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2021 is quite a special year. The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa is leaving no stone unturned in order to overcome the most daring obstacles, like the terrible Covid-19 pandemic which is still hampering our prospects.

However, we are not giving up. Events scheduled this year will be held. Our athletes will honourably and bravely answer present to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games sports challenges in Japan.

This participation shall be a success as well as all coming continental and international events. We must take up these various challenges in unity and solidarity.

The sense of citizenship, unity and brotherhood are our credo for sports and Olympism in our continent.

It is by joining our efforts, our knowledge, our aspirations, our skills and our performances that African sports will take-off once and for all.

That is why we must join our efforts for bright prospects. The 54 National Olympic Committees of Africa will put an end to difference of opinion and misunderstandings. These prospects shall be based on our 2021-2024 Development Strategy, and have as vision all the values upheld by the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

We urge you to speak the same language so that African sports should live long and develop, and so that we should all enjoy successful integration which strengthens and focuses our energies.

Our governance model will henceforth need the contribution of each and everyone, so as to bring out the various viewpoints of our rich and multifaceted family.

Together we are strong, together we shall overcome.

Mustapha Berraf
IOC Member
ANOCA President





THOMAS BACH HAS BEEN REELECTED!

At 67, Dr. Thomas Bach was elected by a large majority for a second term of office as President of the International Olympic Committee. This was during the 137th Session of the IOC organized through videoconferencing with 93 « YES » against 1 « NO » of the 94 votes expressed.

This was real raid by the German, who has been offered a new a four-year term of office, which comes to an end in 2025.

After this reelection, Dr. Thomas Bach said:

« I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this massive vote and this wonderful testimony of confidence. For me, this election is as significant as the numerous difficult reforms and decisions we had to make have affected all of us. I am deeply moved and filled with humility. When you elected me for the first time as President in 2013 in Buenos Aires, I said that I wanted to manage the IOC according to my campaign slogan «unity in diversity », and to be a President for all of you and for all our stakeholders. This commitment still holds for my second and last term of office. My door, my ears and my heart remain open for all of you. I hope that I will

also be able to count on your friendship during the next four years. »

Elected for the first time in 2013, Thomas Bach will have served for eight years. He is a former fencing athlete, gold medalist with the German team during the Montreal and Buenos Aires World championships, in 1976 and 1977 respectively. He was a founding member of the IOC Athletes Commission in 1981 where he sat until 1988. In 1991, he was promoted as IOC member sitting in the Executive Commission from 1996 to 2013. He was IOC Vice-president from 2000 to 2004, 2006 to 2010 and from 2010 until his election as President in 2013.

Following this brilliant election The President of ANOCA, Honourable Mustapha Berraf sent the following letter of congratulations:



To
Mr. Thomas Bach,
**President of the International
Olympic Committee**

Mr. President and my Dear Friend;

Subject: Letter of Congratulations

The African Olympic and sports movement is proud of you; we are proud to continue this wonderful experience with you. We simply wish to congratulate you for this brilliant reelection.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, we wish to express to you the gratitude of the youths. We wish to commend your support in favour of the African Olympic and Sports movement for the past eight years.

A continuous support which is conducive for greater success worldwide and guarantee for a bright future for the World Olympic movement.

A glorious day has just marked the 137th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) holding through videoconferencing.

After 2013, here comes 2021 when your stewardship is boosted once again thanks to your perceptiveness, your efficiency and your wisdom.

Mr. President and my Dear Friend,

We, the 54 National Olympic Committees of Africa, are happy and elated by this success, which for Africa, is a great opportunity and the beginning of a new era. We wish you happiness, good health and full success in this new challenge during which you will undoubtedly overcome all obstacles.

I look forward meeting you again.
Kindest regards.

Mustapha Berraf
IOC Member
President of ANOCA





THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE UNVEILS ITS STRATEGIC UNTIL 2025



The new roadmap is made up of 15 recommendations and is based on the 2020 Olympic Agenda's achievements. It will serve as Ariadne's clew for the Olympic movement for the next five years. These elements were presented during an IOC session. Debates were intense and President Thomas Bach underscored that:

« The Coronavirus crisis has drastically changed our world. The world will never be as it

was. Even when we would have overcome this health crisis, we will have to face the heavy social, financial economical and political consequences it would have caused. »

Following these preliminary remarks, it should be noted that the 15 recommendations included in Agenda 2020+5 are based on the main tendencies which were identified, after in-depth studies, as potentially critical in the post-





Coronavirus world, without leaving aside domains were sports and Olympic values can play a key roles in turning challenges into opportunities.

