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« We are always stronger together. The post-corona world will need this solidarity and will need sport. And we are ready to contribute to making the world a better place through sport. »

*IOC President Dr Thomas Bach
(Message à l'occasion du 75ème anniversaire de l'ONU)*



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The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa took centre stage on 19 September 2020 on the occasion of World Clean-up Day by defining a celebration strategy in Africa, based in particular on concrete actions in the various NOCs of the Continent. Activities ranged from waste collection, cleaning of gutters to the cleaning of cities and beaches. NOCs joined forces with various governments and civil society partners to make the event a memorable one in Africa. World Clean-up Day was initiated with the aim of leading a campaign to fight pollution and encourage a world without waste. This special feature comes back to some of the highlights of this day in Africa.





TUNISIA

NOC Tunisia bags ANOCA Prize



On the occasion of the 2020 edition of World Clean-up Day, ANOCA launched a competition on the participation of NOCs. Through these actions carried out in synergy, ANOCA intended to reassert one of its core values, placing sport at the centre of environment friendly activities and sustainable development as well as raising awareness among African youth on the importance of a clean sports environment. Launched on 8 September 2020, the competition was aimed at encouraging NOCs in their quest for a sustainable environment. A committee was set up to evaluate the activities of each NOC through videos and photos that were to be submitted by 19 September and the promotion of the day.

The evaluation committee set up for this purpose comprised 4 (four) members: Engr Habu Hamed Gumel,

Ms Tegla Loroupe, Mr Gideon Sam (Chairman of the ANOCA Sustainability Commission), Dr Ridha Layouni President of the Association of National Olympic Academies of Africa.

The results were published on 19 October, with NOC Tunisia topping the ranking, followed by NOC Sao Tome and Principe and then NOC Cape Verde.

The President of ANOCA, Mustapha Berraf, expressed satisfaction with the general mobilisation of actors of the African Olympic Movement on the occasion of this celebration. He congratulated the NOCs and Olympafrica centres on their exceptional involvement, which turned into a commitment by various countries to protect the environment.





3RD WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY

Mustapha Berraf mobilises Olympic Africa



On the occasion of 3rd World Clean-up Day celebrated on 19 September 2020, ANOCA, through President Mustapha Berraf, launched an appeal for general mobilisation of all African NOCs, with the objective of involving the Continental Olympic Movement in this exercise for the welfare of all:

«We are well aware that a cleaner environment contributes in preventing diseases and saving lives. It is obviously a boon for the practice of amateur or elite sport. We also know that sport is a development tool both for individuals and the environment. The Earth is as unique as its inhabitants. Saving or protecting it means saving what we hold dear in Olympism », said Mustapha Berraf.

«This year's World Clean-up Day came up against a backdrop of the terrible Covid-19 pandemic, which has virtually

paralysed the whole planet. It is thus a difficult period, but one which ANOCA, its member associations, athletes and leaders have braved. The devastating health crisis, once again, did not prevent us from meeting our aspirations and turning the World Clean-up Day into an exciting moment of joy in Africa and the world at large," he added.

According to the President of the governing body of the African Olympic Movement, his institution is resolutely committed to actions to preserve the ecosystem. To this effect, he asserted that *«It is no secret that ANOCA is committed to environment friendly activities and the promotion of sustainable development. Thank you all, dear brothers and sisters, for your individual commitment to the protection of the environment and the promotion of Sport. Like you, I am for a sustainable environment conducive to our current and future sporting achievements and that Sport should remain at the service of humanity.»*





AFRICAN NOCS CELEBRATE WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY

Cape Verde ...the NOC, the Paralympic Committee and the NGO ADA in synergy



World clean-up Day involved a series of activities in this country, which brought together NOC

Cape Verde, the NGO ADA and the Cape Verde Paralympic Committee under the slogan «*We are cleaning up Cape Verde today*». Together with numerous volunteers, the NOC cleaned Praia do Portinho beach, clearing it of much litter thrown into the sea, while the Paralympic Committee made the Kebra Kanela Beach shine.

Sao Tome and Principe ... Clean-up coordinated by President Joao Manuel Costa Alegre

World clean-up day activities were coordinated by the NOC President, Joao Costa Alegre, following an appeal by ANOCA. It brought together all national



sports federations as well as the Folha Fede Olympafrica Centre Olympafrica, with participants collecting tons of waste.

