

NEWSLETTER ON AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES



BRAVO, YOU PERFORMED HEROICALLY AT PARIS 2024!



ou made your presence felt - and we are extremely grateful - for your first-rate performance at the just-ended Olympic Games Paris 2024. The annals of history will forever remember the feats accomplished by each and every one of you.

Historic! There's no better term to describe your participation in Paris. You carried Africa's mantle in this great competition and on the international stage.

To our athletes, I say THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS! For you were brave and ingenious, demonstrating the full range of your talents in a variety of disciplines.

While some of you won valuable medals, others did not, which is very much in

keeping with the Olympic spirit. The spirit of fair play prevailed, which speaks of your state of mind. And that is what makes you true African heroes. We are all proud of your sterling performance, which has won admiration and does the entire African continent proud.

I wish to also congratulate your coaches. They were true professionals who knew how to motivate you and boost your performance. They were at the top of their game. We urge them to stay the course, building their capacities every day, with the aim of equipping you with the technical and sporting skills that will continue to make you top-class athletes.



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Dear athletes and coaches, we will continue supporting you as we have always done, with absolute determination and confidence, in the run-up to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 and all future international competitions.

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I would like to CONGRATULATE and THANK all the 54 African NOCs! You effectively implemented our preparation plan for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Your commitment to making Africa's participation a resounding success is treasured and a clear demonstration of your managerial skills, which meet modern sports governance criteria. Your efforts are commendable, proactive and effective.

African sports confederations and federations have been at the coalface, and I encourage them to stay the course with the spirit of solidarity that drives the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

THANK YOU to all the African countries that mobilised the considerable funds and logistics needed to support the delegations of African athletes and officials!

Through my humble voice, the entire African continent would like to thank the people of France for their legendary hospitality, which was on full display once again at Paris 2024.

With the President of the French Republic, His Excellency Emmanuel MACRON, in the lead, no effort was spared to give a solemn, global touch to this great celebration of world sport. The French Minister for Sport, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the President of NOC France were the real kingpins.

The Paris 2024 Organising Committee was perfect, with Tony ESTANGUET as central coordinator. We would like to thank the entire committee for their exceptional presence, which was characterised by



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Let's join forces and show that, together, we can build a better world through sport

and the Olympic values that bring the world closer together. The Olympic Games are essential and vital for humanity. Paris 2024 has made an outstanding impact. Over to Los Angeles 2028!

Sincerely.

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