There are five major trends, namely: solidarity, digitalization, sustainability, trustworthiness, as well as economic and financial resilience.

According to Dr. Thomas Bach:

«Olympic Agenda 2020+5, our vision for the Olympic movement's future, is in line with these major trends.

The aim is to further strengthen solidarity, take advantage of the positive potential of digitalization, be an active and efficient partner in the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, reinforce the trustworthiness of the Olympic Movement's components, and join our forces to those of other organizations that defend values or work for a set objective. »

15 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN EFFICIENT AGENDA OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

According to IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach, these recommendations are developed «...within the framework of a ***collaborative initiative, bringing together all stakeholders in the Olympic Movement, but above all thanks to the contribution and feedbacks from all of you, IOC Members, especially through your actions and inputs within the various IOC commissions. Olympic Agenda 2020+5 was drafted by all of us and therefore belong to the entire Olympic Movement. »***

This statement was made in

order to thank all those who participated in the drafting of the 15 recommendations, which are as follows:

- Strengthen the uniqueness and universality of the Olympic Games;
- Promote sustainable Olympic Games;
- Strengthen the rights and responsibilities of athletes;
- Continue attracting the best athletes;
- Further strengthen the safety of sports and the protection of upright athletes;





- Improve and promote the evolution up to the Olympic Games;
- Coordinate the harmonization of the sports calendar;
- Promote digitalization among citizens;
- Promote the development of virtual sports and further get in touch with video games communities,
- Strengthen the role of sport as major partner for the achievement of sustainable development goals set by the United Nations;
- Strengthen the support in favour of refugees and displaced persons;

- Meet new audiences beyond the Olympic community;
- Continue to be a model in matters of corporate citizenship;
- Strengthen the Olympic Movement through good governance;
- Develop innovative models for income generation.

These 15 recommendations are the bedrock of the new strategic roadmap for the IOC up to 2025.



“I would today like to inspire a discussion – a discussion with you and everybody interested in the Olympic community – on whether we should not complement the Olympic slogan ‘faster, higher, stronger’ by adding, after a hyphen, the word ‘together’: ‘faster, higher, stronger – together’. This could be, from my point of view, a strong commitment to our core value of solidarity and an appropriate and a humble adaptation to the challenges of this new world.”

Thomas Bach

IOC President
Olympic Champion, Fencing





ANOCA ZONE 2

HABIB SISSOKO REELECTED



He was candidate to succeed himself, and without any surprise, he was reelected. Habib Sissoko outgoing President of ANOCA Zone 2 has been given a new four-year term. This is the third consecutive election of the man who is also the President of Mali's Olympic and Sports Committee.

He was reelected on 20 February 2021 in Bamako, the country's capital, during the 4th General Assembly of Zone 4. During the meeting, the financial and annual reports were adopted by acclamation.

Expressing satisfaction, Habib Sissoko had this to say to delegates: ***«This moment is solemn and emotion great to express my feelings of deep gratitude, for the confidence you have just renewed to the members of the bureau which I was immensely pleased to head during the last term of office. I consider this testimony as a vocation which I have the duty to assume in full compliance of good governance principles. On behalf of bureau members, I would like to assure you of our commitment to leave no stone unturned to carry out the assigned tasks. I count on***





your unshakeable assistance and support.»

The said general assembly was presided at by Mali's Minister of Youth and Sports, Mossa Ag Attaher who said:

« I highly appreciate your efforts aimed at developing sports in your respective countries, and therefore within the sub-region. I commend the resilience you have displayed in launching most of your projects, in spite of a multitude of difficulties, compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic. These exploits are the result of an act of faith which should be magnified and which you

have to carry on ».

The bureau headed by Habib Sissoko includes a Vice-president, in the person of Mrs. Philomena Fortes from Cape Verde, a Secretary General, Seydina Omar Diagne from Senegal and a Treasurer, Mr. Mohamed Oumar Traoré from Mali, that is five members.

Representatives of National Olympic Committees from 8 Zone 4 member countries, namely Senegal, la Guinea, Mali, Cape Verde, Gambia, la Guinea Bissau, Mauritania and Sierra Leone took part in the meeting.





WOMEN AND SPORTS

ANOCA'S ZONE 2 ORGANIZES A SEMINAR



« **Empowering girls and women through sports** » was the main theme of the seminar organized on December 28 and 29 in Conakry, Republic of Guinea.

