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CELEBRATION



# ANOCA PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF ANOCA'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*Excellences Mesdames et Messieurs les Ministres,  
Honourable Members of the Executive Committee  
Honourable Members of the International Olympic Committee  
Mr. President of the*

*International Gymnastics Committee  
Mr. AASC Major General Messrs. and Lady Presidents of African Sports Confederations*

*Dear Members of the African Olympic family,  
Dear guests;*

First of all, permit me to express on your behalf the joy of being at Abuja and my joy of being at Abuja to celebrate the 40 years of our Association.

Headquarters of ANOCA, the beautiful city of Abuja will be during our celebrations, the gathering place of illustrious personalities of the world of sport and Olympism. Mr. Minister of Youths and Sports of Nigeria and dear brother, I am now addressing you first to tell you tell you once again how grateful we are grateful to you and your Government, for the



**MUSTAPHA BERRAF**

**IOC Member,  
ANOCA President**





support in favour of the African Olympic and sports Movement; we pray you to kindly express our most respectful and deferent gratitude to H.E. the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

My dear brothers and sisters of the African Olympic family and dear illustrious guests, thank you all to have come to witness these moments of great communion with us.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's now stand as one man to give a deserved ovation the indelible job done by the Nigerian Government in favour of ANOCA.

ANOCA can proudly and legitimately say that it has achieved its task for the past 40 years. The organization has been relentlessly working to take into account the increasing needs expressed by the continent's youths, the target of our actions. The number of NOCs has moved from 33 in 1981 to 54 today; this shows a significant quantitative evolution of our association's member national Olympic structures. We are proud of that.

This noble mission has encouraged ANOCA to embark on many fronts. First, the association supported the organization of continental sports events. In this area, we contributed to the stabilization of the holding of All Africa Games. In this respect, the evolution of the continental sports Movement's structure has made our institution to be entrusted with the organization and management of this event; we have been doing it successfully with the support of all major stakeholders. In the same vein, ANOCA supervises the training and the participation of African NOCs to various multisport events organized at world level. This strategic area of intervention has made our association to support athletes engaged in the Commonwealth Games, the various Youth Olympic Games and to the Olympic Games. On this last aspect in particular, we decided to set up, within the framework of the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games, an ambitious programme to support athletes from the continent, which is based on a vision which includes qualification and training phases, with adequate budget. Results achieved are





encouraging and we will do more. For Paris 2024, we will also work in the same line with more ambitious, but realistic areas of intervention.

However, during these past 40 years, ANOCA's actions were not limited to the organization or the participation to sports events. They went even further. Year after year, we have been recognized as an organization at the service of a multifaceted development based on diversified programmes and support. In this strategic vision, the creation of the Olympafrica programme enables many youths from the continent to practice their favourite sport and to carry out their favourite sport and carry out other activities. With the assistance of stakeholders, our association has been able to make this programme more dynamic, a programme which has placed youths at the heart of most of its activities and which contributes their social development and their empowerment. Today, about 50 centres disseminated in more than 40 countries host thousands of youths from the continent. The extension of this programme which should be set up in all countries of the

continent will be at the center of our concerns in the next years, because the youths have found in its various infrastructure and activities, an environment of expression and empowerment which enables them to cultivate values that are consistent with Olympism.

In building an Olympic Africa which is proud of bringing smiles everyday to youths, we are hereby launching a call for collective and permanent action between governments, our organization and sports confederations.

We wish to thank first of all successive International Olympic Committee Presidents, especially President Thomas Bach who has been working relentlessly to support the African Olympic and Sports movement. It is also necessary for us to congratulate him for his efficient management of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Long live the African Olympic and Sport Movement, Long live ANOCA!

Happy feast to you all.

Thank you for your attention.



