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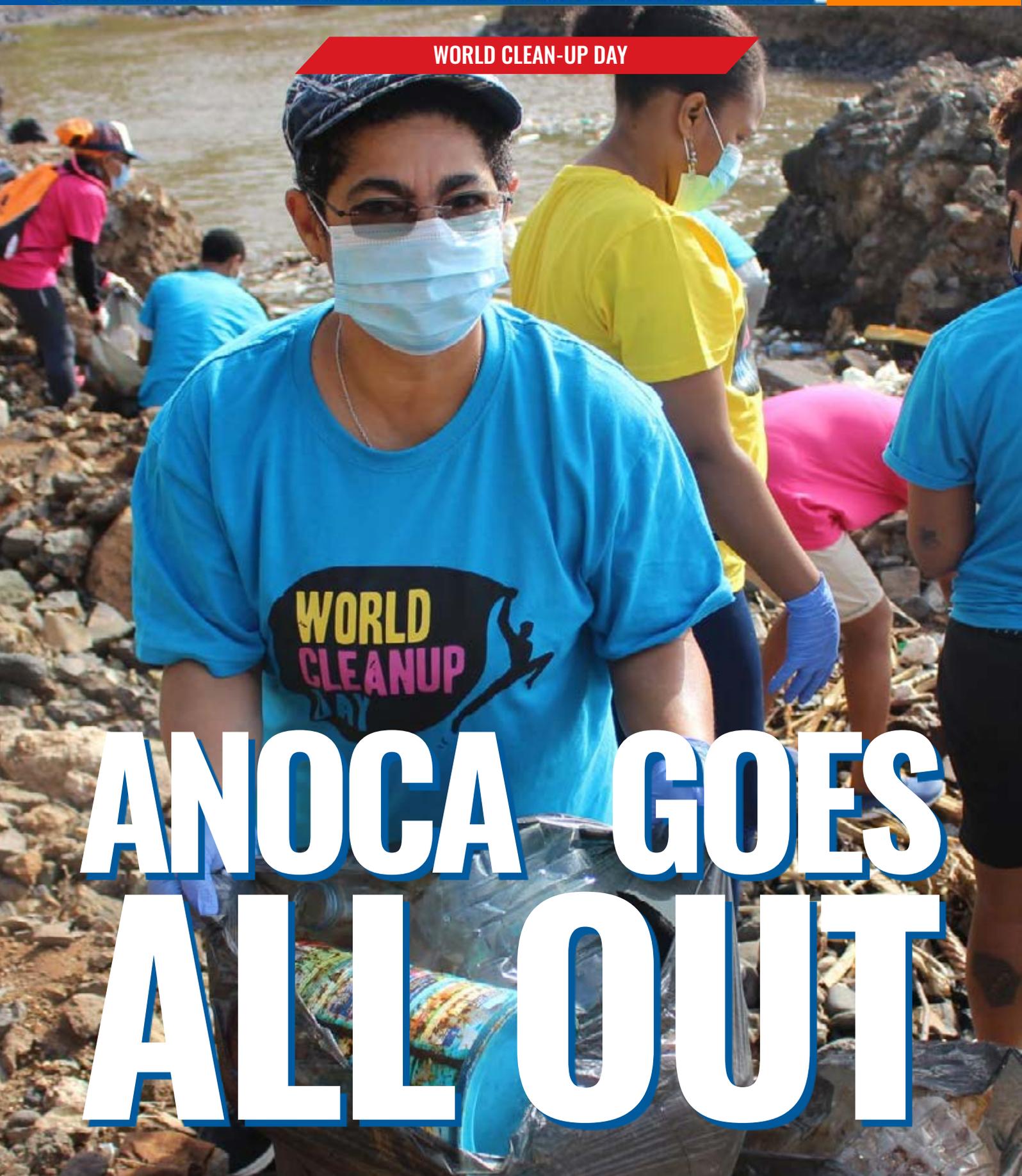


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WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY



**ANOCA GOES
ALL OUT**



“LIKE YOU, I CAMPAIGN FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE FOR SPORT”



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IOC Member

It is an honour for us to say that we engaged in a great deal of activities as part of the World Clean-up Day on 19 September 2020. The Day was launched in 2018 in 150 countries and has had a particular impact thanks to the efforts of the African NOCs and their human potential.

