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The Olympic Solidarity plan for 2021-2024 was presented by Olympic Solidarity Commission Chair, Dr Robin Mitchell, for the approval of the IOC Executive Board on 11 November 2020. The Olympic Solidarity Commission worked on the 2021-2024 plan with a clear objective in mind and in alignment with the IOC global strategy, which is that funding and programmes are addressed, as a priority, to Olympic Solidarity's direct

beneficiaries: the athletes and the NOCs.

As a result, the budget of the Olympic Solidarity programme for the next four-year cycle will see an overall increase by 16% to USD 590 million. Within this budget, the funding of direct athlete support programmes, which remains at the heart of Olympic Solidarity's sport development priorities, sees an increase of 25% to USD 160 million.

The priorities of Olympic Solidarity for 2021-2024 are as follows:

-Empower NOCs to keep athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement through increased support to athletes for development at all levels, facilitating engagement through forums and exchanges, strengthening opportunities for the athletes' entourage to play effective support roles, and ensuring that the provisions of the Athletes'



Rights and Responsibilities Declaration can be implemented by the NOCs.

-Ensure good governance, financial control and compliance by strengthening capacity-building programmes for NOCs.

-Strengthen the Olympic Movement's solidarity funding model by prioritising the principal Olympic Solidarity mission offocusing on NOCs with the greatest needs and ensuring effective communication of all streams of Olympic Solidarity funding by the NOCs.

-Align with the IOC's strategy for the post-coronavirus world with the enhancement of dedicated Olympic Solidarity programmes to facilitate the NOCs' participation in future Olympic and Youth Olympic Games, and by providing online education, advocacy and training opportunities for NOCs.

-Enable NOCs to contribute to the promotion of the Olympic values by aligning Olympic Solidarity programmes with the IOC's strategy, lending support to refugee athletes and facilitating the participation of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

-Provide individualised services to NOCs by means of targeted and direct support to 206 unique organisations through guaranteeing the minimum funding available for each NOC and reinforcing decentralised

Continental Programmes responding to continental specificities.

-And finally, to introduce a robust monitoring, evaluation and learning framework for all Olympic Solidarity programmes.

With a view to improving our services to NOCs, we are upgrading our online tools, in particular the Olympic Solidarity Online Platform, to render them more efficient and facilitate their use by the NOCs. Improved services will be available as of the start of next Olympic Solidarity plan in January 2021 and detailed information will be shared with you in due time.

For further information, please visit the Olympic Solidarity section of NOCnet where updates, guidelines and information related to the Olympic Solidarity 2021-2024 plan will be posted on a regular basis - or get in touch with us directly.

We look forward to successfully collaborating with your NOC over the next four years, towards a greater benefit for athletes as well as the development of sport and the promotion of the Olympic Values.

Kind regards,





SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY BUDGET FOR MORE SUPPORT TO ATHLETES



Meeting on 11 November 2020, the IOC Executive Board approved a 16% increase in the overall Olympic Solidarity budget for the 2021-2024

Olympiad to the great satisfaction of all members present. The budget will now go up to US \$ 590 million and, with this, the IOC intends to bolster support to athletes, National





Olympic Committees and Continental Associations. While presenting the 2021-2024 plan during the Session, Robin Mitchell, IOC Executive Board member and Chair of the Olympic Solidarity Commission, maintained that it suits the post Covid-19 context. According to him, the approved budget is intended primarily for the direct beneficiaries of Olympic Solidarity action, namely athletes and NOCs. It is for this reason that there is a net increase of 25% in the portion of the approved budget allocated to the various athlete support programmes for this period, to ensure that more opportunities and Olympic scholarships are available to athletes. This increase demonstrates, if need be, that the IOC places the development of athletes at the centre of its priorities.

It should be noted that Olympic Solidarity is one of IOC's flagship income redistribution programmes.

The supreme governing body the global Olympic Movement, under the stewardship of its President, Dr Thomas Bach, redistributes 90% of its income to athletes and for the development of sport the world over. Thanks to this solidarity-based funding paradigm, the IOC has funded athlete support programmes of the 206 NOCs, the Refugee Olympic Team and all Olympic Sports to the tune of five billion US dollars.

