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Preparing a bright future for African sport is our top priority. We have the responsibility, together, to encourage the healthy competition necessary for collective sports promotion. I cannot help express my joy in the face of the frenzy generated by the development of our 2021-2024 strategic plan.

The challenge is to build up fresh momentum. This paradigm directs all our efforts towards the success of African sport. The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa has set up commissions as part of the agenda to garner respect for and foster the development of athletes, gender

equality, ethics, support for athletes who will participate in the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, sports medicine and anti-doping, culture and education, international relations, marketing and communication, finance and laws among others...

A full plate indeed, with Commissions that are wholeheartedly dedicated to the pursuit of our quest for enhanced sports governance in Africa as an underlying added value for the smooth running of ANOCA bodies.

Together, in unity and solidarity, we shall build the sort of sport that draws its values from Olympism. Our united action will inevitably produce good seeds, quite distinct from the chaff.

Good seeds are exactly what we need. Those currently planted thanks to our common resolve bear the promise of an abundant harvest in the face of the great challenges of our time. I have the enduring conviction that ANOCA will benefit greatly from this, and that its image will be enhanced by each of our successes.

It is through all these unifying parameters of serenity, dialogue and communication with the entire African Olympic and sports movement as well as IOC members and the smooth running of our commissions that we will build the soul of African sport for future generations.





COVID-19

COVID-19 DOES NOT SCARE AFRICAN SPORT



The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa has been greatly mobilised this year in its response to the terrible coronavirus pandemic that is still ravaging the entire planet. The 54 NOCs have been in constant touch with the ANOCA Executive Committee to provide the necessary support to athletes living in their

respective countries or abroad, while providing for their needs throughout this difficult period.

Today, the strategy still involves urging various governments to harness all necessary and available resources to fight the pandemic and ensure that «the sport movement is able to survive this terrible ordeal»





ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, said last June 10 during a meeting of the ANOCA Executive Committee.

Despite the rescheduling of the Olympic Games in Tokyo and competitions to be organised on African soil, the continental sports movement has adjusted its schedule and priorities to avoid running into Covid-19 imposed difficulties.

ANOCA has strategically addressed the health crisis with increased vitality. A support programme to help elite athletes prepare for the Tokyo games will continue until July 2021 and the NOCs have received subsidies owing to the suspension of regular activities due to Covid-19. Meetings by videoconference have so far been part of the daily routine of the ANOCA Executive Committee.

Covid-19 is, therefore, not an obstacle to internal communication within ANOCA, which has remained proactive and professional in its response to a pandemic that cannot stop the African Olympic and Sports Movement, whose vitality is legendary.





TOKYO 2020

COVID-19 WILL NOT STOP AFRICA



The Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo, Japan, in 2021. However, this postponement due to the coronavirus pandemic is viewed as an advantage to be exploited for a more glorious participation by African athletes. ANOCA has taken advantage of this postponement and made more financial resources available for the preparation of coaches and athletes of the continent.

There is a substantial increase in ANOCA's recurrent budget thanks to the savings of US \$ 1 million, in addition to the allocated support of US \$ 1 million, plus an ANOC grant of US \$ 3.1 million, all aimed at boosting the self-confidence of the athletes. An Athletes' Commission was set up, headed by

EL Hadj Amadou Dia Ba (Senegal). It is in charge of implementing the athletes support policy especially in this pivotal period marked by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The postponement of the Dakar Youth Olympic Games from 2022 to 2026 and the All Africa Games in Ghana to 2023 because of the Covid-19 pandemic does not hinder ANOCA's efforts in the build-up to these competitions, which are major events for the African and global sport movement.

Thus, rather than being a hindrance to sport development in Africa, the pandemic is an additional source of motivation.





ANOCA COMMISSIONS FOR EFFICIENT ACTION



The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa set up several commissions this year. They are busy beehives that focus on technical aspects of the implementation of ANOCA's strategy, its operation and the development of sports activities in Africa.

The Athletes' Commission chaired by El Hadj Amadou Dia Ba has the duty of planning all athletes' management and development actions. Participation in major or minor sports competitions, career management, and follow-up during retirement are among the policies

proposed by this commission. Matlohang Moila Ramoqopo heads a 9-member commission in charge of gender equality. This commission met on 8 July 2020, as part of its missions, validated its mandate and recognised the ANOCA constitution before considering women's representation, which it deemed inequitable. It thus proposed to the ANOCA President that women be included in other commissions. The issue will feature in the ANOCA gender equality plan.

The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission chaired by Dr Patrick





Coker is committed to the fight against doping and it met by videoconference on 2 July 2020. The aim was to energize the commission, which also deals with sports medicine.

The marketing and communication component will be overseen by a commission led by Kamal Lahlou and whose mission is to enhance the institutional image of ANOCA.

Alongside these commissions, there is the support programme for athletes who will participate in the Tokyo Olympic Games postponed to 2021. It is headed by Seydina Omar Diagne and its objective is to propose strategies for the care of

African athletes who will take part in this world sport jamboree.

Dr. Sam Ramsamy is the boss of the Ethics Commission, Leon Louis Folquet heads the Finance Commission, Bar Sani Hussaini Gabras the Legal Commission; Culture and Education are under the Commission chaired by Gilbert Gresenguet and International Relations by Habib Sissoko, while Gideon SAM and the members of his Commission are tasked with shaping sustainability policies.

These ANOCA commissions guarantee effective action and efficient functioning.