# INSIDE ANOCA'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS





150 personalities, including Honorary African IOC Members, African IOC Members, ANOCA Executive Committee members, Athletes, Ministers of Youth and Sport, two officials from Olympic Solidarity, Messrs. Olivier Niamkey and Yassine Yousfi, Ambassadors, Presidents of NOCs who represented their athletes and presidents of National Federations in Nigeria





**A**NOCA's 40th anniversary celebrations focused on a big dinner organized on 28 September 2021 and attended by 150 personalities, including Honorary African IOC Members, African IOC Members, ANOCA Executive Committee members, Athletes, Ministers of Youth and Sport, two officials from

Olympic Solidarity, Messrs. Olivier Niamkey and Yassine Yousfi, Ambassadors, Presidents of NOCs who represented their athletes and presidents of National Federations in Nigeria. There was tremendous support from the Minister of Youth and Sport Development in Nigeria, Honourable Sunday Dare. The event was also graced by





the President of International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Mr. Morinari Watanabe, the President of World Baseball

Softball Confederation (WBSC) Mr. Riccardo Fraccari. ANOCA President's speech reviewed the Association's

past 40 years and at the same time paid deserved homage to successive IOC Presidents, especially to Dr. Thomas Bach for his constant support. Also present were Ministers of Youth and Sport from Egypt, Ghana and Algeria. Ministers from



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the various Ministries of the Federal Republic of Nigeria also graced the occasion. At the dinner, the athletes were honoured and recognized for performing well at the recent Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. As ANOCA, we still plan to host our African Sports Awards where we will honour the various performances of our athletes and recognize our coaches, technical officials

and administrators, in line with our recently ratified ANOCA strategic plan. The event was also graced by beautiful artistic performances; to say it all it was a very beautiful African styled feast to magnify the first African Olympic organization's 40 years of achievements.





# LET'S TALK MEDALS

**T**he big gala night organized at Abuja on 28 September 2021 on the occasion of ANOCA's 40th anniversary provided the African Olympic Movement's governing body the opportunity to decorate many personalities which distinguished themselves in the promotion of sport and Olympism in Africa. Thus, the following officials were decorated with the ANOCA medal: Hon. Sunday Dare, Minister Youths and Sports Development of Nigeria; Hon. Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youths and Sports of Egypt; Hon. Abderazak Sebgag, Minister of Youths and Sports of Nigeria; Hon. Mustapha Ussif, Minister of Youths and Sports of Ghana and Morinari Watanabe, President of the International Federation of Gymnastics.





As far as the ANOCA Order of Merit is concerned, it was

awarded to: Ingr. Ahmed Habu Gumel, Nigerian NOC President and ANOCA Treasurer; Kipchoge





# ANOCA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY



Keino, former Olympic champion (1968 and 1972), and former Kenyan NOC President; Intendant

General Lassana Palenfo, former ANOCA President; Colonel Hamad Kalkaba Malboum,





President of Cameroon NOC and President of the African Athletics Federation ; Jean Yameogo, President of Burkina Faso NOC and Ide Issaka, President of Niger

NOC.

In the same vein, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa rewarded two of the





most famous African athletes; these are Emmanuel Korir from Kenya, 800m specialist and Olympic champion in 2021 in Tokyo. He was awarded the

ANOCA medal and a sum of USD 10,000 to encourage him for the pursuit of his career. The other athlete to be rewarded was Nigerian wrestler Blessing





Oborududu, several times African champion, two-times gold medalist at the All Africa Games and silver medal winner in the 68 kg at the 2020 Tokyo

Olympic Games. In addition to the medal she received, she was given a sum of 7,000 dollars.





# WHAT DID THEY SAY?

## **Hon. Abderazak Sebgag, Algerian Minister of Youths and Sports**

« I would like to wholeheartedly thank the President of ANOCA, Mustapha Berraf, as well as the Minister of Youths and Sports Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mr. Sunday Dare, to have honoured me with this invitation and provided me the opportunity to take part in this ceremony which is a major milestone on the dynamic forward move of the African sports and Olympic movement. On this occasion, I also wish to pay vibrant homage to founding fathers who had the wisdom, forty years back, to set the base of African Olympism, as major support to African Union's objectives aimed at making sport an element of culture, of Man's development and of strengthening of union, unity and national cohesion throughout our continent ».

## **Riccardo Fraccari, President of the World Baseball and Softball Confederation**

« I wish to thank the President of ANOCA, Mustapha Berraf and the Secretary General of ANOCA, Ahmed Abu Elgasim Hashim, for inviting the

WBSC to this big gathering of the African Olympic family...The aim of our international Confederation is to have African high-level teams when Baseball 5 makes its debut at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games ».