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa considers it a

major event.

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, that is the athlete and the environment, the latter being the natural field of all physical and intellectual effort. This is predicated on our universal values of solidarity, sharing and Fair Play.





We can therefore be proud of the community mobilisation of the NOCs, Olympafrica Centres and all citizen volunteers. For Hygiene and Sanitation, for Cleaner African Cities, thousands of people came out in the neighbourhoods and cities in Africa.

We congratulate the NOCs that came out best in the promotion of World Clean-up Day: NOC Tunisia, NOC Sao Tome and Principe and NOC of Cape Verde in that order.

This is the reward for their efforts in the implementation of sustainable development programmes and sustainable activities. We are convinced that these results published by the evaluation team led by Engr. Habu Gumel effectively reflect the commitment of these NOCs to environmental conservation.

All the other NOCs of our continent were as deserving. They all participated brilliantly and graciously in this event. We

would like to say THANK YOU to all of them.

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.

It is no secret that ANOCA is committed to environment friendly activities and 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 that is conducive to present and future sporting achievements and that Sport should remain at the service of humanity.





ANOCA COMES ALL OUT

WORLD CLEANUP DAY 2020 19 SEP

This year, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) came up with a strategy to celebrate World Clean-up Day on 19 September 2020. NOCs of the continent came out strong for the celebration, together with Olympafrica Centres, which also participated

brilliantly and passionately in this hygiene and sanitation day.

Activities ranged from waste collection, cleaning of gutters, cleaning of cities and beaches. These ingenious operations were all carried out by the NOCs who joined forces with various





governments and civil society partners for the success of the event in Africa.

The values remained the same for ANOCA.

Putting sport at the centre of environment friendly activities and sustainable development and raising awareness of African youth on the importance of a clean sports environment.

World Clean-up Day became part of the sporting tradition in Africa thanks to ANOCA and despite the pressure brought to bear by the Covid-19 pandemic, activities took place in strict compliance with containment measures. Protective masks were distributed to the many participants. ANOCA braved the terrible pandemic and confirmed environment friendly activities.

countries and was initiated with the aim of campaigning to combat pollution and foster a waste-free world. Dr Margaret Chan, former Director-General of WHO once stated that the health of the population depends on the health of the environment.

Addressing the issue, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the Day, and congratulated NOCs and Olympafrica Centres on their exceptional involvement, which turned into a commitment by various countries to protect the environment.

It was a day of community mobilisation - a successful one in all respects for ANOCA.

ACNOA - ANOCA

This day is celebrated in over 160





CAPE VERDE ON THE BEACH



World Clean-up day involved a series of activities in this country, the most telling being the cleaning of Praia do Portinho beach.

The beach was cleaned of all sorts of waste dumped indiscriminately. Such litter ends up in the sea and then damages the environment.

Members of NOC Cape Verde and many volunteers came out on this day with the slogan **«We are cleaning Cape Verde today.»**

The Paralympic Committee also answered present and boosted the clean-up initiative, which made the Kebra Kanela Beach to glow.

All this was possible thanks to a partnership between NOC Cape

Verde, the NGO ADA and the Cape Verde Paralympic Committee.

SAO TOME ET PRINCIPE CLEAN-UP IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE



World Clean-up Day was coordinated by the NOC President, Joao Costa Alegre. All national federations participated actively with strong mobilisation by the Canoe, Athletics, Handball, Chess, Volleyball, Teakwendo and Karate associations. Also worthy of note was the participation of the Folha Fede Olympafrica Centre. Several tons of litter were collected.

ALGERIA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ON AN ANTI-LITTER CRUSADE





Whe clean-up operation organised by the Algeria Olympic and Sports Committee took place in Tizi Ouzou at the Tala Guilef tourist site, in the Boghni council area.

Solid waste was collected in Tala Guilef forest, which was once the



training ground for several sports clubs and national teams during the off-season.

