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THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN OLYMPIC SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS (CASOL) SEES LIGHT OF DAY IN YAOUNDE, CAMEROON

The Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL) was established in Yaounde, Cameroon, on 13 October 2024, at the Mont Fébé Hotel, following the constituent General Assembly of the new body. Its pioneer President, Mr Hamad Kalkaba Malbom, President of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA), heads a nine-member Executive Committee tasked with laying the groundwork for the new structure.



The Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL) was established in Yaounde, Cameroon, on 13 October 2024, at the Mont Fébé Hotel.

This followed deliberations of a General Assembly, the first of its kind, which was convened at the behest of the following three confederations and their presidents: the Confederation of African Athletics, represented by its President Mr Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM, the Confederation of African Canoeing-kayaking, represented by its President Mr Joao Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO and the African Fencing Confederation, represented by its President Mr MBAGNIK NDIAYE.

The solemn Constituent Assembly was attended by 25 of the 32 existing Olympic sports confederations, with the prominent presence of IOC members in Africa and the ANOCA Executive Committee led by ANOCA President and ANOC Vice President, Mustapha Berraf. Also worthy of note was the presence of Mr Mehrez Boussayene, in his capacity as an IOC member, member of the Legal Affairs Commission and ANOCA Legal Affairs Commission, Chair. Mr Boussayene saw to it that this new African sports governing body, which aims to defend the rights and interests of African athletes and ensure that the African Games serve as qualifiers for the Olympic Games, was in compliance with the rules governing the creation of such associations both in terms of substance and form.



Deliberations were conducted in a convivial atmosphere where commitment, responsibility, mutual understanding, constructive dialogue and perfect cordiality prevailed, and indication that the entire African Olympic and sports movement has taken a significant step forward on the path to progress.

The creation of this new sports association marks a new dawn for the African Olympic Movement. The event comes at a critical moment, following hard on the heels of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, and symbolises the desire of the African Olympic Movement and ANOCA to work for a united sporting Africa, determined to overcome the many challenges on its way to emancipation. Hence the clarion call for unity from the ANOCA President: *“Today, I would like to appeal to you, great dignitaries, to ensure that we always work together, hand in glove, to defend the exceptional potential of our continent. Together we will overcome! Together we will succeed”*.

President Mustapha Berraf then insisted on the unity and development of the African Olympic movement, which he is promoting and advocating for it to be strengthened: *“For my part, I would like to confirm that our objectives, the objectives of our meetings, which will certainly be many, have no other aim than to consolidate our UNITY and also to reflect on the future of our various Olympic sports in order to obtain the right not only to exist but also to promote our athletes, our coaches and our leaders at the international level. To this end, we must, together, step up efforts to ensure that the AFRICAN GAMES become Olympic qualifiers from 2027 onwards, because they cannot be limited to just our*

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continent. ANOCA, which I am privileged to head, has passed a motion to give fresh impetus to our greatest sports event, “THE AFRICAN GAMES”, and has given us a mandate to conclude the unifying and inclusive process of the African Olympic Movement. I sincerely believe that it is high time to regain our rightful place in the world sporting arena and to escape, in the necessary serenity and conviviality, from this obsolete situation of other continents taking control of the largest and most magnificent continent, “AFRICA”. I firmly believe that it is high time we regained our rightful place at the heart of world sport. We should, in all tranquillity and harmony, avoid the anachronistic situation whereby other continents have a stranglehold on the greatest and most wonderful continent of all, ‘AFRICA’.

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One of the highlights of the constituent General Assembly of CASOL was the election of Hamad Kalkaba Malboum, President of the Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSC), as pioneer President of the new Association, who said he was: “... *delighted to have been unanimously chosen by the members of this General Assembly, made up of the presidents of the African Olympic Sports Confederations,*” he said.

This election undoubtedly marks a decisive turning point in sports governance in Africa and the future of Olympic sports on the continent, especially as the creation of the of the African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL) represents a major step in the organisation and





promotion of Olympic sports in Africa. This new entity is designed to harness the efforts of African sports confederations in the organisation of Olympic qualifiers and competitions, while promoting coordination with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Suffice it to note that, until now, the organisation of Olympic Games qualifiers for African athletes has been fragmented between various sports confederations. With the creation of CASOL, the aim is not only to centralise these efforts, but also to strengthen Africa's place on the world sporting stage. CASOL will thus play a crucial role in the preparation of African athletes and in the management of results and performances during the Olympic Games.

