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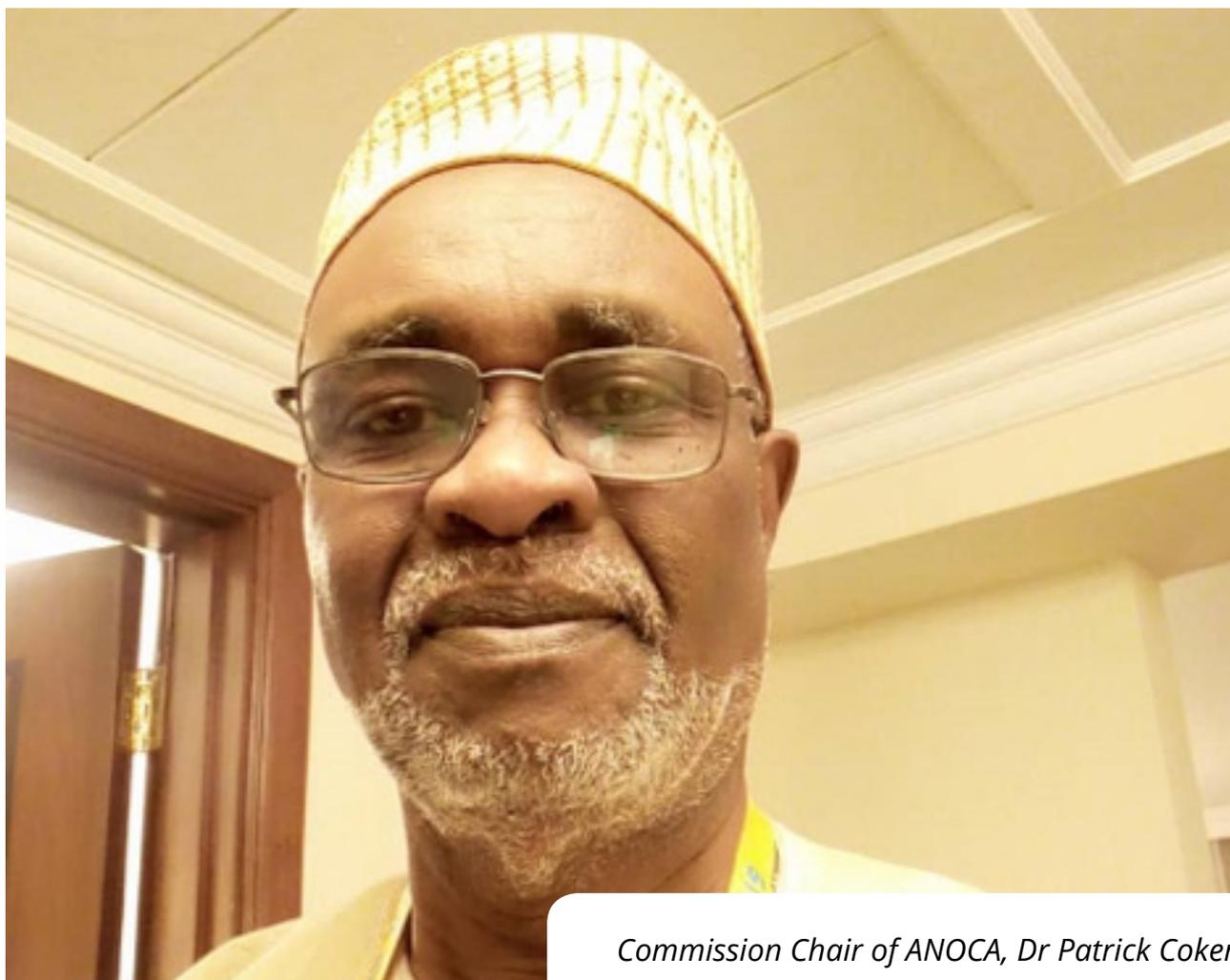
**ANOCA**

## **MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION BOOSTS ITS ACTIONS**



The ANOCA Medical and Anti-Doping Commission met by videoconference on 2 July 2020 for over two hours.

Deliberations were chaired by the Commission Chair, Dr Patrick Coker, with ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, in attendance during the



*Commission Chair of ANOCA, Dr Patrick Coker*

protocol ceremony that preceded the discussions per se. Speaking on the occasion, President Berraf began by congratulating all health personnel involved in sports medicine: **«they are heroes who deserve our homage and respect»**. Furthermore, regarding the trust that ANOCA governing bodies place in the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, he insisted that

**«together we will manage to overcome all obstacles»**.

Mustapha Berraf also said that the ANOCA Executive Committee will put everything at the disposal of the Commission to enable them look after athletes. While urging them to direct their efforts in combatting doping, which is a real scourge, he underscored: **«We are counting on you for**



***your efficiency and great experience. It is our bounden duty and obligation to ensure that African sport is a clean, in keeping with our ancestral values."***

Also present during this protocol phase reserved for opening remarks was the ANOCA Treasurer General, Habu Gumel, who thanked the Commission members for being present at this important meeting.