The official in charge of the operation and Executive Bureau member of the NOC, Abdelmajid Bouaoud, said that:

«The objective of this day is to federate maximum energy and generate global awareness on the problem of litter. Today, it is our duty to contribute in reducing pollution and developing

preventive and corrective actions in the field.»

In the context of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, there was strict compliance with containment measures.

The day was organised in partnership with the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa in collaboration with the Youth and Sports Department, the Tizi Ouzou Department of Environment, the Djurdjurav Natural Park, the Boghni APC, the associative movement and village committees.

MALI

NOC MALI FOR CLEANLINESS AND ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES





Dozens of athletes and sports association leaders participated in clean-up activities the capital city, Bamako, and the Independence Boulevard Clean-up activities also took place at Independence Monument, the Labour Exchange Esplanade and the Hippopotamus Monument. The young athletes collected litter along the road in plastic bags which were later taken away by Ozone company employees for transit depots.

An awareness-raising meeting was 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.

The NOC officially inaugurated the National Olympic Museum and the headquarters of the Mali National Olympic Academy.

Reacting to it all, the First Vice President of the NOC, Sangaré Aminata Keita had this to say: «We want to raise awareness among young people to adopt habits of cleanliness and environmental protection in everyday life.»

She then went on to recall the symbolism of the day :

«World Clean-up Day was initiated by the International Olympic Committee to campaign against pollution and advocate zero waste...it is difficult to become a great athlete if the environment is not healthy because an unhealthy environment breeds diseases. It is important for us as sports officials to raise awareness among our young athletes about the importance of a healthy environment.»



She further went on to explain that health is very vital for sport practice and that member federations must include all of this into their programmes in order to «keep athletes healthy».

Carrying rakes and brooms, participants swarmed certain streets of Bamako, from Boulevard Bouteflika, the Boulevard du 22 octobre and the Independence



Boulevard.

The hand player Haby Thiam noted her satisfaction:

«...it is also important to note that a dirty environment not only harms the individual's psychological faculty, but also causes illnesses such as cardiovascular accidents, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases. I would like to thank the CNOSM for affording us the opportunity to be part of this beautiful activity.» For fencer Amy Sène, **«this World Clean-up Day is a very good initiative because it allows us to clean up the environment in which we live.**

I avail myself of this opportunity to call on our brothers and sisters to take advantage of this type of activity to clean up their neighbourhoods.»

TUNISIA TUNISIA IN GARBAGE COLLECTION MODE

On 19 September 2020, NOC Tunisia sponsored the operation to collect waste and plastic bottles in the administrative area of the city of Ariana.

The President of NOC Tunisia, Mehrez Boussayene, and the Mayor of the city of Ariana, Fadhel Moussa, took part in an event which, actually, was the culmination of an extensive campaign to beautify the city.



The prospect of a clean city was the driver for the volunteers dressed in the colours of «World Clean-up Day» and Olympic Committee which, since 2014, has initiated a large-scale action to develop a national strategy for sustainable sport marked by the publishing of the National Pact for Sustainable Sport and the guide on good practices for sustainable sport.

World Clean-up Day will henceforth appear on the Tunisia Olympic Committee's calendar as an annual event.



BENIN **THE NOC CLEANS UP AND CHALLENGES COVID-19**

In partnership with Let's do it Benin, the Benin National Olympic and Sports Committee



organised a clean-up campaign at the General Mathieu Kerekou Stadium in the capital, Cotonou, on the occasion of the celebration of World Clean-up Day.

The event brought together the various sports associations and federations affiliated to NOC Benin, which added

much lustre to the General Mathieu Kerekou Stadium. The stadium was given a new look in strict compliance with Covid-19 containment measures. Masks were distributed to participants, who were grouped in small numbers in a bid to limit the spread of the virus.

The campaign was officially launched by the NOC Secretary-General, Ben Fernando HESSOU, who said that *«Benin had already started to write the history of cleaning under the revolution. A national health campaign was organised every Saturday of the month. We abandoned it, I think that today's activity should remind us of that.»*

In a nutshell, this activity should remind people of good hygiene and sanitation habits that should be used permanently and not only on a day like this, which was organised in 77 council areas in Benin and is in line with the government's Action Programme.