Algeria...Clearing the Tala Guilef forest of solid waste



World Clean-up Day in Algeria was marked by a vast waste collection operation organised by

the Algeria Olympic and Sports Committee in Tizi Ouzou at the Tala Guilef tourist site in the Boghni council area. The event was organised in partnership with the Department of Youth and Sports, the Tizi Ouzou Department of Environmental, the Djurdjura Natural Park, the APC of Boghni, several local associations and village committees. Participants also collected solid waste from the



Tala Guilef forest, which once served as training ground for several sports clubs and national teams in the off-season.

Mali...CNOSM initiates several actions



Coordinated by the Mali National Olympic and Sports Committee, clean-up activities were carried out

with the notable participation of several athletes in several public sites, notably the Independence Boulevard in Bamako, the Independence Monument, the Labour Exchange Esplanade and the Hippopotamus Monument. As they moved along, the young athletes collected waste, put it in plastic bags, and it was later taken away by Ozone employees for transit depots.

An awareness-raising meeting was also organised at the Labour Exchange esplanade with the aim of urging young people to make the notions of cleanliness, health and sport part of their daily lives.

Tunisia...waste collection in the city of Ariana



On the occasion of the «world clean-up day», the Tunisia National Olympic Committee

(CNOT) sponsored the operation to collect waste and plastic bottles in the administrative area of the city of Ariana. This was done in the presence of the NOC President, Mehrez Boussayene, and the Mayor of the city of Ariana, Fadhel Moussa. This event actually marked the end of a long campaign to beautify the city.

Benin...in partnership with Let's do it Benin



On the occasion of World Clean-up Day celebrated on 19 September, the Benin National Olympic and Sports Committee





(CNOS-Ben), in partnership with let's do it Benin, organised a clean-up campaign at the General Mathieu Kerekou Stadium in Cotonou. The various sports associations and federations affiliated to CNOS-Ben participated actively in the activity, which gave the infrastructure a facelift. This was done in strict observance of containment measures against the coronavirus pandemic. Nose masks were distributed to the participants during this activity, under the watch of the Secretary General of CNOS-Ben, Fernando Hessou.

Zambia... awareness and clean-up action



World clean-up day activities took place at the Olympafrica Centre. The event, which brought together 70 athletes and representatives of several associations was done in two phases, an awareness phase and the clean-up phase. Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-General of NOC Zambia,

Boniface Kambikambi, urged the young residents of the Centre to take ownership of the values of Olympism, especially with regard to environmental preservation. He noted that with the COVID 19 pandemic, there was vital need to take special care of the environment.

The cleaning phase took place in the centre's premises. It involved representatives from across the board: Ministries, the Christopher Katongo Foundation and Citizens Environmental and Social Concern.

Sierra Leone...Freetown in clean-up mode



Following the appeal launched by the President of ANOCA in connection with the celebration of World Clean-up Day, NOC Sierra Leone initiated a street cleaning exercise in the capital Freetown. Volunteers joined the city council and several civil society organisations to clean Howe Street especially. The event also brought together several sports



associations including boxing, athletics, swimming, wrestling and table tennis.

According to Dr Patrick Coker, President of NOC Sierra Leone, the initiative to keep the environment clean was to be commended, especially at this time of the coronavirus pandemic.

Chad...Olympafrica raises awareness on environment friendly activities



On World Clean-up Day, the Director of the Olympafrica centre invited all the users of the centre to help clean the place and thus avoid the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event brought together 250 young people drawn from several youth teams. After the clean-up per se, the Director of the Centre invited the young people to share a meal in celebration of the day, which was in its very first edition.

Nigeria...The NOC leaves its mark in Lagos

World Clean-up day activities were carried out in Lagos at the initiative of the NOC and its President, Engr Habu Gumel. The objective for the NOC was to engage a significant percentage of the population to act in the collective interest by collecting poorly managed waste, draw



attention to the problem of waste management, raise public awareness and influence the choices of individuals and organisations on best waste management methods. For several hours, the streets of Lagos were cleaned by hundreds of people in a convivial atmosphere. These included NOC officials, athletes and leaders of other sports structures.



TOKYO 2020

Chef de Mission of African NOCs consult with the IOC and the Organising Committee



Chefs de Mission of the Tokyo 2020 Games from ANOCA member NOCs last October 14, 2020, took part in a webinar for Chefs de Mission organised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee.

The objective of this webinar was to bring together the Chef de Mission of the 206 National Olympic Committees, in order to acquaint them with the level of preparedness in the build up to the Tokyo Olympic Games.