The event took place in the banquet hall of a city's hotel, under the chairmanship of the Guinean Minister of Youth and Youth's Employment, Mr. Mamadou Mouctar Diallo.

38 delegates including 33 girls and women from the zone's 8 member countries took part

in the meeting, which means 5 delegates per NOC, except the Gambia who had 3 delegates.

Invited personalities reaffirmed the support of their respective countries in favour of girls and women in the domain of sports. Challenges and constraints relating to women and girls' participation in sports were identified and some directions were given in order to overcome or by-pass any difficulty.

Concrete actions were identified:



four women are NOC Presidents and seven African women are IOC members.

The need to develop a zonal plan for the promotion of women's sport was also mentioned.

Some honours were awarded to personalities such as His Excellency Alpha CONDE, President of the Republic of Guinea, the First Lady of Guinea, Mrs. Adja Djéné CONDE, the Minister of Sports, Culture and Historic Heritage of Guinea, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Mali, and the NOC President of Guinea.

On the sidelines of the meeting,

the Prime Minister of Guinea granted an audience to the Minister of Youth and Sports of Mali, who was accompanied by Mrs. Filomena Fortes, the Zone's Vice-President and Mr. Seydina Oumar DIAGNE, Zone 2 Secretary General, in the presence of the Minister of Youth and Youth's Employment of Guinea.

A plea in favour of governments support in favour of sports activities, and especially for women, was made to the attention of the Guinean Prime Minister, who in turn undertook to carry the said plea forward to the President of the Republic.





REAPPRAISAL OF STATUTES

Jean Paul Ngaloua, Secretary General of Congo's National Olympic and Sports Committee has hinted the press on the main amendments made during the last meeting held in Cameroon in order to give the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa new statutes.

An extraordinary meeting was organized to this effect in the city of Douala, Cameroon. The ANOCA Zone 4 members only focused on the amendment of statutes. The aim is to improve the efficiency of the institution.

For instance, the rotation system for the position of President is no longer in the order of the day.

Jean Paul Ngaloua explains:

« We noticed that this rotation principle was not efficient enough and that we should go back to the vote system. The country or the NOC that feels able to assume the duties of Zone President should present its candidature, and the others would decide. »

From then henceforth, the Secretary General shall be appointed despite some weaknesses in this measure.

He added that:

« If the Secretary General is of Chadian nationality and the Treasurer from Central African

Republic, the bureau shall therefore be scattered over Central Africa and therefore it will not be easy to bring them together. If the appointee is Congolese, how is he going to work with the headquarters since we have decided that the headquarters should not be imperatively in the elected President's country? He may be in São Tomé and Príncipe, how would the Secretary General work with his team on duty? »

Another issue discussed was that of representation. Apart from the athletes' representative, members wished that a woman should be included in the Women and Sports Commission in the next bureau to be elected.

The issue of lack of competitions shall be dealt with in May during the next Zone 4 ordinary General Assembly. It's one of the weakest points of the zone, and Jean Paul Ngaloua declares that: « The issue on competitions is crucial. When we met for the first time, we agreed that each NOC should contribute in the zone's budget by wiring 1,000 dollars. On second thought, we realized that it was not enough. We should increase this amount to 5,000 dollars if we wanted to organize competitions. But how many NOCs were able to contribute 5,000 dollars? Just a few. » The idea to assign the organization of one competition per discipline to each country seemed more realistic

to organize more efficient events.

« One should not expect the host country to invest the highest budget, because we agreed that each country should take the competition for one

discipline. Boxing could be organized by Congo for example, Volley-ball elsewhere, Judo in another country ... to have more efficient competitions. We should not always try to organize very big meetings », he concluded.

TOGO

A SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE HAHO PREFECTURE



The first stone was laid down on 20 February 2021 at Asrama, Prefecture of Haho.

The ceremony was attended by the Minister of Sports and Leisure, Lidi Bessi-Kama; she is the one who performed the gesture of laying down the foundation for the construction of a sports complex named « Olympafrica Center ».

Also present at the event were the President of Togo's National Olympic Committee Edem Akpaki, the Dakar Executive Director of the Olympafrica Foundation, Diack Thierno as well as traditional and local authorities.



The complex includes a football pitch, an athletics track, a multifunctional clay pigeon, a multipurpose community center and a leisure space for children.

This project is sponsored by the International Olympic Committee through the Olympafrica International Foundation, whose mission is to promote youths' social development on the continent through sport.

This is the second Olympafrica center to be built in Togo after the one in Lomé.