## **Hon. Sunday Dare, Nigerian Minister of Youths and Sports Development:**

« These celebrations fill me with great joy. This is a true sign of generosity, understanding and international cooperation, sport and cultural exchanges between 54 countries, all sharing a unified vision. The presence of Ministers of Youths and Sports from 4 countries is unprecedented and a sign of a new horizon for an increased cooperation and coordination of sport development in Africa.

I wish to thank my colleagues Ministers for having twisted their respective agendas to come and live these moments with us. Nigeria shares its vision of promoting a humanist, dignified and peaceful society with ANOCA and all officials here present ».








MESSAGE

# MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP FROM IOC PRESIDENT, DR. THOMAS BACH, TO THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC AND SPORTS MOVEMENT





***Dear ANOCA President,  
My dear colleague and friend  
Mustapha Berraf,  
Dear IOC members,  
Dear delegates, dear athletes,  
my dear friends;***

 On behalf of the entire Olympic community, let me express my sincere congratulations to you on the occasion of ANOCA's 40th anniversary. Since its creation, ANOCA has been demonstrating its unshakable commitment to keep the Olympic spirit alive in the hearts of the entire African continent's people, to develop Olympic sports and to instill Olympic values of excellence, respect, friendship and solidarity in younger generations. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are the best illustration; they were historic Olympic Games. We all had to put unprecedented efforts to stage them in a safe and secure manner. All African NOCs and all athletes played an essential role in the writing of

*this Tokyo story and you can all be legitimately very proud. We were able to make postponed Olympic Games come true only thanks to the unanimous support of all the members of our Olympic community. This is remarkable especially as we had to face numerous challenges during the last months of the pandemic. Therefore, I wish to sincerely thank you and express you my thanks and gratitude for your invaluable contribution to the success of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. They were Olympic Games of peace, of hope and of solidarity. Athletes from 93 NOCs won medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, which is more than all previous games. Of these 93 NOCs, 13 were African, just as previously. Your athletes were at the heart of this remarkable success of the Tokyo Games. This success was marked by many African chapters. Le Burkina Faso was among the NOCs that won their first medals in Olympic Games. Uganda and Egypt*



*celebrated their first Women Olympic champions. With 11 gold medals, Africa athletes went above Rio 2016 results, once more demonstrating the rich potential your association offers to athletes from Africa and the whole world. Many African athletes present in Tokyo were supported by ANOCA and the Olympic Solidarity. This anniversary enables you to remember these events and many other great moments of African sport during the past 40 years. However we cannot afford to stay on past victories. We are in the sport domain and therefore, we continue to be ambitious. That is why this anniversary also provides the opportunity to set the foundation for a brighter future for African sport, to take necessary measures so that your athletes are ready to write another chapter of African sport history at the Paris 2024 and even beyond. The strategic Plan you adopted last year is an excellent tool in this respect. This is even more important with the Dakar*

*2026 Youth Olympic Games, the first competition on African soil, and also for major competitions organized by ANOCA. I also wish to congratulate all the ANOCA team under the leadership of President Mustapha Berraf, for having presented this vision for the future of Olympic sport in Africa. While you are turned towards the future, I can only encourage you to implement all major reforms contained in your strategic plan, especially as good governance is concerned. Today, I wish to congratulate you and also to thank you. Thank you, thank you for 40 years of friendship and sport excellence. Thank you to be an important and strong member of our Olympic Community. We are all eager to continue with you this wonderful sport journey, for the next 40 years and beyond. Ubuntu Africa ! ».*



# MEETING BETWEEN ANOCA, MINISTERS OF SPORTS AND AASC: THE « ABUJA INITIATIVE » ADOPTED



**O**n the sidelines of the celebrations, the Management Committee of ANOCA held a meeting with the Ministers of Youth and Sport who were present in Abuja and representatives of the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC). The objective of the meeting was to form a high-level Task Force that will co-ordinate collaborative efforts among

NOCs, governments and sports confederations, with a view to promote sports development and Olympism in the continent. It is envisaged that this will avoid duplication of efforts and will harmonize relationships between African NOCs, confederations and governments, in particular Ministries of Youth and Sport Development. This will be done in line with the prescripts of the