Dr Patrick Coker thanked the ANOCA President for this «**important session**» before appreciating «**the technology used for this meeting**.» This was followed by the presentation of the agenda, which featured the introduction of the 4 Commission members; statement of the purpose of the meeting; presentation of the powers of the Commission through the terms of reference; discussion of the medical plan, which focuses mainly on policies and position statements, medical resources and support to NOCs. The

schedule of meetings was also to be discussed.

The meeting concluded with 10 major resolutions that were adopted by a large majority of the participants after intensive deliberations. The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission is now committed, following the resolutions, to greater efficiency and dynamism. The mandate of the Commission was also clarified thanks to the terms of reference, that should guide the Commission's deliberations. It «**shall make recommendations to be tabled to the ANOCA Executive Committee by the Chair**» and «**the ANOCA Executive Committee shall ratify the recommendations as decisions to be implemented**».

The meeting ended with Dr Patrick Coker expressing satisfaction with its conduct, in an Olympic friendly atmosphere.



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Name

The name of the Commission shall be known as the ANOCA Medical and Anti-doping Commission.

### Main Function

- ✓ To advise the ANOCA Executive Committee on medical and anti-doping matters;
- ✓ To co-ordinate medical and anti-doping services for ANOCA as shall be required.

### Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Commission shall be, among others:

- ✓ Provide policy guidelines and implementation plan to ANOCA on medical and anti-doping matters for the benefit of all NOCs and members of the African and sport movement;
- ✓ Develop medical and anti-doping guidelines for the African Games, African Youth Games, African Beach Games and other events as shall be required by ANOCA;
- ✓ Oversee medical and anti-doping services at African Games, African Youth Games and African Beach Games and at other events

as shall be directed by ANOCA;

- ✓ Create a network of medical and anti-doping personnel within the NOCs and key stakeholders throughout the African continent and beyond;
- ✓ Conduct relevant research that will enhance knowledge and service provision of medical personnel within the NOCs and other stakeholders;
- ✓ Facilitate education of NOCs medical personnel, athletes and their entourages;
- ✓ Implement relevant IOC and WADA guidelines on medical and anti-doping matters within ANOCA and guide the NOCs.

### Structure

- ✓ The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission shall be made up of not more than five (5) members;
- ✓ The members will be medical personnel and other personnel with expertise on medical and anti-doping matters as shall be identified by ANOCA;
- ✓ The chair of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission shall be appointed by ANOCA.

### Nomination of Commission Members

- ✓ The members of the Commission shall be nominated by their NOCs for consideration;
- ✓ The Zones will select nominations to propose to ANOCA from the nominations received from the NOCs;
- ✓ The ANOCA Executive Committee shall make the selection from the nominations received taking into consideration all the Zones, contribution to the advancement of medical and anti-doping programmes in the respective NOCs and Zones;
- ✓ The ANOCA Executive Committee reserves the right to select other medical personnel and specialists as and when the need arises.

### **Term of office**

- ✓ Members of the Commission shall serve for 4 years;
- ✓ The term of office shall be linked to the ANOCA Executive Committee term of office. That is, the Commission shall be reviewed every four years after the election of the new ANOCA Executive Committee;
- ✓ Members will be removed from the Commission should they miss two meetings during the calendar year OR they are not contributing to the advancement of the Commission activities both at Continental, Zone or NOC level;
- ✓ Any vacancy caused by the

removal of a member from the Commission shall be filled from the already existing list of nominations from the NOCs.

### **Meetings of the Commission**

- ✓ The meetings of the Commission shall be chaired by the Chairperson. In the absence of the chairperson, the designed Vice Chairperson shall chair the meeting;
- ✓ The quorum for the meeting shall be 50% +1. In the absence of the quorum, the resolutions of the meeting shall be circulated to all members for input and agreement;
- ✓ The notice of the meeting shall be forwarded to all members at least one month before the meeting. Members need to confirm availability within 7 days of receiving the Notice;
- ✓ The minutes of the Commission shall be forwarded at least 14 days after the meeting.

### **Decisions**

- ✓ The Commission shall make recommendations which will be presented to the ANOCA Executive Committee by the Chairperson;
- ✓ The ANOCA Executive Committee shall ratify the recommendations as decisions for implementation.



## RESOLUTIONS OF THE ANOCA MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION MEETING

The ANOCA Medical and Anti-Doping Commission at its meeting held on 2 July 2020 thanks the ANOCA President and Executive Committee for the support and realizing the importance of the Commission.

The Commission after its extensive deliberations resolved as follows:

- 1. The Terms of Reference are approved*
- 2. A fifth (5th) member of the commission be added. This member should be a female, from a zone not already represented in the commission*
- 3. To study the existing IOC and ANOC medical policies with a view to adapting for the African Olympic and sport movement*
- 4. To host an ANOCA Medical Webinar jointly with the ANOCA Executive Committee and NOCs Medical Commissions and personnel*
- 5. Medical screening of athletes should be done regularly at NOC level*
- 6. Identify centres/ institutes for specialist medical referral within the continent*
- 7. All athletes should complete an online ALPHA course on the WADA ADeL platform*
- 8. Create a network of ANOCA, NOCs and other stakeholders medical personnel*
- 9. Organize Sports Medicine courses at least once a year, taking into consideration the different languages*
- 10. Develop Guides which will help NOCs and Games Host cities.*

