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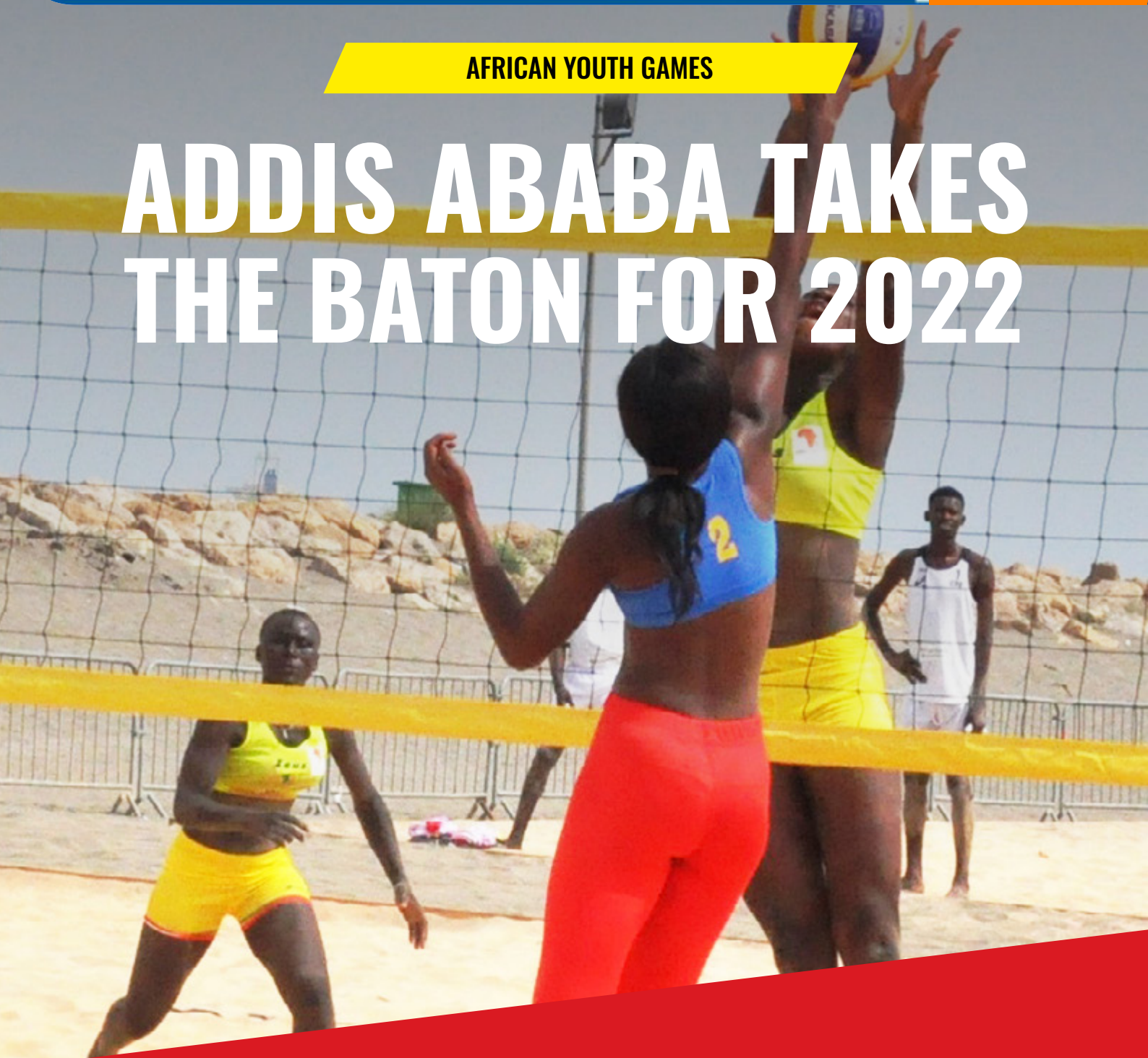
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**T**he ANOCA Executive Committee met by videoconference on 29 September 2020. The meeting, which was also open to the honourable IOC members and Presidents of the Statutory Commissions, made some far reaching resolutions.

