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DOSB AND ANOCA SIGN MAJOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT



The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and the German Olympic and Sports Confederation (DOSB) on 29 July 2024 signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the German House in Paris, on the sidelines of the 33rd Olympic Games Paris 2024. It is a four-year agreement wherein the parties have undertaken to intensify cooperation in the following areas:

1- TRAINING OF SPORTS COACHES

- DOSB and ANOCA, in synergy with the respective African NOCs, will identify projects in the field of coach training and federation development to be funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Indeed, these projects will be implemented by the DOSB, in conjunction with the NOC and the partner country's sports federation. The main content of the projects will therefore be training courses run by a German coach, who will be seconded to the African partner country for a period of two weeks or more.

- The “**Kids Olympic Skills**” programme is a human heritage initiative in the run-up to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. Preparations are underway to send a German coach to Dakar for a two-year period starting in November 2024 to support the Senegalese National Olympic and Sports Committee and the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee in implementing this programme.
- Up to 20 scholarships may be awarded every year for postgraduate international training courses (Internationale Trainerkurse/ITK) at the University of Leipzig, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. These scholarships cover tuition fees, accommodation, insurance, didactic materials and excursions during the five-month stay in Germany. ANOCA and African NOCs have undertaken to identify candidates for the programmes in Leipzig.





2 - SPORTS AT THE SERVICE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Recommendation 10 of Olympic Agenda 2020+5 encourages the Olympic Movement to strengthen the role of sport as a major driver of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The parties are committed to upholding the power of sport as an effective tool in the development sector. They intend to explore possibilities for joint initiatives in this area, for example, through the “*International Expert Training on Sport and the SDGs in Cooperation with German Development Cooperation (GIZ)*”.
- DOSB is a partner in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development’s annual “**weltwärts**” volunteering programme. DOSB is committed to exploring the possibilities for OlympAfrica centres to benefit from this programme. From September 2024, the first four German volunteers will take up their duties in cooperation with the OlympAfrica Foundation under the aegis of ANOCA.

- Any other programme mutually agreed upon by the parties may be implemented as part of this MoU, for example, exploring the opportunity to support high-level German coaches in ANOCA-selected African training centres of excellence.

The MoU was signed by ANOCA President, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, and the President of the German Olympic and Sports Confederation, Thomas WEIKERT.

At the end of the signing ceremony, ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF had this to say:

“This Agreement is for the benefit of sports and African youths. Germany and Africa share a longstanding, important human and sporting history. Sport, Olympism in particular, is an excellent vehicle for cooperation. Nations unite, they dialogue through actions that pool energies. ANOCA is proud of this MoU. We are grateful to our German partners and are sure that both parties will benefit from the agreement in the promotion of Olympic values and sport”.

It is set out in the preamble to the agreement that *“For more than 60 years, the German Olympic and Sports Confederation (DOSB) has been the main partner in the implementation of the German Federal Foreign Office’s programme to promote international sport. Its mission is to carry out numerous projects in countries in the South aimed at promoting sport and boosting its development in areas such as coaching, sport for young people, sport for women and the development of federations.”*

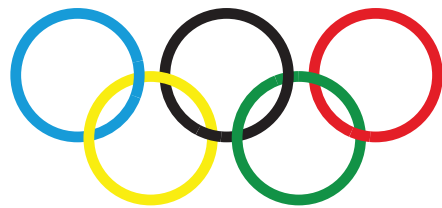


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