As the pioneer President of CASOL, and on the strength of the unanimous support for his nomination, Kalkaba Malbourn embodies the hope and the future of Olympic sports in Africa. He will have many challenges to rise to, including promoting the performance of African athletes, improving sports infrastructure on the continent and fostering Olympic values.

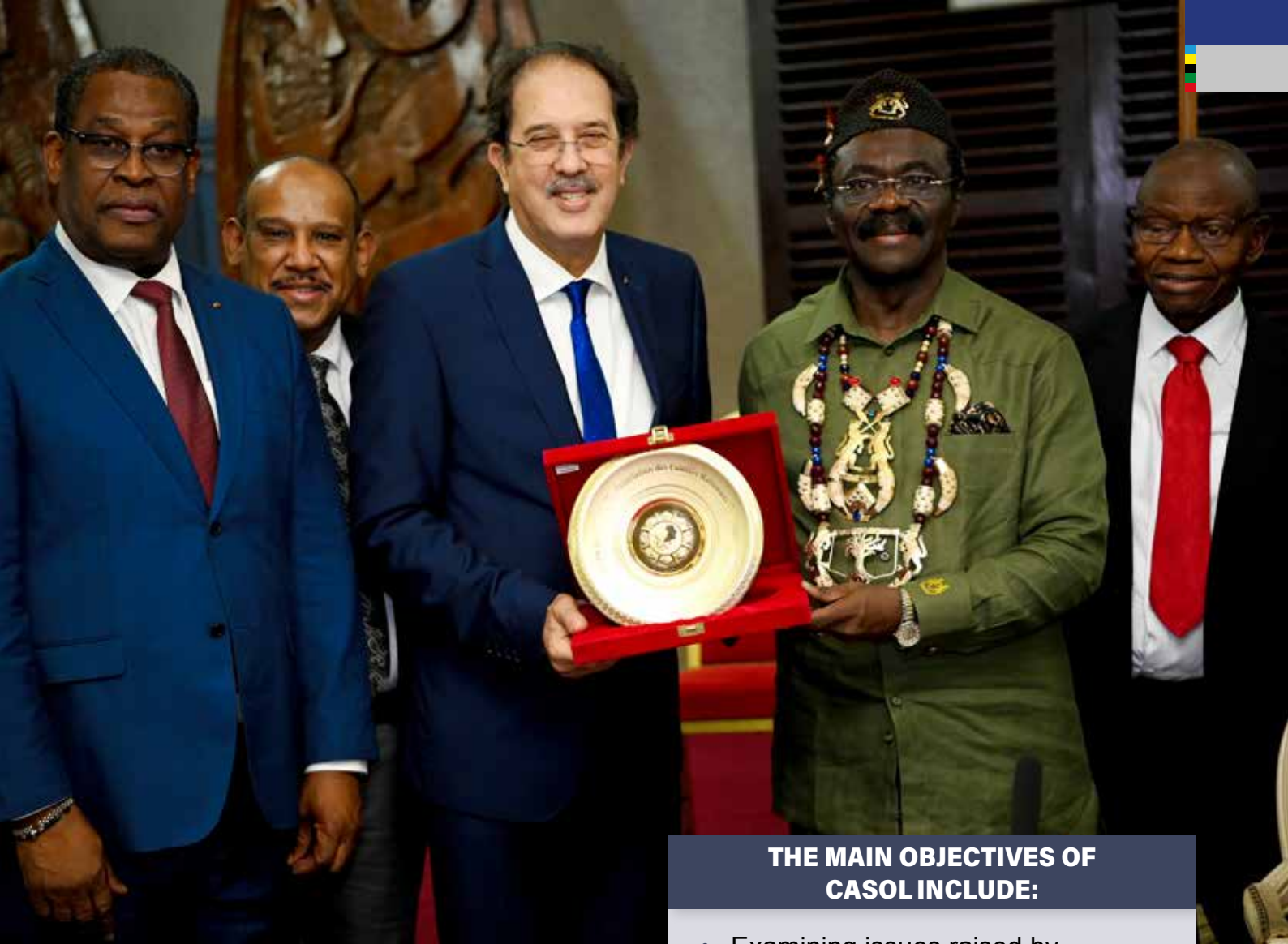
Besides the President's roadmap, CASOL still faces a number of challenges, notably the development of modern infrastructure, funding of sports federations and the training of budding talents. CASOL will also have to work for a more even distribution of resources and opportunities across the various regions of the continent. The aim here is to encourage the emergence of new talents and enable African athletes of all disciplines to shine at the Olympic Games.