Worthy of note is the fact that the

5th African Youth Games will be hosted by the city of Maseru, Lesotho in 2026.

Previously awarded the 2022 games, the Maseru organisers said they had difficulties to live up to their commitments on the dates and conditions initially set for the African Youth Games.

The decision follows sustained





discussions that led to a compromise between ANOCA and the Government of Lesotho.

The postponement decision was indeed jointly discussed again between the President of ANOCA, the Minister representing the Government of Lesotho, the NOC and the Lesotho Organising Committee. Lesotho officials mentioned economic difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and did not confirm whether they could organise the Games in 2022.

That is how the possibility of entrusting the 2022 event to the city of Addis Ababa came to be considered. The games were thus awarded based on the commitment of the Ethiopian

government to host them in very good conditions. The Executive Committee unanimously approved this proposal with the exception of the Zone 6 President.

However, a team of ANOCA experts will go to Addis Ababa for an inspection tour, in order to evaluate the level of preparedness and organisational capacity.

The African Youth Games are a sporting event reserved for athletes aged 15 to 18, and are now considered a major international event. They have been held since 2010, starting with Morocco, which hosted the maiden edition, followed by Botswana in 2014 and Algeria in 2018. The latter positioned itself as





the voice of African youth and put in a lot of resources for the success of these Games, which recorded 3,500 participants.

Ethiopia therefore replaces Lesotho for the fourth edition, while the latter will host the fifth edition in 2026, in Maseru. It should be noted that the Maseru event will act as qualifiers for the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal. The latter were also postponed because of the health crisis due to the coronavirus.

When Morocco hosted the maiden African Youth Games from 13 to 18

July 2010, the event brought together 1,000 athletes aged 13 to 17 years. 33 African NOCs out of 53 existing at that time were present. During the last edition in 2018, Algeria hosted all the 54 NOCs.

The African Youth Games are an initiative of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, and aim at showcasing Africa's talents and culture.

In 2020, the modernized vision of ANOCA aims, through these games, to inculcate in young athletes the values of solidarity





and healthy competition, which are the cornerstone of the universality of Olympism. The 2022 Games awarded to Ethiopia are meant not to deprive African youth of a major competition so that they should not be downcast by devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

For ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, young African athletes must

be protected by affording them the opportunity to attain different sporting levels without difficulty. The African Youth Games in Addis Ababa in 2022 thus fulfil the mission of overcoming the terrible pandemic and giving hope to Africa’s sporting youth, who are also bracing for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. The vacuum is thus filled and the objective of maintaining the values

of peace, tolerance, solidarity and fraternity remains the fundamental principle which, through sports performances, will be the pride of the African continent. It is a whole generation of athletes who will have the opportunity to participate in a major event that will allow them to test their abilities in the field of sports and exchange their diverse cultures.





2021-2024 OLYMPIAD

# ANOCA FINE TUNING STRATEGIC PLAN



In order to enhance the impact of its action on youth and continental sport during the 2021-2024 Olympiad, ANOCA set up a task force to brainstorm the issue of sport development. The findings of the deliberations will be set out in a strategic plan of the Association. The working group first met on 2 September 2020, with ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, in attendance. He was accompanied by the 1st Vice President Joao Da Costa Alegre Afonso, the 4th Vice-President Ms Fardouza Mousa Egueh, the Secretary-General Ahmed Abou Elgasim HASHIM and the Treasurer General Habu GUMEL. The group is chaired by Ms Mathlohang Moiloa-Ramoqopo, 3rd Vice President of ANOCA and President of NOC Lesotho, who congratulated President Mustapha Berraf

on the wonderful initiative of the African Olympic and sports movement. The first draft of the future strategic plan will be submitted to the President of ANOCA by 1st November 2020, in accordance with the mandate of the working group, which runs from August to 30 November 2020.