During that meeting, the IOC and the Organising Committee reassured the Chef de Mission that everything was being put in place to guarantee the success of this great event billed for 23 July to 8 August 2021. In particular, they discussed accreditation, sports

registration, accommodation, transportation, catering, ceremonies, etc.

The webinar also highlighted the fact that measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic during these games were being developed. These measures that should be determined by the evolution of the pandemic shall focus on strict observance to preventive measures and social distancing. Japanese authorities shall also ensure a fourteen-day quarantine upon arrival in Japan, and compulsory anti-COVID-19 tests to be taken at departure and on arrival in Japan, as well as during the Olympic Games...

One noteworthy innovation for Tokyo 2020 is that each National Olympic Committee shall be allowed to select two athletes, male and female, to serve as flag-bearers during the opening ceremony slated for 23 July 2021.

For his part, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, has been appealing to African NOCs to be ever ready to assist their national sports federations in the preparation of athletes vying to take part in this event, while keeping in permanent touch with the IOC and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee. The intention is to give their delegations the safest possible conditions to travel and stay on Japanese soil.



ANTI-DOPING

ANOCA and WADA in Synergy for an Interactive Webinar for African Athletes



The WADA Africa Bureau and ANOCA Athletes' Commission, last September 7, 2020, organised an interactive webinar for African athletes, NOCs and several management structures of sports activities across the continent. This synergy in the fight against doping in sport in Africa aligns directly with the recommendations of the 2019 Anti-Doping Brainstorming Forum of the African Union. This webinar was intended to assess how far athletes are ready to take up the fight against doping so that they may be brought to contribute in combatting the scourge. In addition, WADA and ANOCA are out to sensitise and educate athletes on their role, rights and responsibilities in the anti-doping programme.

This meeting with African athletes featured several items, including

the presentation of the global anti-doping strategy and a talk on the rights and responsibilities of athletes with respect to combatting this ill. The meeting was moderated by personalities with notable expertise and renown in sports and anti-doping circles, especially WADA President Witold Banka, himself a former athlete, the Chair of WADA Athletes' Commission, the Chair of ANOCA Athletes' Commission and the Director of the WADA Africa Bureau.

During the webinar, athletes interacted with facilitators through a question-and-answer exercise. They also came up with suggestions on the anti-doping campaign.

The webinar equally helped sports associations to better understand their responsibilities to their athletes and how WADA can assist them in combatting doping in sport.

Participants included 226 athletes, several coaches, presidents and secretaries general of African NOCs and presidents and secretaries general of several national sports federations.



COOPERATION

ANOCA-USOPC partnership in the interest of African Sport



An important videoconference working session held last October 14, 2020 at the behest of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) with a view to consolidating cooperation with one of their strategic partners, the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). During the meeting, which was co-chaired by ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, and USOPC President, Susanne Lyons, discussions focused on several major areas of cooperation in the context of the common fight against COVID-19, particularly training, support for major events and interaction between technicians, managers and athletes.

Thus emerges the prospect of organizing Africa / USA forums on

the basis of diversity, inclusiveness and gender equality. Both parties were further satisfied with the progress made in the cooperation they have enjoyed since 18 October 2019, when they signed the Doha agreement in Qatar. The following areas of cooperation are also in view: sharing technical knowledge and good sports practices through online meetings with African NOCs; common online meetings of medical commissions on the fight against the Coronavirus; exchanging views with NOCs in the management and organisation of major events; support in consultations for the organisation of Africa Youth Games in Addis Ababa and the Accra Africa Games; organizing annual/bi-annual meetings on relevant issues such as sex diversity, equity and inclusiveness, athlete safety, etc.

This cooperation programme is part of ANOCA's broader strategy for the future of sport in Africa, and an innovative partnership which reflects USOPC's commitment to work with the governing body of the African Olympic Movement in areas of common interest.

It should be noted that the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate programme has already trained, certified and graduated 69 coaches from 29 African countries.

4th Summer Youth Olympic Games, Dakar 2026

COORDINATION COMMISSION ASSESSES LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS

The Coordination Commission of the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games met last October 20 and 21, 2020 to assess the level of preparedness for this event billed for Dakar, Senegal in 2026. The meeting that held by videoconference was chaired by the Commission's Chair, Kirsty Coventry. Officials of the Local Organising Committee of the Games

also took part in the meeting. This meeting, the second of its kind, was an opportunity to present the new plan and redefine the roadmap in terms of commitment and mobilisation towards 2026, following the postponement of the event due to the health crisis provoked by the Covid-19 pandemic. Participants also shared their views with IOC members, highlighting various issues related to preparations towards





Dakar 2026.