Another major challenge will be to strengthen cooperation with other sports confederations and the IOC, to help African athletes qualify in a greater number of disciplines. This will also involve developing both sports and academic support programmes for athletes, for the overall development of Africa's young sportsmen and women. In addition, CASOL will have to quickly convince its hierarchical governing body, the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), to put in place new qualification protocols for the Olympic Games that are favourable to African athletes.

CASOL's mission is therefore clear: to unite, promote and support its members, the African sports confederations, while preserving their autonomy and safeguarding their common interests and goals vis-à-vis the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Association of Summer Olympic International Sports Federations (ASOIF), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), governments, intergovernmental organisations and any other relevant organisation.

At the end of the meeting, financial support was announced by ANOCA, which also officially recognised CASOL. This support is crucial for the operation and governance of the new association. Following this event, the new Executive Committee met with Cameroon's Minister of Sport and Physical Education, Professor Narcisse MOUELLE KOMBI, who, on behalf of the government, welcomed the initiative and pledged the Cameroon government's multi-faceted support for all CASOL initiatives.



THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF CASOL INCLUDE:

- Examining issues raised by its members and establishing members' consent on matters of common interests in its mission;
- Coordinating and defending the common interests of members within the context mentioned above;
- Ensuring the technical organisation of African continental competitions, under the aegis of the IOC, in collaboration with ANOCA;
- Ensuring the technical organisation of all other Olympic sports events, notably those that are qualifiers for the Olympic Games, in compliance with the rules set to this effect by the international federations involved.

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Highlights of CASOL Executive Board Meeting

On 13 October 2024, the Executive Committee of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (Casol) met for its first session chaired by its new President, Hamad Kalkaba Malboum.

This first meeting afforded the ten appointed members the opportunity to address a number of concerns: the immediate need for the constituent General Assembly to adopt the CASOL Constitution; the urgent need to reflect on the implementation of an action plan, a strategic plan and a funding policy for the activities of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL).

It entails also working to ensure that the African Olympic Movement organises the 2027 African Games in Cairo. The President was also mandated to set up an administration in Yaounde and to initiate discussions with the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to obtain its support, particularly with regard to a headquarters

agreement and the provision of a building to house the offices of the new association.

The President opened the meeting by thanking the Executive Board members for having once more accepted to serve the African Olympic Movement. He also congratulated them on the confidence bestowed on them by the Constituent General Assembly of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL).

The Executive Board thereafter addressed issues relating to the main mission of CASOL, which is to eliminate all obstacles to the qualification process of African sportsmen and women for the Olympic Games, by engaging in constructive discussions with the International

Federations, the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the International Olympic Committee. A roadmap will also be drawn up in the next three months, in a bid to get IOC and ASOIF recognition. The Executive Board

has six months to draw up and present a strategic plan to the General Assembly.

It is on this note that the curtains were drawn on the first CASOL Executive Board meeting.



The 10 (ten) appointed members of the Executive Board:

1. HAMAD KALKABA MALBOUM
PRESIDENT - ATHLETICS

2. JOAO DA COSTA ALLEGRE
VICE PRESIDENT - CANOEING-
KAYAKING

3. BOUCHRA HAJIJ
VICE-PRESIDENT - VOLLEYBALL

4. ALFRED FOLOKO
VICE-PRESIDENT - JUDO

5. MBAGNIK NDIAYE
TREASURER GENERAL - FENCING

6. MANSOUROU AREMOU
MEMBER - HANDBALL

7. IDE ISSAKA
MEMBER - TAEKWONDO

8. EHAB AMIN ESAWY
MEMBER - GYMNASTICS

9. MOHAMEDOU DIOP
MEMBER - SWIMMING

10. ALBERT FRIMPONG
MEMBER - BASEBALL

Dr. NGASSAM EDWIGE was later appointed Director General of the Association.

► Mustapha BERRAF

ANOCA President

In his address at the Consultative Meeting of African Olympic Sports Confederations, the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) urged African Olympic Movement officials to stand more united and work hand in glove, to defend the exceptional potential of our continent, and thus shun the rules imposed by certain countries that continue to reason like colonisers in world sport, and create enabling conditions where our young athletes can flourish in a healthy environment that respects their freedoms.

Your Excellency the Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Mr Narcisse Mouelle KOMBI,

The President of the Confederation of African Athletics, President of the Cameroon Olympic Committee Colonel Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM,

Distinguished Presidents and their representatives,

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish, first and foremost, to express my heartfelt thanks to you for heeding our invitation, despite your exacting duties.