Suffice it to note that the NOCs and other ANOCA stakeholders, namely the IOC, Olympic Solidarity, the confederations and ANOC will be consulted in the process.

Furthermore, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach has declared his support for this initiative and encouraged the task force to do quality work that will guarantee the future of the African Olympic Movement.



## ELECTIONS

# ANOCA PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES RE-ELECTED CNOSB PRESIDENT



**T**he General Assembly of NOC Burkina Faso met on 19 September 19 2020 and re-elected the incumbent President, Jean Yameogo, for another four-year tenure. Once the news was made public, President Berraf did not waste time to extend his congratulations:

*«I hereby extend to you the sincere congratulations of the entire Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa following your re-election to the helm of NOC Burkina Faso for another four-year tenure,»* wrote the steward

of the supreme governing body of the African Olympic and Sports Movement. *«The unanimous vote is patent proof of the confidence placed in you by the national sports movement of Burkina Faso. This also avails us the opportunity to express our deep satisfaction with the quality of your work and your integrity in promoting the Olympic values of ethics and solidarity (...)* Please accept, once more, my warm and hearty congratulations and I do hope that this other mandate will be highly successful,» President Berraf concluded.





ELECTIONS

# ANOCA PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NOC SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE



Consequent on a very positive assessment by his colleagues, the President of NOC Sao Tome and Principe, Joao Manuel da Costa Alegre Afonso, was unanimously re-elected to the helm the organisation for another term of four years. As usual, the President of ANOCA did not remain indifferent to such a development:

«Mr President and Dear Brother, what a delight to share this moment of joy that consecrates your re-election to the helm of NOC Sao Tome and Principe. The successful organisation, on 19 September 2020, of the Elective General Assembly coupled with the celebration of the 27th anniversary of its recognition by the International Olympic Committee affords us the opportunity to highlight your sterling leadership qualities since your first mandate. For 2021-2024 you

will have great challenges to rise to. Mr. President and dear brother, with you at the helm of the new Executive Committee, we are assured of the quality of this other very promising tenure,» wrote Mustapha Berraf. «On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, I hereby extend to you our sincere congratulations and wish you every success in the discharge of your duties,» he concluded.







## ELECTIONS

# ANOCA PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES ABDERRAHMANE HAMMAD



**A**fter the elective General Assembly of the Algeria Olympic Committee on 12 September 2020, the choice fell on Abderrahmane Hammad to head the body for the next four years. Following this election, the President of ANOCA was quick to address a congratulatory message to the new president.

*«I am highly honoured to extend to you my sincere congratulations and those of the entire ANOCA Executive Committee. Your brilliant election to the helm of the Algeria National Olympic Committee is a*

*source of pride for the African Olympic and sports movement. By the same token, I wish to underscore that I am personally pleased that the torchlight is in the safe hands of a champion of your calibre,»* he wrote. *«The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa is, therefore, inclined to support you during this tenure, which bears a lot of hope for success. Mr President, we wish you every success in the discharge of the duties now incumbent on you,»* concluded the IOC member and ANOCA President.





## CNO DU BURKINA FASO

# JEAN YAMEOGO UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED TO THE HELM OF THE NOC



**T**he President of the Burkina Faso National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSB), Jean Yameogo, was on 19 September 2020 re-elected to the helm of the body for the next four years.

During the deliberations, the incumbent presented an end-of-term balance sheet, a tenure fraught with crises within several federations, financial difficulties and marred by the coronavirus pandemic, which warranted the authorities to suspend all sports activities. Nevertheless, he said, the outgoing bureau still obtained satisfactory outcomes during the 2016-2020 quadrennial, noting that emphasis was placed on training, especially training courses for coaches, managers of structures and athletes; similarly, scholarships were awarded to athletes and equipment donated to some sports structures in the country during the tenure just ending.