The two-day meeting focused on the review of the Organising Committee's plans, henceforth spread over a period of six years, as a result of the postponement of the Games from 2022 to 2026. While adjusting the project to the new timeframe, participants agreed on working to consolidate progress made so far.

It is worth noting that these adjustments relate to training, mobilising Senegalese youth and transforming the cities, the country and the African continent as far as possible through sport. With youth mobilisation at the centre of the Dakar 2026 project, the objective is to launch several educational actions ahead of the Games.

The IOC Coordination Commission praised the progress made by the Organising Committee, encouraging their efforts and great foresight towards making this event a success, thus the pride of the entire continent. It also lauded the partnership with International Federations, as well as with the Dioko Alliance. These partnerships focus on opportunities for youth training and engagement.

In 2026, Senegal will be the very first African country to host the prestigious Youth Olympic Games, a multisport competition reserved for young people aged 15 to 18. It will bring together close to 3,000 athletes in some twenty disciplines. The first edition was hosted by Singapore in 2010, followed by China (2014) and Argentina (2018).

Hear them speak ...

Speaking at the end of the Games coordination meeting between the IOC and the Local Organising Committee, a number of personalities gave their general impressions. Excerpts...

Kirsty Coventry, Chairlady of the Games Coordination Commission:

« We are encouraged to see the progress made by the Dakar team during this extremely difficult time for humanity. This was made possible thanks to the solidarity shown through the Olympic Movement and thanks to the support of stakeholders, further proof that we are stronger together.... ».

Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, IOC member, President of NOC Senegal:

« With this postponement, our aim is to forge ahead with the excellent progress made this far and make the most of these four additional years. Emphasis will be laid on wide-scale mobilisation of the entire Senegalese Youth and their participation in the organisation. The Youth should thus be able to take advantage of the preparatory activities and feel as being part and parcel the celebration of the Dakar 2026 YOG.».



2ND EDITION OF WOMEN'S SPORTS FESTIVAL IN BENIN

CNOS-Ben Organises a Workshop on Women's Leadership

The Benin National Olympic and Sport Committee (CNOS-Ben) last October 3, 2020, organised the 2nd Edition of the Women's Sports Festival. The event was hosted at the Salle Majestic de Fidjrossè in Cotonou, the country's capital city. Apart from sports activities, CNOS-Ben rallied participants to a workshop on women's leadership within the national sports movement. The brainstorming workshop was marked by the exchange of views on the ills that plague the practice of sport by women, challenges and recommendations. According to CNOS-Ben President, Julien Minavo, women must attain a higher level irrespective of the inequalities, stereotypes, clichés, traditions or societal prejudices. "Women must set for themselves objectives to attain, objectives which they should consider as challenges to overcome. Of course, when one pursues objectives, one must expect to face many difficulties. It is a matter of raising awareness," he noted.

During deliberations, participants working in subcommittees discussed many issues including: "Challenges of women in elite sport"; "Actions to showcase women's sport in Benin?"; "Improving elite sport performance by female athletes"; "Women in technical Management"; "Action for women's empowerment in management positions within sports structures?", and "Female athlete career transition".

After deliberations, participants made a

situational analysis and issued relevant recommendations.

NOC DJIBOUTI

Training Course for judo coaches organised with Olympic Solidarity support

NOC of Djibouti, organised a training course for Judo Coaches from 17 to 18 October 2020, with support from Olympic Solidarity and the Secretariat of State for Youth affairs. Being the



third of its kind, this course is part of activities to popularise Judo and the upgrade coaches in a bid to improve the teaching of this discipline and, even more so, the identification, management and development of future high-level athletes. The training was moderated by an international expert, Hassan Ikhlef. It afforded yet another opportunity to assess the development of Judo in Djibouti, notably through an evaluation of the level of coaches and club managers, as well as their pedagogic capacity building, by developing a teaching philosophy. On this score, during the opening ceremony on 17 October,





the President of the Djibouti Judo Federation, Faissal Abdoul Raguib was keen on stressing the scope of the course both at technical and practical levels. The technical expert, on the other hand, raised the challenge posed by the training course, especially against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In her message, the President of the Djibouti National Olympic and Sports Committee, Aicha Garad, stressed the importance of involving women in sports and decision making, pointing out the problem of abuse and harassment in sports and other areas. The Secretary-General of the Secretariat of State for Youth and Sports, Kadija Ibrahim, for her part, reasserted the support of her institution to sports associations.