Olympic Charter. The President of Tunisia NOC was invited to the meeting as the host for the 2nd African Beach Games which will take place in 2023. Speaking during a press conference granted on 29 September by the four Members of Government present at Abuja, Hon. Sunday Dare, the Nigerian Minister of Youths and Sports Development had this to say : **« this initiative will boost sport development on the continent while strengthening unity among African countries through sport ».**

Here is the list of participants at this Abuja meeting

**ANOCA Management Committee**

- Mr. Mustapha Berraf – President
- Mr. Joao Manuel Costa Alegre Afonso – 1st Vice President
- Engr. Ahmed Hashim – Secretary

General

- Engr. Habu Gumel – Treasurer General

**Ministers of Youth and Sport**

- Hon. Sunday Dare – Nigeria
- Hon. Ashraf Sobhy – Egypt
- Hon. Abderazak Sebgag – Algeria
- Hon. Mustapha Ussif – Ghana

**Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC)**

- Gen. Ahmed Nasser – President
- Dr. Emad El Bannany – Secretary General

**Tunisia NOC**

- Mr. Mehrez Boussayene – President

**ANOCA Games Co-ordination Commission member**

- Mr William Blick – IOC Member



## THE ABUJA DECLARATION

Participants at the meeting which brought together Ministers of Sports from Nigeria, Algeria, Ghana, Egypt and AASC on 27 September 2021 mutually agreed on the following resolutions:

- *The meeting will be expanded to all Ministers and NOCs*
- *The joint Task Force will work together to co-ordinate the joint meetings*
- *There should be mutual agreement and co-operation on the development of sport in Africa*
- *There should be harmonized relations and co-operation on the hosting of multi sport Games in Africa*
- *Egypt will host the next meeting, followed by Algeria. This will then be rotated accordingly*
- *Egypt plans to put forward a Bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games. These Games will be for the entire African continent.*
- *The Task Force will work towards ensuring there are harmonized relations and serenity between NOCs, sports federations and governments.*

# ANOCA HOLDS THE 56<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ABUJA

The 56th ordinary session of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa took place on

29-30 September 2021. Honorary and African IOC Members were invited as observers. The opening ceremony was attended by





Minister of Sports of Algeria, Egypt, Ghana and Nigeria. In his welcome address, Nigerian IOC President, Ahmed Habu Gumel, saluted all participants. Taking the floor, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf thanked all Nigerian authorities for hosting this meeting and for all facilities made available. On his part, the Minister of Youths and Sports Development of Nigeria, Hon. Sunday Dare wished full success to the Abuja meeting.

During deliberations per se, participants adopted the minutes of the 55th Executive Committee ordinary session

of the association. ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, in his keynote address, said that: **«Our wish to work hand in hand with Governments of the 54 member countries is translated by the firm resolve according to wish together, we should bring hope to the continent's youths through the development of African sport. The natural partnership between the Olympic movement and governments needs not to be overemphasized; it is a real satisfaction for our past, present and future victories. Furthermore, we need to work together to build the future and to implement a common vision for African**





*sport. » He went further to add that: «This year 2021 has been a real challenge for the world Olympic and sports movement. Together, we were able to take up the challenge of the Tokyo Olympic Games in Japan through a wonderful participation of the African continent. The dreadful Covid-19 pandemic did not disturb the Games which were a planetary success thanks to the duty-consciousness and resolve of the International Olympic Committee. Congratulations to our athletes, who showed proof of courage, of talent and above all, of professionalism. Our heroes made us proud and happy. Paris 2024 should be for*

*us an opportunity to go further than these achievements which make our pride today. Our sincere thanks go to the International Olympic Committee and its President, Dr. Thomas Bach who has never spared his efforts to support the African Olympic and sports movement ».*

In his progress report the Secretary General of ANOCA, Ingr. Ahmed Abu Elgasim Hashim presented a balance-sheet of activities carried out by the Association since 2020. According to him : *« Just as the rest of the world, Anoca and the Olympic and sport movement were faced with the Covid-19 pandemic which had as effect*





*the postponement of sports competitions, the suspension of physical meetings and so on. This situation occurred just after our 55th session held in Kampala in March 2020. Therefore, we had to resort to the new way of doing things, which is using technology to hold our meetings, seminars and others virtually. We did it successfully as our programmes continued to be implemented, as well as our relationships with our*