President Yameogo was also personally involved in the resolution of the crises that rocked some federations, particularly by seeking solutions to the problems of boxing and karate. **«When things got very tense at the karate federation and I was requested to lead the mediations, I said to myself that it was necessary to set up a committee. I knew that if the committee members were on the right track, peace would return. We did it with the help of other people and I am happy today to see that some who were opposed to the federation team are coming back. Peace has virtually returned,»** he noted.

Looking at the achievements and convinced that he still has something to contribute to sports, Jean Yaméogo again sought the votes of the presidents of the 24 federations, the athletes' representative and also the women's representative. Running unchallenged, he was unanimously elected and given full discharge to steer the course of CNOSB for the next four years.



## NOC SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

# ANOTHER TERM OF OFFICE FOR JOAO MANUEL DA COSTA ALEGRE AFONSO



**N**OC Sao Tome and Principe on 19 September 2020 organized its elective General Assembly, which coincided with the celebration of the 27th anniversary of its recognition by the IOC. The meeting was attended by a host of dignitaries, some of them by videoconference. Also present at the opening ceremony chaired by the Minister of Youth and Sports were the President of ANOCA, Mustapha Berraf, the President of ANOCA Zone 4, Manuel Sabino and the Vice President of the Association of Olympic Committees.

Apart from the speeches, two prominent sports figures in the country were also honoured as part of the National Women's Day, also celebrated on 19 September. Thus, Genoveva De Assuncao Gonçaves de Ceita, former treasurer of the NOC, and Maria de Lurdes Rodrigues, first Vice President of the body; they were both rewarded for their dedicated services to Olympism and national sport. In addition to the balance sheet deemed very satisfactory by all the participants, the budgets for the next four years were also adopted.

A new executive committee was also

elected for the 2021-2024 Olympiad. The list led by the incumbent president Joao Manuel da Costa Alegre Afonso, which ran unchallenged, was unanimously voted.

The new Executive Committee comprises the following members:

- **Joao Manuel da Costa Alegre Afonso - President**
- **Maria de Lurdes Carvalho Rodrigues - First Vice President**
- **Aida Vicente Quaresma - Second Vice President**
- **Bartolomeu Manuel Batista da Costa - Third Vice President**
- **Laureano Lima Ferreira Soares - Secretary General**
- **Filipe Francisco Neto - Deputy Secretary General**
- **Eleuterio Noronha Fernandes - Treasurer**
- **Fernando Batista de Sousa Pontes - Member**
- **Walter Lima da Costa Viana - Member**
- **Euridice Borges Semedo Medeiros - Member**
- **Posik Izidoro do Espirito Santo - Member**
- **Alcino Gomes Silva Va do Sacramento - Representative of the Athletes' Commission**





NIGERIA

# OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ORGANISES ADVANCED SPORTS MANAGEMENT COURSE



**T**he Nigeria Olympic Committee organised an advanced sports management course from 18 to 20 August 2020. This was the second module of the course, which brought together twenty-four participants and was held thanks to IOC and Olympic Solidarity funding.

Opened by the NOC President Eng. Habu Ahmed Gumel, the programme featured several topics, including the impact of Covid-19 on the sports landscape in Nigeria, the need for a paradigm shift due to Covid-19 and navigating the terrain of Nigerian sports system by assessing the impact of policy formulation and seeking

solutions. **ANOCA**

The course also featured presentations/ explanations of chapters one and two of the Olympic Solidarity manual and a review of case studies. Participants were also treated to a paper on sport management developed by Dr Grant Akata, Human Resource Management Consultant. During this presentation, the consultant also exchanged with the youth on the situation of sport in Nigeria and the management of sports structures in the country.

It should be noted that the course was facilitated by two experts: Professor



Clement Fasan, from Lagos State University, and Dyagas Jonathan, from the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa.