NOC-K

THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF KENYA (NOC-K) IS SET TO BUILD THE OLYMPAFRICA YOUTH CENTRE IN RUAI AFTER RECEIVING THE BACKING OF THE NAIROBI COUNTY GOVERNMENT.



The NOC-K has confirmed that it has been given land free of charge from the Government after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Nairobi City Hall.

NOC-K President Paul Tergat and Ann Kananu, deputy governor for Nairobi, signed the MoU at a ceremony on March 3.

Olympafrica, a foundation initiated by the International Olympic Committee, has agreed to sponsor the centre which is expected to assist with the development of talented young athletes.

The NOC-K is set to take on the operational costs with Olympafrica providing seed funding for the centre.

«Today is a big day and an exciting one to have such a centre built in Nairobi and with the partnership with the Governor's office and Nairobi County,» said Tergat.

«Sports has changed and can change lives.»

Francis Mutuku, secretary general for NOC-K, said the centre in Nairobi would provide a «template»





and encouraged other counties to get involved.

«We have been talking about transforming the youth and this is one of the ways to transform them,» said Mutuku in a report by allAfrica.

«As for the next steps, we'll start putting together the plan, the International Olympic Committee has been promoting through Agenda 2020 cheaper ways of bringing sports to the community.

«We will therefore be looking at simple, practical ways to introduce sports to the youth, so that we can start as soon as possible.»

Ndiate Sall, director of programmes for Olympafrica added: «I would like to thank you all for the support and the way you have welcomed this project.

«Olympafrica is a social development programme for

sports; we build centres that are basic sports facilities to give African youth somewhere they can practice sports and nurture their talent and to teach them the right values so they can be model citizens in the future.

«We are very happy to extend our network to Nairobi because we have centres in 37 countries in Africa, so we are excited to have this new centre here and we are reassured to see the way things are moving here.»

Kananu believes the centre will keep youngsters away from idleness, crime, drugs and alcohol abuse.

«It is my hope that one of the youths from this area will emulate our past and present Olympic heroes,» added Kananu.





DAKAR 2026

THE GLOBAL SPORT WEEK HIGHLIGHTS THE DAKAR 2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES



The Global Sport Week is the multinational forum devoted to sport, based in Paris, France. A special session named **“Senegal: Gateway to Sport, global future”** was used to display Senegal’s radiance in the area of sports.

This was an opportunity for Ibrahima Wade, Dakar 2026 coordinator to talk about the catalyst role played by the YOG in order to promote youth’s empowerment, gender equality and sports development in the region. He also presented the final draft of the YOG edition plan, a comprehensive document that brings together all the major elements necessary for the staging of the first YOG on the continent in 2026.

Ibrahima Wade had this to say:

« The joint development of the

Dakar 2026 YOG edition plan went beyond the writing of lines and the filling of pages. It was an opportunity to discuss in absolute transparency with the IOC to know about what the YOG are and how we are going to organize them, taking into consideration the realities and the context in Senegal. At the end of the process, all stakeholders came out with a better understanding of the best ways and means to organize YOG that would live up to expectations. The last page closing the edition plan opened the way to this incredible adventure we are going to witness together. »

Talking about the edition plan, the IOC Olympic Games Executive Director, Christophe Dubi said:

« We are proud of what we





have already achieved with our Senegalese hosts. The edition plan is our common reference document, which explains how we intend to deliver the Dakar 2026 YOG, both at strategic and operational levels. »

And he added:

« We have put to test a new approach - joint development - for a new destination, the African continent. We are living a fascinating experience, which enables us to propose new ideas and to look

for smart solutions. A model for Senegal and our next hosts! »

The Dakar 2026 YOG edition plan is unprecedented, as it was developed by hosts, the IOC and other national and international key stakeholders, and draws inspiration from the 2020 Olympic Agenda and the new standards of the IOC. It was finalized in 2020 before the decision to postpone the Dakar Youth Olympic Games from 2022 to 2026 was taken.

BENIN

: JULIEN MINAVOA FOR ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM



He was reelected at the helm of the National Olympic and Sport Committee of Benin on Saturday 13 March 2021. The elective General Assembly was organized at the Marius Fransisco auditorium of General Mathieu Kérékou Stadium.

He received the confidence of his peers. As the only candidate after his challenger withdrew his candidature; therefore, as anyone could have expected, he was reelected for the

third time with 29 votes for, and 1 against.