NOC CHAD / OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

Launch of Elite Athletes Support Project

NOC Chad (COST), in partnership with Olympic Solidarity, on 17 October 2020 officially launched a project to support elite athletes. The ceremony, which took place at the COST headquarters was graced by the Minister of Youth and Sports, and the Sports Adviser to the Head of State.

There were 10 (ten) beneficiaries in all, including 3 (three) Olympic scholarship holders and 7 (seven) athletes with record performances at the Rabat Africa Games and the 2019 African Championships. They respectively represented three individual disciplines, namely Judo, Taekwondo and Wrestling, and one team discipline,

Archery. Four coaches are also part of the selected group.

During the ceremony, and for optimal preparation and participation in the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games, the President of the Chad Olympic and Sports Committee, Abakar Djermah, officially handed over cheques to these elite athletes and their coaches.

While presenting the project to guests, he said that the logic of his institution required that high level and elite athletes be supported by the entire sports movement, their parents, their federations, the Government of the Republic and partners. The initiative aims at creating an enabling environment and suitable conditions to help elite athletes prepare for qualifiers for the Olympic Games and for participation in African championships or the African Cup and above all, maintain their performances or keep their titles at Continental level.

Further on in his presentation, Barrister Abakar Djermah insisted that contributions to this project spanned through eight months for athletes having record performances in 2019, and 12 months for the three Olympic scholarship holders who returned to the country because of training issues in their respective centres owing to the Coronavirus pandemic.

COST also provided a 12-month health insurance coverage, a sports insurance, a contract with a physiotherapist and a gym subscription.





NOC MALI

Inauguration of Olympic Museum and NOA Headquarters



19 September 2020 saw the official inauguration of the Olympic Museum of Mali and the Headquarters of the National Olympic Academy. The ceremony was presided at by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Amadou Diarra Yalcoue, in the presence of the President of the Mali National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSM), Habib Sissoko. Several personalities also graced the event, amongst them presidents of Mali Sports Federations. The museum is a brilliant display of collections of sports, technical and historical objects. It equally showcases the tangible and intangible prowess and heritage of Malian Sport. Images of athletes of various disciplines dating back to several years are also exhibited in the Museum.

In the words of CNOSM President, *"The Olympic Museum of Mali henceforth joins the short list of Olympic Museums around the world. What is most delightful is that we are hereby inaugurating two structures devoted to Olympic education, namely the Museum*

and the Olympic Academy. With both structures on the same premises in the Modibo Keita Multipurpose Sports Stadium, CNOSM is creating a quality education centre. We are especially delighted as we did promise to place the Olympic spirit at the heart of the education of our youth".

According to Amadou Diarra Yalcoue, *"CNOSM's choice of site was well thought out. As the epicentre of the radiance of sport in Mali, this site was to host the 1969 African Games and as such contribute in revamping sport in all its forms, and ensuring its integration in national life. The Museum we are inaugurating already vividly illustrates collections of sports, technical and historical objects. It emphatically showcases the sporting prowess and the tangible and intangible heritage of Malian sport."*

After the respective presentations, the symbolic ribbon was cut at the headquarters of the National Olympic Academy, followed by a guided tour of the premises and, finally, an inspection tour of the Olympic Museum.

NOC GUINEA

National Olympic Academy celebrates Olympic Week

The National Olympic Academy of Guinea under the auspices of the Guinea National Olympic and Sports Committee organised the Olympic Week from 7 to 10 October 2020, on the theme *"The Olympic Spirit, Vector of Peace"*. Placed under the patronage of the Minister of Sports, Culture and Historical Heritage, the event was marked by several activities.

Organisation of a training session for



Young People

A training session was organised for Olympic Clubs and school institutions in Conakry. In his welcome address, the Director of the Guinea National Olympic Academy, Germaine Manguet, explained the importance of Olympic education



and the culture of peace among young people. ***“The Olympic spirit and the culture of peace are values that reflect respect of the dignity of the human person while rejecting violence in all its forms, and abiding by the principles of freedom, justice, tolerance, solidarity, acceptance, difference and proper mutual understanding,”*** she pointed out. The Deputy Secretary General of the Olympic Committee delivered a message of support and assistance from the President of his institution, after having explained the importance of Olympic values such as friendship, respect and excellence. The Deputy Director of Sports, for his part, representing the Minister of State for Sports, Culture and Historical Heritage lauded the initiative of organising the Olympic Week in Conakry and Kassa. He used the occasion to dwell on the importance of raising youth awareness of the Olympic spirit and peace especially during this electoral period.