The closing ceremony was chaired by the Secretary-General of the Nigeria Olympic Committee, Olabanji Oladapo, personal representative of the NOC President, Eng. Habu Ahmed Gumel.

The next course module is scheduled for November 2020.





MAURITANIA

## OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EQUIPS 11 SPORTS FEDERATIONS

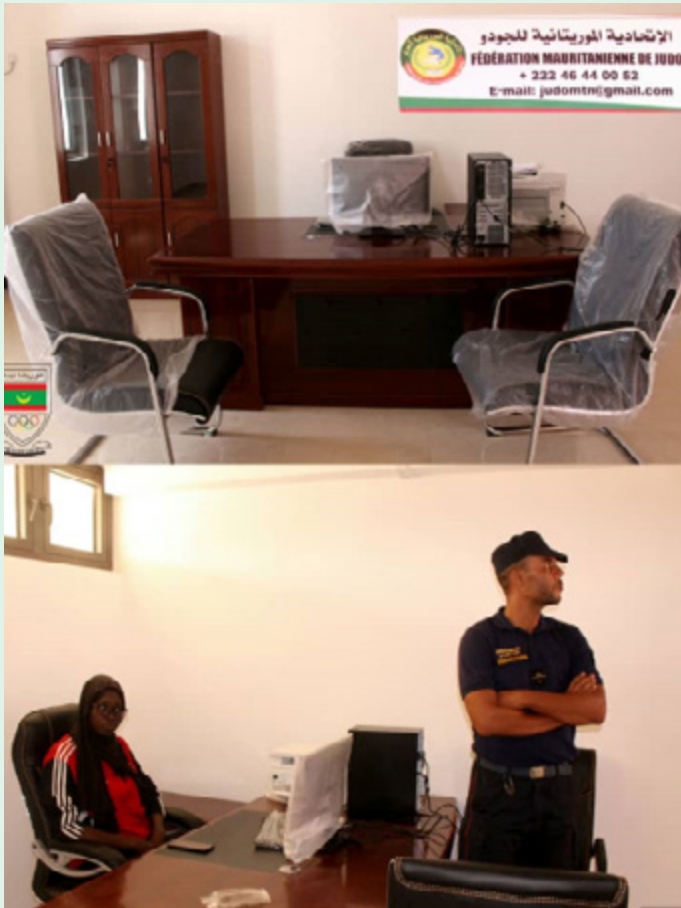


The offices of eleven national sports federations were recently equipped with computers and office automation equipment funded by the Mauritania National Olympic and Sports Committee. A martial arts room fully equipped by the Olympic Committee was also made available to athletes to help them better prepare for competitions and the NOC will, for one year, bear the rental costs. These actions are in line with the NOC's action plan to support the federations in talent identification.

The inauguration and key-handing ceremony took place on Tuesday, 6 October 2020, in the presence of the

Minister of Employment, Youth and Sports (MEYS), Taleb Ould Sid'Ahmed, the NOC President, Abderrahmane Ethmane, MEYS officials, NOC members and all presidents and representatives of sports federations. Talking on occasion, the Olympic Committee boss said that the **«national sports associations will for the first time have offices and working space worthy of the name.»** He welcomed the **«collaboration»** of the MEYS, while hoping it will continue for the development of sport.

Taking the floor thereafter, Minister Taleb Ould Sid'Ahmed, underscored the State's commitment to support and assist the



NOC in the implementation of its action plan, before congratulating the NOC on its efforts.

In reaction, the presidents of the beneficiary federations warmly welcomed this action, which provides them with a more enabling working environment.



## MALAWI

# OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ORGANISES A SIX-DAY SYMPOSIUM

**N**OC Malawi, with the support of Olympic Solidarity, organised a six-day symposium to educate participants in several areas of sports practice management. It brought together thirty-three participants drawn from the Athletes' Commission and a selection of athletes and coaches from national sport federations. The workshop covered the following areas: harassment

and abuse in sport, doping and Covid-19.

