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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS DAY

ANOCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**OUR PRESENT AND OUR
FUTURE WILL BE BUILT
WITH OUR CHILDREN!**





Children's Rights Day is a priority for us at the Association of National Committees in Africa. Children represent innocence, carefreeness and, above all, the future. They are our future. The future of sport and of African and global Olympism. In a nutshell, the future of Africa.

We are duty-bound to respect and to ensure that their rights are respected. It is also very important to create a peaceful and enabling environment for their growth so that they can become men and women of action for a united, strong and prosperous Africa.

Driven by the vision to foster Olympic values, ANOCA spares no means to offer African children the necessary comfort and various opportunities to emerge through and by sport.

The establishment and operation of Olympafrica centres in several countries clearly exemplifies this. In these centres, children have a suitable entourage, are organised and guided to become top-level athletes and, above all, accomplished African citizens imbued with the values of love, sharing, humility and solidarity.





Olympafrica centres bring smiles to the faces of African children through a range of activities and attractions.

Sport helps to educate children, protect their health and boost their morals and mentality. That is why sport is essential to their rights. They have the right to practice sport.

We must invest in children. Their welfare is paramount. They must become responsible young people who are resilient in the face of any social or economic threat.

We thank all African NOCs for committing to protect children's rights. African governments are investing in elite sport, but they must also create playgrounds in the neighbourhoods alongside the impressive sports facilities that exist, so that all children have the opportunity to develop through sport.

This will also help in identifying budding talents who will be the pride of the continent in the future.



We thank the International Olympic Committee, the IOC, and its illustrious President, Dr Thomas BACH, who has always supported ANOCA in all its development actions for the benefit of Africa's youth. Thomas BACH is a friend of Africa's children.

Together, let us protect the rights of our children. Let us build our future in solidarity by building the future of our children today.

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MUSTAPHA BERRAF
IOC MEMBER
PRESIDENT OF ANOCA





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