**Presentations were also received from the various commissions of ANOCA, namely the Athletes, Gender Equality and Development Commissions**

*partners went on ».* Among the actions which were carried out, the Secretary General mentioned the following: ANOC funds which were redistributed to NOCs which applied for ; the drafting of the very first ANOCA 2021-2024 Strategic Plan ; the adoption in December 2020 at Addis-Ababa of the Association's revised Statutes and Code of Ethics ; the holding

of the Athlete's Forum ; a webinar on Gender Equity ; two medical and anti-doping webinars and the organization of an elective General Assembly during which 80% of Executive committee members were reelected. He also talked about the support to athletes through the ANOCA Support Programme which helped the majority of athletes to qualify for the Tokyo Games and win medals; the holding of statutory meetings; the 36th NOC Secretary Generals; activities of various athletes commissions ; the financial support to African NOCs for sports development ; the strengthening of NOCs' role and the promotion of Olympic values ; Olympafrica activities ; special projects ; the increase of the partners' portfolio and Africa's participation in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The Ministers were afforded an opportunity to address the Executive Committee, African Honorary IOC and IOC Members present. The Ministers then held a press conference addressing matters specific to their countries. The Executive Committee meeting continued whilst the press conference was in progress.





Once the press conference was concluded, Minister Sobhy gave a presentation on the plans for Egypt to host the 14th African Games 2027 and the Olympic Games 2036. Honourable Ussif gave a presentation on the preparations for the 2023 African Games in Ghana. He reiterated Ghana government's commitment to hosting a successful Games. Representatives from ANOCA, Ghana and AASC/UCSA will have a meeting with the African Union to resolve the current impasse on the exclusion of ANOCA on the preparations for the 2023 African Games.

Presentations were also received from the various commissions of ANOCA, namely the Athletes, Gender Equality and Development Commissions. A presentation was also received from the FIG President Mr. Morinari Watanabe,

who committed his International Federation (IF) to ensuring there was gymnastics in all territories of the 54 African NOCs. The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) President Mr. Riccardo Fraccari and his technical team also presented at the session. The aim of the IF is to grow Baseball 5 on the African continent, given its inclusion on the sports programme of Dakar 2026. The presentation from Mr. Niamkey and Mr. Yousfi was well received, as it emphasized the importance of accessing the various Olympic Solidarity (OS) programmes, collaboration between the ANOCA office and Lausanne OS office on the implementation of programmes to avoid duplication. An analysis of Africa's performance at the Tokyo 2020 Games was also presented





## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 56TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA (ANOCA) 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2021, ABUJA NIGERIA

1. The Executive Committee recognizes with great appreciation, the IOC under the leader of H.E. Dr. Thomas Bach to the Olympic Movement, placing sport in the service of Humanity and the Total support and guidance granted to Africa.
2. The Executive Committee appreciates the continuous support rendered by the Government of Nigeria under the leadership of H.E President Muhammadu Buhari to the African sport movement, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Nigeria under the guidance of its Minister, Honourable Sunday Dare and to the people of Nigeria for hosting the ANOCA Headquarters.
3. The ANOCA Executive Committee hails the presence and enthusiasm of the Sport Ministers from Algeria, Egypt, Ghana and Nigeria and appreciates the expressed support by all Ministers to ANOCA.
4. The ANOCA Executive Committee praises the presence of UCSA President and Secretary General at the ANOCA 40th Anniversary celebrations and comprehends the healthy relationship between the two sister organizations.
5. The ANOCA Executive Committee recognizes the "Abuja Initiative" called upon by the Ministers as a renaissance for sports in Africa and welcomes the tripartite task force.
6. The ANOCA Executive Committee welcome the efforts of the respective Ministers under the Abuja "Abuja Initiative" to be realized by the Triparty task force (Ministers, ANOCA and UCSA) in order to streamline all efforts for the benefit of





African youth and classify this a renaissance for sports in Africa.