The representative of the prefect of the territory and of the Minister of Living Conditions and development, Rosaire ATTOLOU, commended the initiative.

Also worthy of note is the great involvement of the national fund for the development of youth, sports and recreational activities (Fndajsl) alongside NOC Benin.

ZAMBIA **CLEAN-UP DAY: A SPECIAL ONE IN ZAMBIA**



SIERRA LEONE FREETOWN: CLEAN, ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY CITY

The NOC used the day to clean the streets of the capital, Freetown. Volunteers swarmed Howe Street, where the Sierra Leone Olympic Committee's headquarters are located. The city council and several civil society organisations participated in this activity, which also

In Zambia the Olympic Committee and the Olympafica Sports Centre celebrated World Clean-up Day with the participation of 70 athletes who were given access to Olympafica sports facilities.

The event brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate the spirit of Olympism and its values.

The NOC Secretary-General, Boniface Kambikambi, launched the activities and addressed young athletes at the Olympic Youth Development Centre long before the actual field actions.

Drawing from the health crisis, he underscored that with the outbreak of Covid-19, it is essential to take special care of the quality and cleanliness of our environment.

The clean-up campaign took place in the Olympic Youth Development Centre with representatives of Government and environment protection bodies in attendance.



involved various sports associations: boxing, athletics, swimming, wrestling and table tennis.

Sierra Leone participated in this





activity following encouragement by ANOCA.

The NOC President, Dr Patrick Coker said the initiative to create a clean environment was important, especially during the period of the coronavirus pandemic.

CHAD

OLYMPAFRICA CHAD RAISES AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

The Director of the Centre urged all users of the Centre to participate in World Clean-up Day and to



keep Places clean to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 250 young sportsmen and women from youth teams were on hand to celebrate the day. After cleaning for four hours (7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), the young people were invited by the Director of the Centre to share a meal to commemorate the day, which was in its very first edition.

**NIGERIA
LAGOS ENGAGED**

Nigeria celebrated World Clean-up Day with the objective of engaging a significant percentage of the national population in the collection of poorly managed waste in one day, draw the attention of all to the issue



of waste management, raise public awareness and educate individuals and organisations on the best waste management methods.

The NOC President, Engr. Habu Gumel also headed the ANOCA selection panel for the Day.

The city of Lagos hosted the event in an atmosphere of solidarity with messages addressed to athletes and the sports world.





TUNISIA

WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY: NOC TUNISIA ON THE PODIUM



Such is the verdict of the evaluation team of the Day. It was made public on 19 October 2020, at the end of a meeting by videoconference chaired by Engr. Habu Gumel, Head of the Evaluation Committee and ANOCA Treasurer General.

Following an in-depth assessment and Secretariat's report, the results were quite clear:

- 1. First – NOC Tunisia**
- 2. Second – NOC Sao Tome and Principe**
- 3. Third – NOC Cape Verde**



A winning trio after a painstaking review of the reports received from 12 NOCs who submitted their reports by the deadline of 28 September 2020 (Botswana, Cape Verde, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Lesotho, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Tunisia, Sao Tome and Principe, Zimbabwe and Zambia). Five NOCs were ultimately short-listed from which these three were finally selected.

The members of the selection team congratulated the Technical Director and the Secretariat for the work accomplished and recommended, among other

things, that greater involvement of the NOCs be encouraged through an understanding of the stakes of sustainable development and the need for the African Olympic and sports movement to implement more activities and programmes sustainably. It

was also recommended that the participation of governments, mobilisation of human and material resources, quality of organisation, quantity of waste collected, waste recycled, awareness raising and partnership with relevant stakeholders or organisations be included.

These elements will be used in the future in the evaluation process of the NOCs as part of the celebration of World Clean-up Day.

The President of the Evaluation Committee, Engr Habu Gumel noted that « ***it is the first time ANOCA is participating in World Clean-up Day, following an agreement signed between ANOCA and Let's Do It World (LDIW) in August 2020.*** »