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40th SEMINAR FOR SECRETARIES GENERAL OF AFRICAN NOCs

READY FOR THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES!





The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), organised the 40th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs from 4 to 5 November, 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya.

The seminar was organised under the theme “***Countdown arrangement to Paris 2024 Olympic Games***”, with sub-themes focusing mainly on NOC roles and responsibilities, and Olympafrica/OS programmes.

It was officially opened by the Kenyan Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts, Ababu NAMWAMBA who stated that:

“Governments across the continent should be ready to partner with ANOCA to ensure Africa’s dream at the Olympics and other sports is realised through the provision of resources and facilities to athletes.”





Representing the ANOCA President, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, the ANOCA Treasurer General, Engr Habu Gumel AHMED stated:

“I would like to commend each and every one of you, dear Secretaries General, for your individual and collective commitment. You are doing Africa proud! ...The stakes are high, if our athletes are to stage a befitting and historic participation in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It therefore behoves us to level up our preparations and, more so, make a better show of our sports governance.”

President Paul TERGAT of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOC-K) said:

“I must admit that wherever I go, I am more than ever before convinced that Africa is endowed with incredible sports talents and opportunities. And the question as to whether we have leveraged these assets is both a question and a responsibility that we must explore in order to find answers. In my humble opinion, we must, as the African Olympic Movement, arise and seize this opportunity together and strategically. We must devise and champion our own sports governance and development programmes based on our specific needs, and in collaboration with our peers and partners across the globe.”





Also present at the seminar were the ANOCA Secretary General, Ahmed Abou Elgasim HASHIM, NOC-K President, Paul TERGAT, the legendary Kipchoge KEINO, athlete Ferdinand OMANYALA, as well as all Secretaries General from Africa's 54 NOCs.

The following are some of the topics the seminar dwelt on:

- Paris 2024 preparations
- An assessment was made of the possible local and external options for pre-games training camps for athletes to acclimatise.
- Paris 2024 qualifiers

The qualification timelines and pathways for Paris 2024 were presented. NOCs were urged to properly identify the various mechanisms essential to supporting their athletes.





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- NOC checklist on the road to Paris.

Information on the list was shared with NOCs. The latter are also expected to develop an athlete qualification matrix and to track their performance.

- Challenges and concerns NOCs are facing with the Games fast approaching

Many challenges were identified and presented to all participants for brainstorming with a view to agreeing on how to address or circumvent the said challenges.

- Presentations by the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team and the IOC Athlete games services enlightened NOCs on updates of services for Paris 2024.





- Accreditations

The new format was explained.

- Olympic Solidarity

The OS presented the NOC continental management general team made up of Yassine YOUSFI, Cynthia AMANI, Florian CHAPALAY, Philippe MANKULYAN and Jessy NEWMAN. An update was provided to NOCs to take advantage of OS programmes and subsidies for Paris 2024.

- African Games

Dr Kwaku Ofofu-Asare, Chair of LOC Ghana 2023 presented a paper on the Games that will be held in March 2024.

NOCs were mainly recommended to forge good relations while preserving their independence in accordance with the IOC Charter. The seminar was officially closed by Engr Habu Gumel AHMED who recalled that the 41st seminar will be held in Maputo, Mozambique.



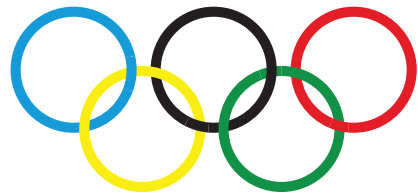








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