The new Executive bureau is as follows:

- **President : Vinakpon Julien Minavoa**
- **Vice-President : Jean Claude Talon**
- **Secretary General: Fernando Hessou**
- **Deputy Secretary General: Germain Loko**
- **Treasurer General: Esther Odjo Agboton**
- **Deputy Treasurer General: Towanou Gratien Gbaguidi**
- **Members : Leopold Gbénou, Floriane Afoutou**
- **Auditors: Rhétice Dagba, Narcisse Alognissoun***

The General Assembly also provided the opportunity for the outgoing Executive Bureau to present a balance-sheet of the four years they served at the helm of the Committee.



SPORTS

25 NEW TALENTS SELECTED FOR THE IOC'S YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING 6 AFRICANS

The Olympic institution has announced that twenty-five young leaders, among whom six Africans were selected by the IOC within the framework of its four-year programme.

“Coming from 25 countries and 5 continents, these future leaders will entirely create (from conception to implementation) sustainable social companies geared towards sports, thanks to weekly learning models and leadership courses.” This is what the IOC said through a release.

According to the Olympic organization, this 5th generation of young leaders will benefit from an improved version of the programme, which moves from an annual model to a quadrennial model. The programme will provide young leaders with additional tools and skills which they will need to be successful social businessmen and have a positive impact through sport.

The IOC explained that the programme, which starts in February, aims at « providing new talents with means to start their own social business as

sports solution to an urgent problem within their respective communities », adding that “participants will receive 10,000 Swiss francs as seed funds over a period of four years and supported by weekly learning modules and will be offered leadership opportunities”.

As ambassadors of the Olympic movement, IOC young leaders are bound to be active in counseling the organization, and the Olympic movement in general, on specific issues, while promoting Olympic values worldwide.

“Launched in 2016 the IOC young leaders programme, offers the youths all over the world the opportunity to achieve this objective within their communities”, said IOC President, Thomas Bach, based on the success of programme’s first three editions.

The 25 participants, including 13 women, selected for the programme were chosen from 350 candidates, all having an experience or being true sports lovers.





KENYA

KENYA SIGNS ANTI-DOPING LAW TO ENHANCE PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta on Thursday signed into law an Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2020 aimed at enhancing the participation of its athletes in regional and international competitions.

Kenyatta said in a statement that the legislation amends the Anti-Doping Act of 2016 so as to align Kenya's legislative framework with the 2021 World Anti-Doping code and regulations.

«The new anti-doping law

also ensures the continued participation of Kenyan athletes in local, regional and international competitions in line with the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention against doping in sports,» Kenyatta said after signing the bill.

The East African nation put in place the law in a bid to beat the January 1, 2021, deadline set to bar athletes from non-compliant countries from participating in international sporting competitions. Enditem

LIBYAN NOC



The Executive board of the Libyan Olympic Committee referred to the issue of the damaging actions committed by the First Vice President of the Executive Board of the Libyan Olympic Committee. ANOCA Secretary General attended through videoconferencing

Resolution:

The General Assembly reviewed all the available documents which included complaints submitted by members of the General Assembly that Mr. Mohsen Muhammad Al-Sebaei committed serious acts that had damaged the Libyan Olympic Committee and the sports federations.

Accordingly, the General Assembly approved by more than two-thirds of the votes of the members the application of Article (36) paragraph (6) of The basic constitution of the Libyan Olympic Committee of revoking the membership of Mr. Mohsen Mohamed Al-Sebaei from the executive board of the Libyan Olympic Committee in his capacity as first vice president, as well as



revoking his membership from the General Assembly of the Libyan Olympic Committee so that his position becomes vacant (immediately?).

A substitute will be elected at the first meeting of the ordinary or extraordinary general assembly and the newly elected member will complete the remaining term of membership

Third item:

The Executive Board of the Libyan Olympic Committee referred to the issue of the



damaging actions committed by the President of the Libyan Shooting Federation in order to take the necessary decision in his regard.