Athlete support programmes cover every aspect of an athlete's sporting life, from the basic to elite level, and even upon retirement.

It should be noted that during the 2017-2020 quadrennial, over 25,000 athletes received support through Olympic Solidarity, including 3,000 summer and winter sport athletes who received Olympic scholarships to enable them prepare for upcoming editions of the Games.





IOC president, Dr Thomas Bach, provides details

IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, commented his institution's decision to approve an increase in the Olympic Solidarity budget. This approval boosts his organization's policy to support athletes across the world against a backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic which is ravaging both the sports world and athletes. Excerpts!

“One important lesson that I hope we have all learned from the current corona virus crisis is that we need more solidarity. We need more solidarity within societies, but also among societies. Solidarity is one of the key Olympic values which the Olympic community is actively promoting. Today's decision (11 November 2020) to increase the

budget of our Olympic Solidarity programme for the next four-year cycle by 16 per cent, to US \$ 590 million, is a very powerful gesture in times of a worldwide crisis, (...) At 25%, the increase in the funding of direct athlete support programmes is even higher than the overall increase. In addition, the athletes as members of the Olympic teams will benefit from the 25% increase for NOCs. The IOC continues to help all NOCs, particularly those with the greatest needs and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team, through a wide range of programmes prioritising athletes' development, and the training and education of their entourage.. ».





OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY'S 2021-2024 BUDGET

More empowered Continental Associations



The 2021-2024 Olympic Solidarity plan approved during the IOC Executive Board meeting attaches great importance to decentralised powers to Continental Associations. This will make it easier to develop programmes that are monitored and that address the specificities of each continent. For this purpose, the amount allocated to each NOC for the Olympics has been increased to US\$ 500,000. In the same vein, the budgets of continent specific programmes have increased by 24%.

Thus, Continental Associations like ANOCA in the case of Africa, will be able to develop more programmes better tailored to the specific needs of Africa, which will further contribute to the full development of athletes of the continent! It should be recalled

that, from inception in 1981, ANOCA has steadily built a rich and fruitful partnership with Olympic Solidarity. This partnership has improved in successive Olympiads in terms of increased support to athletes and sport in general. Thanks to this strategic partner, Olympic Solidarity, African NOCs have made giant strides in their preparation of athletes for world events, refresher training for coaches, combatting doping, etc.





Priorities for 2021-2024

As a major IOC institution, Olympic Solidarity provides financial support through targeted programmes selected based on their relevance in promoting sport and Olympic values. These programmes are designed for NOCs in general and for the needy in particular. Its increasingly diversified activities focus on the following areas: athlete development, training of coaches and sports administrators, and promotion of Olympic values.

For the 2021-2024 Olympiad, Olympic Solidarity priorities presented to the IOC Executive Board, are as follows:

- *Empower NOCs to keep athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement through increased support to athletes for development at all levels, facilitating engagement through forums and exchanges, giving more opportunities to their entourage to provide them with effective support, and ensuring that the provisions of the Declaration of Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities can be implemented by the NOCs.*
- *Strengthen the Olympic Movement's solidarity funding model by prioritising the principal Olympic Solidarity mission of focusing on NOCs with the*

greatest needs and ensuring effective communication of all streams of Olympic Solidarity funding by the NOCs.

- *Align with the IOC strategy for the post-coronavirus world by polishing up dedicated Olympic Solidarity programmes to facilitate NOC participation in future Olympic and Youth Olympic Games, and by providing online education, advocacy and training opportunities for NOCs.*
- *Enable NOCs to contribute to the promotion of Olympic values by aligning Olympic Solidarity programmes with the IOC strategy, providing support to refugee athletes and facilitating the participation of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.*
- *Provide individualised services to NOCs by means of targeted and direct support to each of the 206 organisations by guaranteeing that minimum funding is available for each NOC and reinforcing decentralised Continental Programmes that address continental specificities.*
- *And finally, introduce a strong monitoring, evaluation and learning framework for all Olympic Solidarity programmes.*





SOUTH AFRICA

Barry Hendricks elected new SASCOC President



The elective General Assembly of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) met on 7 November 2020 with several dignitaries in attendance, including the Honourable Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa. A new executive is now in place with Barry Hendricks as President, and Lwandle Simelane and Debbie Alexander as first and second vice presidents respectively.