The training session brought together a total of 50 (fifty) participants including forty young people (boys and girls) aged from 15 to 22, and ten moderators. The themes treated aroused a lot of interest among participants who, during discussions, made it evident that they would be very disposed to commit themselves to the promotion and sharing of the lessons learnt in their respective councils and sports academies.

Organisation of a mixed gala football match

Another feature of the event was a mixed Gala Football Match pitting the team of young participants against students of the sports academies. The playground was the field of the Cameroon Neighbourhood, which attracted a huge crowd. The match was dedicated to the culture of peace and the Olympic spirit and the consolidation of friendship among Olympic Youth.

Raising awareness of women footballers

In the same vein, an awareness-raising campaign was carried out for ten women's football teams. Interactions focused on the development of young girls through sport, more specifically football. About a hundred girls were sent messages centred on Olympic values: respect, training, self-esteem and leadership.

TEAM NIGERIAN BRACES FOR TOKYO

The NOC reassures the country's sports writers

A strategic meeting recently took place in Abuja between the Nigeria Olympic





Committee and the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN FCT). The two parties were mainly concerned with the level of preparedness and the participation of Nigerian athletes in the Tokyo Olympic Games. According to the President of the Nigeria Olympic Committee, Engr. Habu Gumel, team Nigeria is fully bracing for the event, thanks to the support of Olympic Solidarity, ANOCA and the Nigerian government. He went on to state his conviction that Nigeria was sure to put up a good performance in Tokyo given their sound preparation. To him many athletes are already fit for the event and others still involved in competitive qualifiers.

He noted that Nigerian athletes have trained and they were now waiting for information from International Federations which have not yet through with their qualifiers. He further pointed out that all was being done to make Nigerian athletes proud of their country.

Sports writers, through their President, Ndubueze Chidoka, expressed satisfaction with the state of preparedness for Nigeria's participation in the games. They encouraged President Gumel to continue thus, as it raises great hope in the country's participation in the Tokyo Games.

NOC MOROCCO

Discussing preparations for the country's participation

To ensure optimal preparation of Moroccan athletes for the Tokyo games, the Morocco National Olympic Committee (CNOM) held a series of videoconference consultations with the

technical departments of national sports federations and their representatives. These meetings that held from 28 September to 3 October 2020 focused mainly on the readiness of the country's athletes for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Follow-up of the JIL 24/28 project and coordination of Olympic Solidarity scholarship and training programmes were equally tackled during the



meetings.

During deliberations, the technical department of the Morocco National Olympic Committee presented concrete proposals to ensure the medical follow-up of athletes involved in preparations for the Tokyo Games, as well as the possibility of making the most of a quality sports facility. The meetings also afforded an opportunity to take stock of sports activities of federations and clubs during this «difficult» period of the pandemic. NOCM also pointed out their readiness to support all national sports federations, especially in implementing their sports projects, while constantly adjusting to the needs of athletes as they prepare for the upcoming Olympic Games.





It became clear from discussions that, overall, preparations are on a good footing thanks to synergy of actions, and that several athletes are still involved in qualifiers. The NOC pointed out that preparation must be multidimensional, as much on a technical level as on an administrative and psychological level.

NOC ZAMBIA

Seminar for Administrators of university sports



NOC Zambia (NOCZ) from 8 to 10 October 2020, organised a seminar for sports administrators of several of the country's university structures brought together under the Zambia University Sports Association (ZUSA). Among the 24 beneficiaries of this training which took place at the OYDC-Sports Development Centre, were administrators of the Universities of Zambia (UNZA), Copperbelt (CBU) and Mulungushi...

The seminar featured a series of

presentations, each of them followed by enriching discussions.

The former director of the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC), Chibamba Kanyama, exchanged views with participants on the importance of communication in sport, meanwhile Samuel Olaniyan of the Zambian Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA) moderated a session on financial management and budgeting with practical cases.

The Secretary-General of NOCZ, Boniface Kambikambi, dwelled on the theme of sport safety and technical leadership, while the chair of the organisation's Legal and Ethics Commission, presented a paper on ethics in sport.

During the seminar, the fight against doping in sport also received special attention, as a related topic had been moderated by the Chair of the Medical Commission of the NOC, Dr Titus Fernando. Risk management and the Olympic environment were also discussed under the coordination of Mweembe Kaona and Isaac Mwape respectively.