For my part, I would like to confirm that our objectives, the objectives of our meetings, which will certainly be many, have no other aim than to consolidate our UNITY and also to reflect on the future of our various Olympic sports in order to obtain the right not only to exist but also to promote our athletes, our coaches and our leaders at the international level.

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Ours is a democratic and level-headed approach and, sooner or later, we will succeed in overcoming the rules imposed by certain countries that continue to think like colonisers in world sport. We will be partners, reliable partners indeed that are solely driven by one conviction: enabling our young athletes to grow in a healthy environment that respects their freedom.



My dear sisters, brothers and colleagues, I hope I have not taken up too much of your time, but I wish to reassure you of the good intentions of the IOC and its President, who have never ceased to encourage the African continent and be concerned about our diversity and shared interests. Sport and Olympism will always embody the core values and principles that are closely linked to freedom, fraternity and excellence in both work and effort.

My dear sisters and brothers, I am appealing to you today, great dignitaries, for us to always work together, hand in glove, to defend the exceptional potential of our continent. Together we will make it. Together we will succeed. I will be remiss not to extend our greetings, through you, to

our host, the Cameroon Olympic Movement under the leadership of President Hamad Malboum KALKABA and the Government of Cameroon for its support, as well as to all the top officials of the International Federations who have always understood and helped chart a way forward.

I hereby request my brother, the Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Prof. Narcisse Mouelle KOMBI, to convey our deepest regards to His Excellency Paul BIYA, President of the Republic, and to express to him our profound gratitude for all his relentless efforts for the benefit of young people and the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

Thank you for your kind attention and I wish you every success in your deliberations.

► Narcisse MOUELLE KOMBI

Minister of Sports
and Physical
Education



In his opening address at the meeting of the of African Olympic Movement stakeholders held in Yaounde on 12 October 2024, Cameroon's Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Prof. Narcisse Mouelle Kombi, encouraged all the leaders of the African Olympic Movement to be bold and proud to chart a workable course for Olympism on our continent.

The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA),

Distinguished Members of the ANOCA Executive Committee here present,

The President of the Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee, President of the Confederation of African Athletics,

Presidents of African Olympic Sports Confederations,

Distinguished Members of the CNOSC Executive Committee,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am deeply delighted to take the floor on this rostrum, as I add my voice to those of previous speakers, to heartily welcome all the dignitaries, distinguished leaders of the African Olympic Movement to Yaounde, capital city of the Republic of Cameroon.

The initiative taken by the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) in collaboration with the President of the Confederation of African Athletics to

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bring together African Olympic Movement stakeholders in Yaounde is highly commendable. It honours your continental sports institutions, which have sought, through this meeting, to brainstorm and share your common desire to lend new momentum to the need for proper representation in both decision-making circles and sports arenas during major competitions like the Olympic Games.

I thus wish to express satisfaction with your agenda, which mentions a number of concerns that can boost sports development on our continent.

Indeed, at a time when others were coming together, the Olympic Movement in Africa, once so prosperous, seemed to have stagnated, dampening the enthusiasm of young people to practise sport and engage in it mind and body.

One of the reasons for our continent’s underrepresentation at international sports events such as the Olympic Games is the costly and often lengthy qualification process. The process usually necessitates long trips to vie for an uncertain qualification, not considering the economic situation of our national federations, especially in choosing countries and cities hosting qualifiers.

The allocation of quotas by International Federations also seems to disadvantage our athletes.

I am therefore delighted that you have finally succeeded in addressing this thorny issue, which obliges our athletes to abandon their dream, give up, or seek naturalisation in economically viable countries.

By initiating this consultation, you have chosen to hold strong with efficiency for the success of our athletes in major global sporting events.

Ladies and gentlemen, I know your intention is to strengthen the African Olympic Movement. It is a lofty goal, the task quite challenging. Ensure that the actions you wish to implement are a glowing example.

Learn to give added value to the actions you wish to undertake. Work together to place the African athlete at the centre of your concerns. As true pan-Africanists, be mindful to give Africa a soul.

Be bold and proud to chart a course for Olympism on our continent. The greatest challenge you will constantly face is to galvanise forces and garner the enthusiasm to do better.

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I have high hopes for the success of these deliberations, for it is in standing together that we must present to the world a united front of Men committed to the values that govern Olympism.

It is on this note of optimism that I declare open the deliberations that have brought you together here in Yaounde.

Long live the African Olympic Movement!

Long live friendship among nations!

Long live Cameroon and its illustrious leader, His Excellency President Paul Biya!



► Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM

President of NOC
Cameroon



In his welcome address at the opening of the consultative meeting of African Olympic Movement stakeholders held in Yaounde on 12 October 2024, Hamad Kalkaba Malboum, President of the Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSC) and President of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA), urged his peers to push for equitable, fair and accessible qualification systems and processes.

The Minister of Sports and Physical Education,

The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA),

Presidents of African Olympic Sports Confederations,

Executive Board Members of CNOSC,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am indeed honoured and pleased to address you today, on the occasion of the consultative meeting of African Olympic Movement Stakeholders, in this cosy hall of the Mont Fébé Hotel, Yaounde, capital city of the Republic of Cameroon.

I wish, first and foremost, to warmly welcome Honourable Moustapha BERRAF, ANOCA President, and all the other illustrious dignitaries of the African Olympic Movement, including the Presidents of the African Olympic Sports Confederations here present.

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I would also like to express my deep gratitude to Professor Narcisse MOUELLE KOMBI, Cameroon's Minister of Sports and Physical Education who, his busy schedule notwithstanding, has graciously honoured the African Olympic family by personally chairing this meeting.

Suffice it to note that the presence of the Minister of Sports and Physical Education among us is patent proof of the Cameroon Government's support for our initiatives. I wish, at this juncture, to request Professor Narcisse MOUELLE KOMBI to convey to His Excellency Paul BIYA, President of the Republic and Cameroon's number-one sportsman, the profound gratitude of the Olympic family in Cameroon and Africa.

Your Excellency,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This meeting, which follows hard on the heels of the just ended Olympic Games Paris 2024, is unquestionably of interest to the African Olympic Movement. We hope to discuss in-depth, to share our common desire of maximising opportunities for our continent, in view of a better representation,

both in decision-making circles and in the sports arena. Of course, Africa bagged many medals at the last Olympics, but we have to acknowledge that we can grow our potential to double this result.

This is why we must identify the challenges faced by our athletes so as to develop better strategies. For instance, the fact that the highest-ranking competitions for Olympic Games qualifiers are generally held outside the African continent is a serious drawback for our athletes. The qualification processes adopted by international federations are very costly, making access difficult, if not virtually impossible for our highly talented sportsmen and women. In addition, there are difficulties in obtaining visas to go and vie for qualification in countries of the North.

This situation warrants us to brainstorm in a bid to give our athletes a better chance of competing with their peers at international level and achieving their dream of representing Africa on the world stage. It should not be lost on us that sport is the field in which young Africans excel in the same way as those from developed countries. This level of competitiveness must be maintained by good governance so that Africa can contribute not only to the furtherance of Olympic values but also to sports excellence.

Together, we can and must make a difference, and ensure that Africa takes its rightful place on the Olympic stage.

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Together, we have the opportunity to build a future where every athlete, whatever their background, can qualify and compete at the Olympic Games, practise sport with enthusiasm and commit themselves to it mind and body, without being restricted by unfair treatment.

Your Excellency,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, 12 October 2024, is a defining moment for all of us, and I have high hopes for the successful outcome of our deliberations. We must seek to do better so that we can, together, develop the spirit of a winning Africa. I have the enduring conviction that, with Solidarity, Determination and Unity, we will achieve our goals and present to the world a united

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front of men and women committed to the fundamental values and ideals that govern the Olympic movement.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Bouchra Hajij

President of the African Volleyball Confederation, Vice President of CASOL



First of all, as President of the African Volleyball Confederation, I would like to congratulate Mr Kalkaba Malboum, the Cameroon NOC President and President of the Confederation of African Athletics, for the confidence the General Assembly bestowed on him today. There were 25 African confederations from all sports disciplines that were present. Our common interest is to defend athletes and African youths. You know that, today, there is a great talent drain of the cream or the elite of African players internationally, and our objective is to defend and then prepare all the comfort for our athletes so that they can represent our respective countries and also represent the African continent.

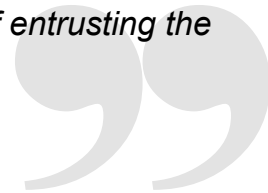
Secondly, in the strategic plan, we would also like the African Games to serve as qualifiers for the Olympic Games, just like what happens in the Asian Games or the European Games. These games serve as qualifiers for the Olympic Games and Africa, which is a great continent, also deserves to be on an equal footing with the other continents. We equally wish to set up regional centres to prepare elite athletes and help the African elite before continental and international competitions, so that Africa and its athletes can showcase their talents and be worthy representatives of their continent.

