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**SPECIAL END OF YEAR MESSAGE TO THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC MOVEMENT  
TO THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC AND SPORTS MOVEMENT,  
NOC PRESIDENTS, ATHLETES, COACHES AND PARTNERS**



**2025**

**IS FAST APPROACHING! LET'S  
UNITE AND SEIZE THE NEW  
OPPORTUNITY!**



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## Dear friends of African sport,

As the year 2024 draws to a close, I would like, on behalf of ANOCA and on my personal behalf, to extend to you my warmest wishes for peace, success and happiness, for a peaceful end to the year and a successful new year.

Time has come to look back at our joint achievements and look to the year 2025 with hope and ambition.

In 2024, the Olympic values of excellence, respect and solidarity glowed through our actions and performances. Our athletes raised high the colours of Africa at the Paris Olympic Games, showcasing sports excellence, the dynamism of our NOCs and our ability to shine on the world stage, reminding the world of the vibrancy and resilience of our continent.

These Games, which will remain etched in our memories thanks to the remarkable performances of our athletes, were also an opportunity to demonstrate the unity of our continent through cultural initiatives such as Africa Station, which showcased the richness and diversity of our nations to the whole world.

2024 will be remembered for the inspiring performances of our young athletes, true ambassadors of African values on the world stage. They showcased the richness of our continent and embodied our hopes for a future in which sport plays a key role in development and social cohesion.

We also consolidated our collaboration with the IOC and other partners to promote sport as a socioeconomic development lever. The progress made in the preparations for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 is proof of our collective ability to organise world-class events.

My wish for 2025 is that we keep it up, united in our efforts to promote sport as a tool for social transformation and for bringing people together. Our ambitions for Dakar 2026 and an African bid for the 2036 Olympic Games are exciting challenges that we will take up together.

2025 must be a year of unity and influence for African sport. It will be the fruit of our collective efforts, our solidarity and our faith in the future

of African sport. A crucial year for the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

Looking ahead to 2025, I urge you to continue working together to build an environment where our young people can develop their full potential, both in sports and in their personal lives.

African sport is built on solid foundations thanks to your commitment. Each of you plays an important role in promoting our values and achieving our ambitions. I urge you to stay mobilised, to share your ideas and to strengthen the ties that unite us.

We must put young people at the heart of our priorities. They are the future of Africa, and it is in them that our most precious potential lies.

We need to scale up all projects targeting our young athletes. Training programmes, the modernisation of sports infrastructure and the promotion of gender equality.

Future successes will be built on this vision of unity that is attuned to our common interests.

We will all seize the opportunity the New Year offers with fervour and passion.

Your unwavering commitment is a beacon of hope for African youth.

Let's all set the standard! Athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and partners, let's avail ourselves of the new opportunity and rise to the challenge as we have always done so brilliantly.

Beyond 2024, let's continue to display our strength in 2025.

May this New Year be a year of prosperity and achievement for you, your families and your teams!

Best wishes, with renewed commitment!

**Happy New Year 2025!**

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