Five Board Members were elected out of the 24 contenders registered. These include: Alan Fritz (runner up), Qondisa Ngwenya, Kim Pople, Ilhaam Groenewald and Welhemina Grobbelaar.

Addressing the members of the General

Assembly, the newly elected President appreciated his peers for their trust and support and then congratulated the new SASCOC leadership team. He promised to work with everyone, before expressing his gratitude to the Honourable Minister Nathi Mthethwa, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and Dr. Sam Ramsamy for supporting the process. This was patent proof that SASCOC is a dynamic organisation, he noted, concluding that he counted on valuable expertise of all these dignitaries, which expertise will be needed to transform SASCOC.

The General Assembly also adopted the audited financial statements and reappointed Mazars as auditors for the next financial year.





ANOCA President Congratulates New SASCOC President



Following the election of Barry Hendricks as SASCOC President by the General Assembly of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee on 7 November 2020, for a four-year term, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, immediately addressed him this message of congratulation:

«It is with great pleasure that I write to heartily congratulate you on your election. As a matter of fact, your election to the helm of SASCOC is a huge success for the South African sports movement and a wonderful opportunity Africa as a whole. As you begin your tenure of office, the

Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), through the entire Executive Committee, wishes to assure you of its support and commitment to work with you in the interest of the entire sports movement,» wrote the steward of the supreme governing body of the African Olympic and Sports Movement. *«We are well aware of the daunting challenges you will have to rise to, and would thus be infinitely grateful for the invaluable contribution you will make in the edification of a more vibrant African Olympic and Sports Movement,»* President Berraf concluded.



General Assembly adopts the moral and financial balance sheets for financial year 2019



The Ordinary General Assembly of the Algeria Olympic Committee (COA) met in Algiers on 14 November 2020, and was effectively chaired by the new president of the institution, Abderrahmane Hammad. While opening deliberations, the new president gave an overview of COA activities for 2019, not forgetting the difficulties encountered by Olympic federations in this period marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. «**We are aware of the issues and challenges you face,**» he declared, «**but you should know that the Olympic body has never failed in its missions and will always be by your side to achieve the desired goals.**» The COA President also welcomed the support from all the partners of the national sports movement, and called on the Olympic family to step up efforts and support the athletes who are bracing for qualifiers for the Tokyo

2020- Olympic Games billed for 2021.

During deliberations, participants unanimously adopted the moral and financial balance sheets for the year 2019, thereby approving the transparent and cutting-edge management of the former COA team headed by Mustapha Berraf. They also approved the action plan and budget. In addition, members of the General Assembly endorsed the admission of the Algerian Triathlon Federation as an ex-officio member of the body.

The COA executive bureau was also partially renewed with the election of two new members by secret ballot: they are Feriel Chouiter, medical doctor, and Elhadi Mossab, president of the National Federation of Sport for All.





Headquarters of NOC São Tome and Principe Commissioned



The headquarters of NOC São Tome and Principe was reopened on 3 November 2020, by His Excellency the Prime Minister and Head of Government, Dr Jorge Bom Jesus. The crowd pulling event was attended by several dignitaries including the Ministers of Youth and Sports, Tourism and Culture and Labour, as well as the Mayor of the District of Água. The UNDP resident representative and the UNICEF representative were also in attendance, as well as several presidents of national sports federations and officials of the local NOC. The renovated building is the fruit of a synergy of action between the government, through the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and NOC São Tome and Principe, which testifies to the good collaboration between the

two structures for the benefit of sport and athletes in this country.

According to the NOC President, Joao Manuel Costa Alegre, also first vice-president of ANOCA, the NOC headquarters will be home to all Olympians and of the entire national Olympic and Sports Movement. It is located in Quinta de S. António and is called Palacio_da_Juvent_e_Desporto (Youth and Sports Complex). This building will house institutions such as the National Olympic Committee, the Directorate General of Sports and the Youth Institute. A hall fully equipped with computers with internet access was also inaugurated and placed at the disposal of National Federations that do not yet have their own headquarters.