Mbagnik Ndiaye

President of the African Fencing Confederation, General Treasurer of CASOL



I believe that, since this morning, we have been meeting to review all the ills that plague Olympic sport in Africa. And, as the Minister, President Kalkaba Malboum and ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf all said, African sport is going through very difficult times. This is why African Olympic sports Confederations met in Yaounde to make a diagnosis, and it is not a glowing one at all. This thus prompted us to complement the management structure of the African Sports Movement. After ANOCA, we have the confederations, but we don't have structures to serve as spokespersons with other associations such as the International Winter Sports Association. That's what we've just put in place, and we've had the ingenious idea of entrusting the management to the Dean, Kalkaba.



Kalkaba Malboum

President of the Confederation of African Athletics, President of CASOL, President of NOC-Cameroon



I am delighted to have been unanimously chosen by the members of this General Assembly, made up of presidents of African Olympic Sports Confederations, 25 of the 28 are here present. We will work to ensure that the process of qualifying African athletes for the Olympic Games is reviewed, in conjunction with the Association of Olympic International Federations, which organises the qualification process, so that Africa does not suffer from the current schedule, which sends its athletes all over the world to vie for an uncertain qualification.

All participants in this consultation, which started as a consultation and later became a constituent General Assembly and then an elective General Assembly, thought that I had the profile, given my experience and seniority as a Confederation President, but also as President of a major sport, particularly at the Olympic Games on behalf of Africa. They have placed their trust in me, and I am going to share that trust with a committee that has been set up, made up of ten members from each of the Olympic sports that concern us. So, it's with the committee that we're going to identify the right strategies to propose to the General Assembly, so that the Assembly can approve a development plan for our Olympic movement, with a view to giving African athletes more than what they've had in the past.

We are partners (CASOL and ANOCA). ANOCA is an association of national Olympic committees, in other words the decentralised arm of the International Olympic Committee. We are a continental organisation linked to the Association of Olympic International Federations, which qualifies athletes, organises competitions during the Olympic Games, announces the results and receives a dividend from the proceeds of the Olympic Games. We believe that, by being the continental counterpart, we can benefit from new resources to develop our sport.



Mustapha Berraf

ANOCA President, IOC Member



Greetings to our Cameroonian brothers and sisters! Greetings to all the officials! I wish, first and foremost, to thank the Cameroon government and all its components: the Sports Minister, the Minister of Labour and the National Olympic Committee, who have made exceptional efforts to host this major event. I would like to highlight the legendary hospitality that is always the hallmark of Cameroon.

I'd like to remind everyone of the objectives of this high-level meeting, which is to ensure that, in the future, we can assert our rights and make our voices heard, especially internationally. We realised that in most of the sports disciplines, an athlete has to travel almost round the world to qualify for the Olympic Games, and obtain some points, etc. And we are now convinced that the African Games must become Olympic Games qualifiers.

This couldn't have been done without the support of the broader Olympic Movement, and the International Olympic Committee, which welcomed this initiative, to enable our federations, most of them with limited means, to avoid spending huge sums on travelling and flight tickets for their athletes to qualify. So, I think that today, the massive participation of the majority, that is 25 African Olympic confederations attending this event in Yaounde, is to be saluted.

"Yaounde will once more be a key element in the future of African sport and, by extension, world sport. I think that the unity that you have observed here today, the words of fraternity and common sense, and the medium- and long-term vision of the Minister, have been very well received by the entire sporting community. And I believe that, today, we have clearly understood that we must be at the service of all, at the service of African athletes, and no longer put personal interests at the forefront.

MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN YAOUNDE, MONT FEBE HOTEL ON 13 OCTOBER 2024 AT 11.00 A.M.

The deliberations of the Constituent General Assembly, attended by the 25 confederations and dignitaries from the African Olympic movement including ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, concluded with a number of decisions and resolutions. These included the unanimous appointment of the Chair of the Constituent General Assembly, who immediately tabled for adoption a number of resolutions, such as the creation of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (CASOL), the election by acclamation of its pioneer President, and the election of the other nine members of the CASOL Executive Board.