At the closing ceremony of the three-day seminar, the Secretary-General of NOCZ, Boniface Kambikambi, reminded administrators of the importance of investing in technical development, adding that this is a key factor in the country's opportunities of attaining good results on the global stage.

Participants were awarded certificates and handed handbooks on sports administration at the end of the seminar.



NOC RWANDA

Ordinary General Assembly held in Kigali



The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee (RNOSC) held its annual ordinary General Assembly on 11 October 2020 against a backdrop of social distancing owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Held at the Lemigo Hotel in Kigali, the assembly brought together statutory members of the organisation, most of whom are representatives of federations and other national sports associations. The meeting was attended by the representative of the Ministry of Sports, the interim Director of Sports, Rurangayire Guy Didier.

In his opening address, the RNOSC President Amb. Valens Munyabagisha, who chaired the meeting, wished every member a warm welcome, expressing his hope for lively and fruitful deliberations.

The RNOSC General Assembly also welcomed new presidents of sports federations who were taking part in

this assembly for the first time. Among them were presidents of the Rwanda Cycling Federation Abdallah Murenzi, the Rwanda Swimming Federation Gimbabazi Rugabira Pamela, the Rwanda Chess Federation, Zimurinda Ben Tom and the Rwanda Fencing Federation, Ogaa Paul Moday Arima Baradiya.

During the meeting, participants shared views on several concerning agenda items, notably: creation of the RNOSC Athletes' Commission and the National Olympic Academy, and preparation of team Rwanda for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in 2021. Activity reports were also presented to members for approval, including financial reports, anti-doping, and genocide memorial tournaments.

LESOTHO

LNOC Webinar on «Promoting gender equality and zero tolerance to gender based violence using sport as a tool»

The Lesotho NOC Gender Equality and Diversity (GED) Commission with its strategic mandate planned the commemoration of women's month through a series of events ranging from surveys, webinar and a peaceful demonstration to the government of Lesotho as a submission of recommendations to transform the trajectory of Gender Equality in Lesotho.





This priority mandate evolved from LNOC objectives 2.3 of long term strategic plan 2017-2024, «Promoting gender equality and zero tolerance to gender based violence using sport as a tool» within the National Sport Federations (NFs) administration as a critical aspect encompassing the Customer and Stakeholders Relationship Management of the LNOC’s Strategic Key Focus Area 2.

The LNOC organized a survey with NFs on Gender based violence and sexual harassment in sports, followed by a National Conference (webinar) on the promotion of Gender Equality and the fight against sexual harassment and Violence against Women held on 28th August 2020. The theme, “I am generation equality,” was chosen to express the individual responsibility we all have as Basotho to shape a new reality free from Gender Based Violence in sports and our communities. This is the first ever successful digital activity organized to commemorate women’s month by the LNOC GED commission.

The Webinar was led by industry leading women such as the LNOC President, Mrs Matlohang Moiloa Ramoqopo, LNOC CEO (a.i), Mrs Mathato Makhorole, Dr Lebohang Khomari GED Commission Director, Ms. Bohang-Lintle Phasumane SACP –Lesotho Mounted Police Service, Ms. Matau Futho-Letsatsi Director of Gender and Adv. Labophilane Kometsi Mediator of the High Court of Lesotho.

Following a successful webinar that was attended by 26 national federations, members of the media houses and journalists, over 15 Non-governmental organizations, 3 government departments and many more individuals who made it possible to have a record of 100 participants in the Webinar; preparations are being made to have a petition informed greatly from the webinar findings and recommendations that will be later on presented to the government of Lesotho. The LNOC has taken this step as the best of many that shall convene annually to ensure progress is built in responding to the challenges posed by Gender Based Violence. LNOC has indeed set the pace in this long journey of ensuring Lesotho becomes a safe space for women and girl’s boys and men to express and enjoy their rights.

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LESOTHO NOC XIX ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lesotho National Olympic Committee Virtual Annual General Meeting

Covid 19 has brought about a lot of restrictions affecting movement of people to have physical meetings. As



a result, Lesotho NOC had postponed its XIX Annual General Meeting (AGM) which should have been held in June as per Article 10.1 of its constitution.

Following requesting concurrence from its members, the LNOC held the AGM via Zoom on Sunday the 18th October



2020. The LNOC purchased tablets for all the NFs to ensure that they are able to join the virtual AGM, as well as to use them to join webinars and conferences beyond the AGM given that more and more meetings conferences, trainings are held virtually.