Resolution:

The General Assembly reviewed all the documents including complaints submitted by members of the General Assembly that Mr. Adel Ibrahim Quraish committed serious acts that damaged the Libyan Olympic Committee and the Libyan fencing Federation. Accordingly, the General Assembly approved by more than two-thirds of the members votes the application of Article (36) paragraph (6) From the statute of the Libyan Olympic Committee by revoking the membership of Mr. Adel Ibrahim Quraish from the General Assembly of the Libyan Olympic Committee (effective immediately)





SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE ORGANIZE ITS FIRST NATIONAL SPORTS FORUM



The National Olympic Committee of São Tomé and Príncipe, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneurship, organized the 1st National Sports Forum from 10 to 12 March 2021. The opening ceremony, presided over by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, took place in the presence of the President of the National Assembly, the Minister of National Education and higher Education, the Minister of Tourism and Culture, the representative of UNDP in São Tomé and Príncipe, the President of the Cape Verdean Olympic Committee, District Councils, National Federations

and Physical Education teachers. In his address, the Prime Minister started by praising the fruitful partnership between the Olympic Committee of São Tomé and Príncipe and the Government, through the General Directorate of Sports of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneurship in the organization of this event, while underscoring that «we want this forum to demonstrate that each stakeholder of national sport has a say, a suggestion to make in the process of developing sports, and that the national Olympic Movement has an important role to play in this process». The head of the São Tomé and Príncipe





Executive also announced that Government will increase the share of the general budget allocated to sports, **«we hereby undertake to continue increasing the share of the General State budget in favour of the national sport and to spare no effort in the sense of requesting the support of our cooperation partners in favour of the national sport and the dignity of senior staff, technicians and various sports disciplines practitioners»**. Furthermore, the President of the National Olympic Committee highlighted the weaknesses of São Tomé and Príncipe's sport by indicating that **«the planning process we intend to launch with this forum would effectively bear its fruits only if it is largely supported by its direct or indirect beneficiaries»**. Still in his address, João Costa Alegre expressed his wish to take full advantage of national sport, saying that «sport can be used as a means to enhance the image of our country, a festive means for the youths ». Finally, the President called the attention of people present on the need of collective effort in order to achieve the objectives set in the domain of sports ; in substance, this is what he had to say: **«we must serve first, leaving aside our personal interests»**, after having said that **«sport is yet to see the light at the end of the tunnel, not only for lack**

of means, but also and above all because of the lack of interest on the part of society for this activity, which gains more and more interest in the life of citizens worldwide, due to its cross-cutting nature». Many themes were dealt with during the three-day meeting, including sports dissemination (school, community and military sports), Olympism and Olympic education, tourism and environmental sustainability, sports financing, and finally the elite and high performance. With the forum's conclusion and recommendations, the country will draft, through a multi-sectorial team to be set up to this effect, a strategic plan for the development of sport in PTSs, which will cover two Olympiads 2021/2024/2028. The Olympic Committee of São Tomé and Príncipe will continue to work hand in glove to improve national sports.





NEW MEMBERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



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This commission is chaired by Hamad Kalkaba Malboum and includes the following members:

- Mr. Barry Hendricks (South Africa)
- Mr. Ahmed Habu Gumel (Nigeria)
- Mrs. Bouchra Hajij (Morocco)
- Dr. Ashebir Gayo (Ethiopia)
- Mrs. Beatrice Ayikorou (Uganda)
- Mr. Amar Bramia (Algeria)
- Mr. Hamdi Rahim (Egypt)
- Mr. Paul Tergat (Kenya)
- Mr. Augustin Senghor (Senegal)
- Mr. Ben Nuno Mensah (Ghana)
- Mr. Abner Axel Xoagub

- (Namibia)
- Mr. Vivian Gungaram (Mauritius)
- Mr. Foloko Alfred (Zambia)

The representative of the Olympic Solidarity in the commission is Mr. Olivier Niamkey. The post of Rapporteur is held by Mrs. Ezra Tshabangu; there are also two assistants to the President, in the persons of David OJONG and Abdourahman KALKABA; they were all appointed by a decision signed by Honourable Mustapha Berraf, the President of ANOCA.





SUDAN

THE NOC IS BACK IN ITS HEADQUARTERS



« Sudan's Olympic Committee can now resume its activities, and I am convinced that with your support, cooperation relations between the Olympic Committee of Sudan and Government authorities can be strengthened in order to develop a fruitful partnership for the interest of sportsmen and women», says Thomas Bach, the President of the International Olympic Committee, talking to the President of the Transitional Sovereignty Council, Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan.

One could have expected such a happy end following the peaceful release of the premises of Sudan's Olympic Committee.

In this connection, Dr. Thomas Bach said that ***“permit me to express my thanks and my congratulations for your timely and peaceful intervention to solve this delicate issue.”***

ANOCA wishes to thank the Government of Sudan which contributed in the release of the NOC's buildings occupied by the armed groups. ANOCA's President, Honourable Mustapha Berraf thus joined his voice to that of Dr. Thomas Bach to express the deep gratitude of the African Olympic and Sports Movement.