The Constituent General Assembly of the Association of African Sports Confederations hereinafter “**African Olympic Sports Confederations**” took place on 13 October 2024 as from 11.00 a.m., at Mont Fébé Hotel Yaounde, Cameroon. The meeting was convened at the behest of the following African Sports Confederations:

- Confederation of African Athletics, represented by its President **Mr Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM**;
- The Confederation of African Canoeing-kayaking, represented by its President **Mr Joao Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO**;
- African Fencing Confederation, represented by its President **Mr MBAGNIK NDIAYE**;

Attendance:

1) The following other African Olympic Sports Confederations were in attendance apart from those mentioned above:

- African Gymnastics Union
- Confederation of African Handball
- African Taekwondo Union
- WBSC Africa (Baseball)
- African Volleyball Confederation
- African Judo Union
- African Rowing Federation
- Badminton Confederation of Africa
- FIBA AFRICA
- Africa Golf Confederation

- Weightlifting Federation of Africa
- African Hockey Federation
- AFRICA AQUATICS
- Confederation of African Modern Pentathlon
- Confederation of African Tennis
- Federation of African Archery
- Africa Sailing Confederation
- African Skateboarding Confederation
- African FLAG FOOTBALL Confederation
- Squash Federation of Africa
- African Surfing Confederation
- ICC AFRICA (CRICKET)

2) The following dignitaries were guests of the African Olympic Movement

- **Mustapha BERRAF**, IOC Member
- **Odette ENGOULOU**, IOC Member
- **Mehrez BOUSSAYENE**, IOC Member
- **SAMBAVISAN RAMSAMY**, Honorary IOC Member
- **Habu GUMEL**, Honorary IOC Member
- **Julien MINAVOA**, President of NOC BENIN
- **Ahmed HASHIM**, President of NOC SUDAN

The General Assembly unanimously appointed **Mr Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM**, who accepted, Chair of this Constituent General Assembly, and **Mr João Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO**, who accepted to be the Secretary of the session.

Taking the floor, the Chair thanked all those present for the trust placed in him.

He then requested the Secretary to verify the quorum. Following the roll call, he announced that 25 of the 34 African Sports Confederations were present.

The quorum was thus reached, and the Chairman declared the session open.

The Chairman pointed out that this meeting was holding at a decisive moment in the life of the African Olympic Movement, with the aim to establish an association of African Sports Confederations to defend the rights and interests of African athletes and make the African Games qualifiers for the Olympic Games.

This new Association will make this task easier by acting as the sole representative of all African Sports Confederations before the IOC, ANOCA, ASOIF, the African Union and any other authority or body connected with the Olympic Movement.

The Chairman then tabled the following agenda to the meeting:

- Validity of the Meeting and approval of its agenda;
- Establishment of the Association of African Sports Confederations;

3) Discussion and approval of the draft Constitution and Logo of the Association of African Sports Confederations;

- Election of the pioneer President of the Association of African Sports Confederations;
- Election of the nine pioneer members of the Executive Board of the Association of African Sports Confederations;
- Procedures and Powers.

The Chairman then tabled the draft Constitution of the Association of African Sports Confederations to the General Assembly for discussion and adoption pursuant to the resolutions of the consultative meeting of the African Movement held on 12 October 2024 and attended by the same dignitaries present today.

After discussion, the Chairman of the meeting put the following resolutions to the vote:

RESOLUTION 1: Validity of the Meeting and approval of its agenda

The General Assembly approved and adopted the holding of this Constituent General Assembly as regards its form;

Put to the vote, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 2: Establishment of the Association of African Sports Confederations

The General Assembly resolved to create the Association of African Sports Confederations to be the only representative before the IOC, ANOCA, ASOIF, the African Union and any other authority or body in connection with the Olympic Movement.

Put to the vote, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 3: Discussion and approval of the draft Constitution and Logo of the Association of African Sports Confederations

The General Assembly, after reading the draft Constitution and amendments thereto, decided to approve the final wording of the said Constitution and adopted the LOGO presented, Design 1 in green.

Put to the vote, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 4: Election of the Pioneer President

Mr Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM, nominated by the General Assembly for the position of President of the Association of African Sports Confederations, was elected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 5 (3) and 4 (14) of the Constitution by a show of hands and unanimously by those present.

Put to the vote, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 5: Election of the other pioneer nine members of the Executive Committee

Given that the General Assembly proposed 9 (nine) other members to occupy the 9 (nine) seats on the Executive Board, the said General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 5 (3) and 4 (14) of the Constitution, unanimously elected by a show of hand the following other persons as members of the Executive Board:

N°	NAME	POST	SPORT
1	JOAO MANUEL DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO	VICE PRESIDENT	CANOE
2	BOUCHRA HAJIJ	VICE PRESIDENT	VOLLEYBALL
3	ALFRED FO LO KO	VICE PRESIDENT	JUDO
4	MBAGNIK NDIAYE	TREASURER GENERAL	FENCING
5	MANSOUROU AREMOU	MEMBER	HANDBALL
6	IDE ISSAKA	MEMBER	TAEKWONDO
7	EH AB AMIN ESAWY	MEMBER	GYMNASTICS
8	MOHAMEDOU DIOP	MEMBRE	SWIMMING
9	ALBERT FRIMONG	MEMBER	BASEBALL

RESOLUTION 6: Procedures and Powers

The General Meeting unanimously agreed by signing the meeting's attendance sheet, attendees approve these minutes and give full powers to the President of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations or any person appointed by him to carry out legal procedures.