The LNOC President gave the report on the strategic focus of the LNOC. Issues of good governance are a major concern within the federations and in response to this, the LNOC held a sports forum and provided several governance seminars to the Presidents and SGs of the NFs. The engagement with NFs will address the issues pertaining to doping challenge within the NFs as this does not give a good image of the sporting fraternity. As the LNOC is half-way of its eight-year strategic plan wherein the vision is ranking top 5 in Africa in both Commonwealth and Olympic Games, it is crucial that a review is done to weigh how far the LNOC is in achieving the set vision, the President stated.

At least nineteen recommendations of the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 as well as the CGF Priorities transformation

2022 are captured in the strategic plan. The Secretary General (a.i) provided a report on the performance of the LNOC on its 6 strategic focus areas further citing that the LNOC also ensures the development of sport through various support programs to the NFs. There has been a positive progress within the LNOC and sport fraternity through partnerships made, stakeholders' relationships, and programs offered by the LNOC.

The AGM was graced by the Honorable Minister of Sports Director Ms., The President and Secretary General of the Lesotho Sports and Recreation Commission (LSRC), LNOC National Course Directors, The Presidents of Special Olympics Lesotho (SOL) and National Paralympic Lesotho (NAPCOL), and six (6) provisional NFs.

The LNOC General Assembly consists of 26 National Federations (NFs), 11 Executive Board members of which 1 is the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and 1 honorary member.

25 of 26 member NFs were present in attendance of the roll-call of the meeting, and 5 of 6 provisional members were represented. During the meeting, 4 of the provisional members were accepted as full members as per Article 8 of the LNOC constitution. Thus, LNOC membership has increased to 30 NFs which shows development in the sporting fraternity.

Despite some internet connectivity challenges, the virtual meeting was successful. The LNOC aims to base itself on the modern era of technology, and will continue to set the pace for NFs to follow suit, and ensure that sports remain relevant in the country during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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2023 AFRICAN GAMES

GHANA TO CONSTRUCT A 50000 CAPACITY STADIUM



of Operations.

Ahead of the 13th African Games which they will be hosting in 2023, Ghana is aiming at constructing a 50,000-seater multisport stadium. The edifice will be located in Borteyman in the Grand Accra area. It is evaluated at about \$ 200 million, and will be the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies.

The announcement of the planned construction was made during the inauguration ceremony of the Local Organising Committee for the event. The committee has 9 members including Dr Kwaku Oforu Asare, a journalist and lecturer, alongside other dignitaries such as the President of the Ghana Olympic Committee (GOC) Ben Nunoo Mensah, and Dr Owusu Ansah who will be acting as Director

The appointed members were inaugurated during a ceremony chaired by the Head of State of Ghana, Nana Akufo-Addo. He urged them to steer the organisation of the 13th Africa Games to success. While installing the members, the President of the Republic stressed the importance of constructing appropriate sports facilities and expressed joy at the fact that land has been secured to construct the necessary facilities for the games.





VOLLEY BALL

MOROCCAN LADY AT THE HELM OF THE AFRICAN CONFEDERATION



flag of African Volleyball, as stated by the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Mustapha Berraf:

Bouchra Hajij was on 25 October 2020 elected to head the Confederation of African Volleyball (CAVB), with 77.78% of the vote cast. Her challenger was the Egypt's Amr El Wani who put in 19 years at the helm of the Confederation.

The new African Volleyball boss thus automatically becomes Vice President of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) cumulatively with her function as President of the Royal Volleyball Federation of Morocco. Equally member of the Olympic Culture and Heritage Commission, Bouchra Hajij is a former international player and is the first African lady to have a place in the executive of International Volleyball Federation.

Her mandate will run for four years, and she is expected to hold high the

«The ANOCA Executive Committee heartily congratulates Madam Bouchra Hajij on her brilliant election to the helm of the Confederation of African Volleyball. It is a resounding victory that will definitely lend fresh impetus to African Volleyball and at the same time serve as a further galvanizing factor for the Olympic and sports movement in Africa and in the world at large. This great African Sports Lady deserves all our congratulations.»

Bouchra Hajij has also been appointed by the ANOCA Executive Committee as member of the Gender Equality Commission. The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa announced her appointment by official letter, thus celebrating the experience and skills of this dignitary, who will henceforth steer the course of the Confederation African Volleyball.

