



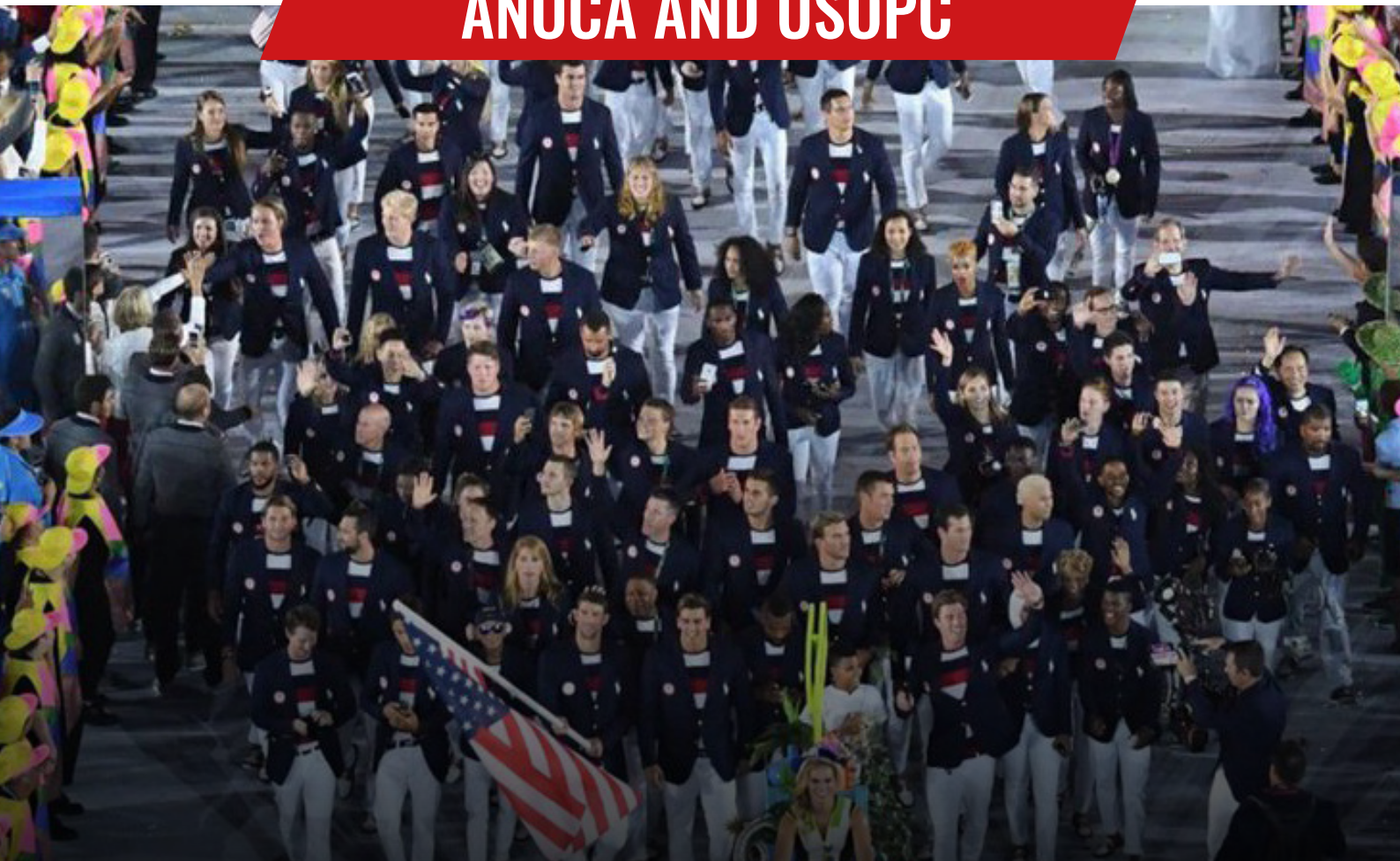
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## ANOCA AND USOPC



# A FORWARD-LOOKING COOPERATION MODEL FOR AFRICA

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**O**n Wednesday October 14, 2020, an important working meeting was held by videoconference at the initiative of ANOCA with the aim of strengthening cooperation with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USA). The session, co-chaired by Mustapha Berraf President of the Association of National Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and Ms. Susanne Lyons, President of the USOPC, discussed several important areas of cooperation. Great progress and real cohesion, combined with the

implementation of very important projects, have been decided in particular within the framework of the joint fight against COVID 19, training, support for major events and exchanges between technicians, managers and athletes.

In perspective, Africa / USA forums will be organized based on diversity, inclusion and gender equality. The two parties spoke of their great satisfaction on the tangible progress made thanks to the Cooperation Agreement signed on October 18,



**Mustapha Berraf**  
President of ANOCA



**Susanne Lyons**  
President of USOPC

2019 in Doha, Qatar. The following areas of cooperation are targeted:

**1. Sport technical knowledge and best practice exchanges through**

**virtual sessions with African NOCs, with an emphasis on disciplines having obtained the best results for the African continent.**



**2. Joint virtual session between medical commissions on the fight against the Coronavirus.**

**3. NOC exchanges in management and organization of major events.**

**4. Consultation support for the organization of the African Youth Games in Addis Ababa, and the African Games in Accra.**

**5. Annual/Bi-annual virtual forums with relevant themes such as gender diversity, equity and inclusion and athlete safety.**

This cooperation program is part of ANOCA's broad strategy for the future of African sport, and an innovative partnership that demonstrates the commitment of the USOPC to collaborate with ANOCA in areas of common interest.

The International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program

has already trained, certified and awarded diplomas to 69 coaches from 29 African countries. The objective of the ICECP is to allow coaches from around the world to receive instruction and hands on experience through intensive course work and apprenticeships to refine their coaching skills. This one year program is also supported by Olympic Solidarity.

Said Mustapha Berraf:

**«This partnership and the cooperation between ANOCA and USPOC is a model for the international Olympic Movement and at the same time a real opportunity for sport in Africa.»**

Said Susanne Lyons: **«We are very pleased with the long and fruitful cooperation between ANOCA and USOPC. The Agreement signed in 2019 perpetuates a tradition of mutual commitment and friendship to benefit the development of sport and the growth of both organizations»**zzztttt.

