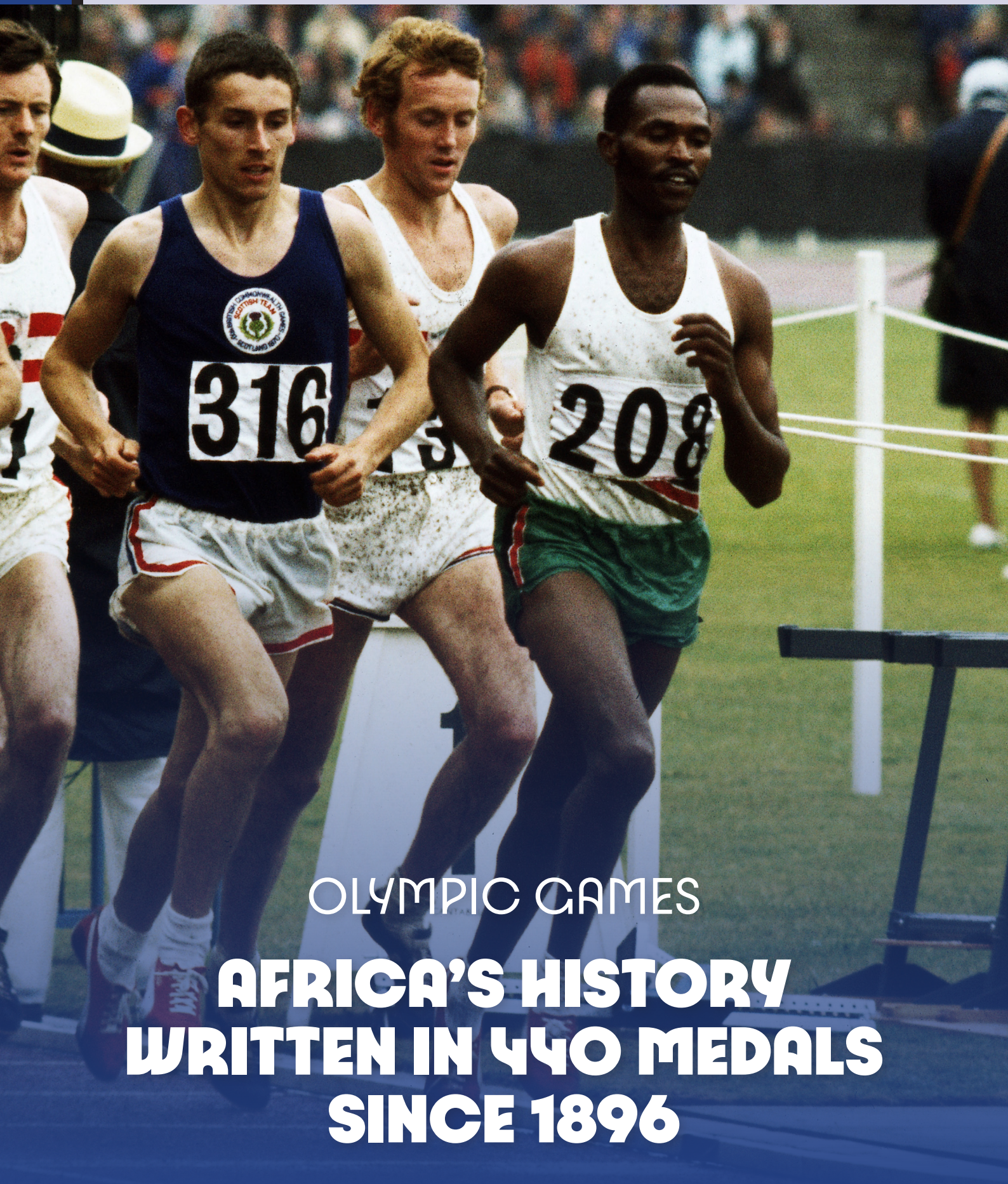
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Ranking	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Number of medals
1	KENYA	35	42	36	113
2	SOUTH AFRICA	27	33	29	89
3	ETHIOPIA	23	12	23	58
4	EGYPT	8	11	19	38
5	MOROCCO	7	5	12	24
6	ALGERIA	5	4	8	17
7	TUNISIA	5	3	7	15
8	UGANDA	4	4	3	11
9	NIGERIA	3	11	13	27
10	ZIMBABWE	3	4	1	8
11	CAMEROON	3	1	2	6
12	NAMIBIA	0	5	0	5
13	GHANA	0	1	4	5
14	COTE D'IVOIRE	1	1	2	4
15	BURUNDI	1	1	0	2
16	MOZAMBIQUE	1	0	1	2
17	TANZANIA	0	2	0	2
18	NIGER	0	1	1	2
19	ZAMBIA	0	1	1	2
20	BOTSWANA	0	1	1	2
21	BURKINA FASO	0	0	1	1
22	SENEGAL	0	1	0	1
23	SUDAN	0	1	0	1
24	ERITREA	0	0	1	1
25	DJIBOUTI	0	0	1	1
26	TOGO	0	0	1	1
27	CABON	0	1	0	1
28	MAURITIUS	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		126	146	168	440



Paris 2024

President Guelleh Flags off Team Djibouti

The President of the Republic of Djibouti, Ismail Omar Guelleh, on 12 July 2024 officially sent off Djibouti athletes qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympics, wishing them “every success” at the Games, which will kick off on 26 July in France.

The ceremony organised at the State House culminated with the handing of the national flag to the young athlete Mohamed Ismael Ibrahim, Team Djibouti’s flag bearer. While addressing attendees, the Head of State stated that he will personally be in Paris to

support and encourage “our team during the Games.” This was President Guelleh’s promise, even as he extended his warmest congratulations to all the dignitaries and structures that boost athletics and sports in Djibouti.