7. The ANOCA Executive Board recognizes with great appreciation the presence of the President of International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and the President of World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC).
8. The ANOCA Executive Board praises the presence of ANOCA Sponsor, Gerflor representatives and the valuable contribution announced by the company in support of African Sport.
9. The ANOCA Executive Board highly appreciates the IOC members in Africa and recognizes their active participation at ANOCA.
10. The ANOCA Executive Board grants a vote of thanks to the ANOCA Development Commission.
11. The ANOCA Executive Committee recognizes the efforts of the ANOCA staff in the service of the organization.
12. The ANOCA Executive Committee and African IOC members recognizes with great support the Egyptian

interest expressed by the Minister of Youth and Sport in Egypt and the given presentation of the abilities to Host the Olympic Games 2036 and the African Games 2027.

13. The ANOCA Executive committee urges all National Olympic Committees in Africa to form an Athletes Commission ensure its active participation and secure adequate representation of Athletes in all NOC organs.
14. The ANOCA Executive Committee urges all National Olympic Committees in Africa to form a Gender Equality Commission and ensure the active representation of women in all NOC activities.
15. The ANOCA Executive Committee endorses the participation of Baseball5 as a competitive sport at the African Beach Games 2023 in Tunisia.
16. The ANOCA Executive Committee unanimously voted Dr. Paul Tergat and Ms Gaby Ahrens as Athletes representatives at the ANOCA Executive Committee. Mrs. Tegla Loroupe will be the representative of Refugee





- Athletes.
17. The ANOCA Executive Committee recognizes the efforts by the Marketing Commission and approves the contract to Marketing agency Sport Five.
  18. The ANOCA Executive Committee comprehends the efforts and support rendered by the Olympic Solidarity Team towards the development of Sport in Africa.
  19. The ANOCA Executive Committee comprehends the efficient Management of Olympafrica foundation and takes note of the presented report by its Director, Mr. Thierno Diack and cast a vote of thanks for the foundation and expresses total satisfaction and praises the decision by the Olympafrica Board to increase the payment scale for its staff.
  20. The ANOCA Executive appreciates the efforts and positive results of the ANOCA Athletes support program and grants permission to launch the Paris 2024 program.
  21. The ANOCA Executive Committee approves the 2021-2024 ANOCA Commission on the basis of Annual reviews to ensure active participation.
  22. The ANOCA Executive Committee appreciates the effort to organize ANOCA Sustainability conference in South Africa during January 2022 and the active presence of World leaders, the UN Secretary General, the president of South Africa, the IOC President and directed to give all needed support for its success.
  23. The ANOCA Executive takes note of the progress in organizing the 2nd African Beach Games 2023 In Tunisia and appreciates the NOC of Tunisia action plan to realize the Games.
  24. The ANOCA Executive Committee takes note of the progress in the organizing of the African Youth Games – Addis Ababa 2022 and grants the NOC of Ethiopia till 30th of October as a deadline to finalize the Games contract.
  25. The ANOCA Executive Board granted the hosting of the 57th ANOCA Executive Board meeting to the NOC of Sudan.





## BASEBALL5

# BASEBALL5 PRESENTED TO ANOCA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Invited at the 56th ordinary session of ANOCA's Executive Committee on 29 and 30 September 2021, the President of the International Baseball and Softball Confederation, Mr. Riccardo Fraccari made a presentation of his association to participants, in prelude to the introduction of baseball5 in the list of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games to be held in 2026. He started by presenting his organization which is the world Baseball and Softball governing body with 210 member structures represented in 138 countries. Africa has a continental Association, 28 national Federations and 3 new federations which intend to apply for affiliation.

The International Baseball and Softball Confederation has a continental link dedicated for each of the five Olympic continents to support National Federations and Continental Associations in the areas of development, communication, administration

and event management. During the last quadrennial, the world body supported over 60 projects in Africa, of which 14 consisted in the distribution of Baseball & softball equipment; a dozen included technical training and 14 aimed at promoting the development of Baseball5. The Federation supported more than 15 projects including the renovation of playgrounds, Africa's development plan and financial assistance. Seven development projects were implemented in partnership with the Olympic Solidarity. Then, Riccardo Fraccari presented Baseball5 which he said is very distracting, fast, and intuitive, and involves a team of five; it aims at increasing access and inclusion into sports. The game bases are as follows: 5 players, 20 minutes of play, mixed team sport and just a ball. This discipline is based on Baseball and Softball principles. The IOC has authorized the inclusion of Baseball5 in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games programme.





# GALLERY



