The symposium, which took place at the NOC headquarters and the Kamuzu Institute for Sports, concluded with a proposed policy for the protection of athletes and officials.

It was facilitated by three experts, namely: Jappie Mhango, Osbourne Banda and Yona Walesi.



TRIBUTE

## ETHIOPIAN ATHLETICS FEDERATION LAUNCHES “ABEBE BIKILA SCHOLARSHIP”



The Ethiopian Athletics Federation (EAF) on 24 August 2020 announced the launch of a financial grant, the «**Abebe Bikila Scholarship**», named after the 1960 Olympic marathon champion. It aims to empower women in sport by offering an annual higher education scholarship to two Ethiopian female athletes and coaches. The launch of this annual grant was decided by the EAF Executive Committee during the 60th anniversary of Abebe Bikila’s victory at the Rome Games in 1960.

Abebe Bikila is an Ethiopian athlete and long-distance race specialist. First Ethiopian Olympic medallist, he won the marathon event at the 1960 and 1964 Olympic Games.

This tribute follows other actions taken

to honour his name. As a matter of fact, the Addis Ababa stadium, a street in Saint-Jean in Haute-Garonne, as well as the Ladispoli bridge which was the starting point of the 1960 Olympic marathon, also bear the name of this exceptional athlete. In addition, during the 50th anniversary of his first Olympic victory, the Rome Marathon was dedicated to him.







## NOC GUINEA BISSAU

# MANSOA OLYMPAFRICA CENTRE RECEIVES ANTI COVID-19 DONATION



**N**OC Guinea-Bissau on 2 September 2020 made a significant donation of equipment to the Mansoa OlympAfrica Centre to fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The donation consisted of masks, disinfectants and first aid kits.

This initiative of the NOC, with the financial assistance from the OlympAfrica International Foundation, comes at a time when this pandemic is still wreaking havoc across the world.

The Mansoa OlympAfrica Centre houses about 100 residents, including children aged 12 to 14, instructors and a director.





## NOC ALGERIA (COA)

## ABDERRAHAMANE HAMMAD ELECTED PRESIDENT



**T**he bronze medallist at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Abderrahamane Hammad, was elected President of the Algeria Olympic Committee (COA) on 12 September 2020, during the elective General Assembly held at the NOC headquarters in Ben Aknoun, Algiers. The new president carried the day with 105 votes as against 32 for Mabrouk Kerboua and 5 in for Soumia Fergani, his challengers.

It was a huge General Assembly that brought together a host of dignitaries, including the former president of the International Swimming Federation, Mustapha Larfaoui, the president of the International Committee of Mediterranean Games, Amar Addadi, the former COA president, Mustapha Berraf (who highly applauded by the GA members as he voted), FAF president, Kheireddine Zetchi, former champions Noureddine Morceli and Hassiba Boulmerka as well as the Olympic champion Taoufik Makhloufi.

Besides the election, deliberations also featured addresses including that of acting COA president, Mohamed Meridja, and

the Secretary-General, Abdhafid Izem. A 5-member elections commission and an appeals commission were also installed. The new COA president was several times African champion in high jump and bagged bronze at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. He was the 2nd Vice President when Mustapha Berraf was COA President.

He was installed on 17 September in the presence of the Minister of Youth and Sports, Sid-Ali Khaldi, and the Secretary of State for elite sport, Salima Souakri.

**Vox pop**

A number of personalities spoke out to voice their opinions after the election of Abderahmane Hammad. Excerpts!