Prominent attendees included the NOC President and IOC member, Mrs Aicha Garad Ali, the Vice President, Mrs Fardouza Moussa Egueh, and the Secretary General Mr Said Ismael Hassan.



Speaking on the occasion, Mrs Aicha Garad Ali hailed the athletes: *“Samiya, African champion, bronze medallist; Mahiedine, bronze medallist, and most especially, Ayanleh (1500 m), who won a silver medal in a snatch victory. That means their morale is high. And today, we will not say, like Pierre de Coubertin, that the most important thing is to participate. We are not just going to participate; now we’re going to win,”* she said with certainty.

For his part, the Head of State expressed the hope that future OGs would serve as additional opportunities to win new trophies and receive new distinctions for our country: *“We have ambitions for you, for ourselves and the country. I will be in Paris to cheer you on, an opportunity for you and me to carry the flag on our shoulders.*

You can count on us as much as we can count on you. It’s all about your legs and your breath, and this small country will join the big league on the podium. Aïcha is here too, she has ambitions, and she has seen you grow. We’re counting on you all. As for us, this is success; this is victory.”

Shortly after this audience, Mrs Fardouza Moussa Egueh thanked: *“the President of the Republic, who is of great support to athletes, the No. 1 supporter of national teams in all sports. He’s always there. It’s thanks to this subsidy that, today, we can lead a delegation with many qualified athletes.”*

She further noted: *“Today, the President granted us audience. The pressure is now on the athletes. The flag bearer of the national athletics team just received the national flag from the hands of the President of the Republic, the flag with which we are going to march, the flag for which we are all here, and for which we are all going to hold our breath.*

We were granted audience and we thank the President immensely. The Games will open on the 26th and the President of the Republic will be at our side. When our flag will be paraded, he will be there physically to support our athletes. We’d like to thank him once more, and we’d be very happy to see him there because it would be a significant boost for the athletes; it would boost their performance,” she concluded.

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CNOSM

Habib SISSOKO re-elected president to consolidate leadership achievements

The President of NOC Mali (CNOSM), Habib SISSOKO, was re-elected for another 4-year term following the end-of-quadrennial General Assembly held on Saturday 6 July 2024. The

event was graced by Seydina Omar DIAGNE, Secretary General of NOC Senegal (CNOSS) and of ANOCA Zone II, and Abderrahmane ETHMANE, President of NOC Mauritania,

who made remarkable testimonies at the closing ceremony.

By electing Habib SISSOKO for a new tenure, delegates of the 23 National Sports Federations (NSFs) have fulfilled the commitment made by their leaders on 24 April 2024, the day they solemnly reaffirmed their support for him and requested that he run for the 2024-2028 quadrennial. This request reflected their deep satisfaction with the leadership he built on good governance, with accountability and transparency as its creed.

For re-elected President Habib SISSOKO, this is a *“new legitimacy, a mark of renewed confidence.”* That is why, he promised, *“we assure you that we will be relentless in promoting sport and Olympism in our country.”*

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the President pledged to keep intact the legacy which, pursuant to the Olympic Charter, is the harmony achieved by national sports management structures, to assert their commitment to the ongoing development of our National Sports Federations (NSFs) by ensuring that sport and Olympism fulfil their essential social function...

“We have also set as objective to enhance Mali’s image as a great sports nation. And upholding sports law and transparent management will be our drive,” said the President. The representative of the Minister of Youth and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship), Mr Djibril DRAMÉ, congratulated Habib SISSOKO on the renewed confidence. For him, this show of confidence is well-deserved because the CNOSM President has always been selfless in matters of sports development. *“I am the fruit of Habib’s enormous sport development efforts. It is thanks to him that I got a training*



grant,” said Mr DRAMÉ. And this is far from being an isolated case in Mali’s sports and Olympic family.

The closing ceremony featured two powerful testimonies by Seydina Omar DIAGNE, and Abderrahmane ETHMANE. *“In 2013, CNOSS nominated Habib SISSOKO for the position of ANOCA Zone II president simply because of his exemplary behaviour,”* recounted the first speaker.

“In African Olympism circles, we say that Habib is afraid of money. And that’s true, because he has made good governance his creed,” Mr DIAGNE underscored. *“ANOCA has 7 zones, but ours is now a reference for all the others in terms of governance, transparency... Funds allocated by ANOCA are used properly and we send regular*



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quarterly reports to ANOCA. Habib keeps a close eye on this,” He added.

“We’ve been working together in the Olympic Movement for over 20 years now, and I must confess that Habib is truly a humane, humble, wise, courteous, competent and honest leader... My wish today, and I urge you all to pray for this, is to see him join the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This will logically cap an exceptional career marked by sport values and Olympic ideals,” concluded Mr DIAGNE.

Mr DIAGNE had begun his speech by expressing his profound gratitude to Malian authorities, who have not only donated 4 hectares (in the vicinity of the airport) to



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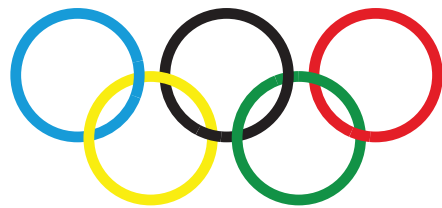


build the future Headquarters of NOC Mali, but have also offered Zone II hospitality by providing it with a Headquarters and a “substantial subsidy” to render it functional. “This is proof that Malian authorities have understood the real stakes of sport and Olympism,” he said.

The Guest of honour, the President of NOC Mauritania also shared this view. “Beyond the person of Habib Sissoko, it is the entire NOC Mali that emerges victorious from this General Assembly,” added Mr Abderrahmane ETHMANE, even as he wished good luck to Mali’s representatives at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games!



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