The General Assembly gave the Executive Committee represented by its President all the powers to implement the procedure of recognition of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations in all Olympic Movement bodies, find a place which will serve as the Association's office in Yaounde, and sign a headquarters agreement with the Government of Cameroon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.00 p.m.

Signed in Yaounde on 13 October 2024

Meeting Chair

Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM

Meeting Secretary

Joao Manuel DA COSTA

ATTENDANCE SHEET

CONSTITUENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN OLYMPIC SPORTS CONFEDERATIONS 13 OCTOBER 2024 - YAOUNDE CAMEROON

N°	Confederations	Names	Signatures
1	Confederation of African Athletics	KALKABA MALBOUM	
2	Confederation of African Canoeing	JOAO MANUEL COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO	
3	African Volleyball Confederation	BOUCHVA HAJIY	
4	African Judo Union	AUDED SAOKO	
5	African Fencing Confederation	MBAGMICH NDIAYE	
6	African Handball Confederation		
7	AFRICA AQUATICS	SEYDOU DIOUF	
8	African Taekwondo Union	MOHAMED DIOP	
9	WBSC AFRICA		
10	African Rowing Federation	ALBERT K. FRIMPOUQ	
11	Badminton Confederation of Africa	T. MICHEL BAN	
12	FIBA AFRICA	ANIBAL MMAMANI	
13	African Golf Confederation	JOHNSON OMOLO	
14	African Gymnastics Federation	EHAL AMIN ESAUY	
15	Weightlifting Federation of Africa	KHALED MEHALHEL	
16	African Hockey Federation		
17	Squash Federation of Africa	RICHMOND QUORCOO	
18	Confederation of African Modern Pentathlon	ZARE SEIDOU SILVESTRE	
19	Confederation of African Tennis	P/S THIEMO OLORY	
20	Federation of African Archery	TARIK AMIFY	
21	Africa Sailing Confederation	MAAZALZ MOULAY ANAS	
22	African Skateboarding Confederation	KOTY GIBEDARDE D. NATHANAEL	
23	African FLAG Football Confederation	AWASUMEM (JR)	
24	ICC AFRICA	JUSTINE LIGYALINGI	
25	African Surfing Confederation	ECHADJI OUMAN SEYE	

Sam Ramsamy

IOC member, former SASCOC President and currently 1st Vice President of the International Swimming Federation, today known as "World Aquatics" expresses satisfaction after the deliberations.

"I am very thrilled"



"I am very thrilled with new organisation; I am very happy this organisation has started. In fact, it should have started many years ago and because the Olympic sports are very important; very important for qualification; very important that Olympic sport gets support and from now onwards we'll get support for Olympic sport through ANOCA. ANOCA is the mother body of African sports and everything will go through ANOCA and ANOCA will support this initiative 100%. We have a very dynamic president in Hamad Kalkaba, very dynamic in very many respects and I am certain that he'll do an excellent job with this new organisation."

Tarik Amiry

President of the African Archery Federation.

“The new organisation is expected to help the African Olympic movement”



What are your impressions at the end of the CASOL General Assembly?

I am Tarik Amiry, the President of African Archery Federation. I am from Sudan. My impression about this General Assembly is that, we are expecting it to help all the Olympic Sports Federations for the next African Games that will be hosted in Egypt in 2027.

In your opinion, what are the objectives to be achieved after this General Assembly?

We are expecting the new organisation to help all the Olympic Sports Federations to participate in the African Games and to support them to qualify for the Olympic Games.

What is your opinion about members of the new organisation?

They are all members of this new organisation and are all qualified to be on board. Most of the federations are united. They are close to each other and we feel good together.

What are your expectations of the new organisation for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles?

Yes, that's what we're expecting. It will help us, and all the athletes and federations, to qualify for the next Olympic Games.

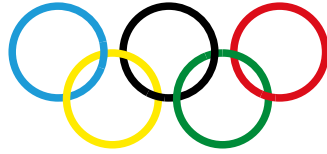








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