**Abderahmane Hammad**, newly elected COA President: «**We must bring back stability to the sports movement with the contribution of the members of the GA, sportsmen and women as well as the media. Serenity must return to the Olympic Committee. We must not lose sight of the fact that the Olympic Games are fast approaching. To this end, we will focus on preparing athletes for the event.**» Mustapha Berraf, former COA president: «**The bronze medallist at the Sydney Olympics is a clean man. I am proud and happy that the torchlight is in the safe hands of a champion, and this for the revival of Algerian sport.**»





## BOTSWANA

# OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ORGANISES DISTANCE LEARNING SPORTS MANAGEMENT COURSES



**A**s part of its Covid-19 response plan, the Botswana Olympic Committee organised several training sessions in sport administration by videoconference. Facilitated by experts, this first online course, organised from 20 to 26 July 2020, brought together twenty-four athletes from various sports disciplines. The aim was to prepare them for reconversion in the management of sports structures and careers.

As for the second session of the course, which had the same objectives as the first, it took place from 12 to 18 August 2020 and also brought together twenty-four athletes. There was a balanced female/male participation.

## NOC MALI

# BAMAKO SEMINAR-WORKSHOP DISCUSSES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



**T**he Sport-Environment Commission under the impetus of the President of the National Olympic and Sports Committee, Habib Sissoko, with sports officials and the Ministry of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development, held a Seminar-Workshop on the implementation of the NOC's Agenda 21 from 3 to 5 September 2020.

The deliberations testified to the interest that the subject aroused among sports stakeholders. After presentations by panellists, groups were formed to provide answers to issues raised regarding the theme: « Role of the Sportsman/woman in environmental protection» in a bid to collectively develop the Malian School Olympian booklet.





DOPING CONTROL

# KENYA MAKES ANTI-DOPING A PRIORITY



**A**t the behest of President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Kenyan Ministry of Sports will soon develop an anti-doping plan. The concern stems from the recent increase in doping cases among athletes in the country, which is one of the most prolific in terms of athletics performance and thus medals for Africa.

While voicing his concern, President Uhuru Kenyatta noted that: «Kenya has built its reputation as a sport stronghold on clean and fair victories.» This statement bears a genuine concern, which reflects the country's worry to maintain its reputation and position among the most honest African sporting nations.

To remedy the situation, the President of Kenya proposed an education and testing operation to fight against doping. Priority will be given to regular

evaluations to gauge progress and fine tune the strategy as time goes on. Long distance runner Patrick Siele has been suspended for three years for avoiding anti-doping tests. The Athletics Integrity Unit in July 2020 slammed four athletes with suspensions ranging from 2 to 8 years.

It is in the aftermath of these measures that the Kenyan President made this outing meant to demonstrate all the country's good faith to keep doping in check. It also comes a few months before the opening of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Africa's participation is also dependent on the performances of a nation like Kenya, which has always put up a sterling show in athletics.



## TAEKWENDO

## TAEKWENDO WILL VERY MUCH MISS AHMED FOULY



**G**eneral Ahmed Fouly, Vice President of World Taekwondo and President of Taekwondo Africa breathed his last on 17 September 2020.

For a very long time, he fought for the development of Taekwondo and under his leadership the African region made giant strides forward. During the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Africa bagged 5 medals under his stewardship.

He was appointed Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee which will soon have the first inductees. In the field of humanitarian aid, he stood with the neediest. Ahmed Fouly contributed to the success of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF).





Following the loss of this great icon, the President of World Taekwondo, Chungwondo Choue could not hide his emotion:

**«His highly successful career in the field of Taekwondo and sport as a whole speaks volumes of his track record that will remain engraved in our minds and collective memory.»**

**«Today, we have lost a great man. Since 2001 when he became a member of the WT Council, and especially since 2004 when I appointed him Vice President of World Taekwondo, General Fouly dedicated his life to raising our martial art and beloved sport to what we are today, one of the best governed International Olympic and Paralympic Sports Federations in the world».**

General Ahmed Fouly was hospitalized following a heart attack in August 2020, his health deteriorated and ended sadly on 27 September 2020.

Upon receiving the sad news, ANOCA President and IOC member, Mustapha Berraf, publicly expressed his consternation:

