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MUSTAPHA BERRAF

**IOC member
ANOCA President**

From 4 to 20 February 2022, China will be hosting the Winter Olympic Games. Beijing is set for this event which will be the focus of world media and peoples. The motto for the Beijing 2022 winter Olympic and Paralympic Games is: «

Together for a common future » which is derived from the Olympic motto « *Faster, higher, Stronger, Together* ». Emphasis will be laid once again on major Olympic values such as solidarity, fair-play, respect and friendship. Personally, I'm still impressed by the strong organization of these Games, which can be seen in their preparations which already predict, even before their launching, worldwide success which the Chinese people is anxious to live intensely, despite drastic conditions imposed to the entire world by the dreadful Covid-19 pandemic.

This famous pandemic was dealt with during the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games. We overcame it and will do the same in Beijing.

The Association of National Olympic Committees of





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Africa, ANOCA, fully supports the Beijing 2022 Winter Games. We wish to congratulate the International Olympic Committee for its commitment and willingness to make this event an unprecedented success in the history of Winter Olympic Games.

Dr Thomas Bach, IOC President is proof of this abnegation and courage of the world Olympic and sports movement which has never shown any sign of discouragement; instead, it has flown the flag high to make sure that our ambitions are respected and honoured ; this is what it means to be the leading light of Olympus.

China for its part deserves its repute earned since the perfect hosting of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games and the 2014 Olympic Games in Nanjing. The country will confirm all good impressions people have. Disciplined and industrious, inventive and efficient, China is a great sports and Olympic country. The Chinese people impresses and will still impress from 4 to 20 February 2022.

Africa will be part of the feast and will contribute to the success of these Winter Games. We cannot afford to depart from this Olympic rule of solidarity, which is the bond of our world and universal Olympic movement.

Together we are stronger, and this is how the transcending of our own capabilities will be a wonderful story during these 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games.

Let's make this event a matter of peace and hope for the world youths. We strongly believe in this!





AFRICA WILL BRILLIANTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE BEIJING 2022 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES



Six athletes, representing five African countries, will take part in the Beijing Winter Olympic Games in China from 4 to 20 February 2022.

African athletes will compete in a single sports discipline, which is skiing. Madagascar has the highest number of athletes (2).

Mialitiana Clerc is the first Malagasy female athlete to participate in Winter Olympic Games. Four years before, during the PyeongChang

games, she was 16 years old and was engaged in alpine skiing. She was ranked 47th in the slalom event and 48th in giant slalom out of 80 contenders.

The second is Mathieu Neumuller, born on 12 December 2003 in France; he made his debut in a race recognized by the International Skiing Federation on 11 January 2020 in La Plagne. He participated in three world cups in France and he is the second male Olympic skier after Mathieu Razanakolona who



took part in the Torino 2006 Winter Olympic Games. His application for change of nationality was approved by the International Skiing Federation in June 2021. At 18, he is Madagascar's flag-bearer in Peking and this is what he says:

« In Peking, my main wish was to improve my present performance and get a good ranking among the best athletes. It would be exceptional to finish within the top 30 ».

Among the four other African athletes, there is Moroccan Yassine Aouich, 31 years and his country's only representative in Alpine skiing; Nigeria is present in Beijing with Samuel Ikpefan in cross-country skiing. This is his second consecutive appearance at the Winter Olympic Games. He was born on 19 December 1991.

Ghana will also be present at the competition, represented by Carlos Maeder who, since 2017 has been competing in Alpine skiing; he participated in the World championship for the first time in 2019 in Sweden and was born on 23 October 1978 in Cape Coast, Ghana. Shannon Ogbnai Abeda comes from Eritrea and is nicknamed 'shanaconda'; he is taking part in the games for the second time. Aged 25, he says: « Very excited to take part in the Beijing Winter Olympic Games ».

For the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, these six athletes make the African continent proud. This is what Mustapha Berraf, ANOCA President and International Olympic Committee member said:

« We will leave no stone unturned to support these athletes whose commitment in sports reflects Olympic Values which promote courage, hard work, fair play and commitment. Our athletes should scrupulously respect all health and sports-related protocols of these games brilliantly organized by China ».

ANOCA President is optimistic despite the health context:

« The dreadful Covid-19 will neither slow down history pages which will be written in Beijing. Africa is part of the challenge thrown down by the world Olympic and sports movement to this health phenomenon which ravaged so many lives throughout the planet. Together we shall overcome this pandemic. The Beijing Winter Olympic Games will be another setback for this disease ».

The competition is therefore getting off to a great start for Africa.





ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIRMS CAIRO 2022 AND HAMMAMET 2023



On 30 December 2021, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa confirmed the holding of the 4th Africa Youth Games in 2022 in Cairo and the 2nd Africa Beach Games in 2023 in Hammamet, Tunisia respectively. This was during a virtual meeting of the body's Executive Committee presided over by Mustapha Berraf, who was in Tunis in a working visit in Tunis.

Speaking on that occasion, ANOCA President informed Executive Committee members of his contacts with Egyptian and Tunisian authorities and NOCs, as well as the state of preparedness of these events, as assessed during visits made to both countries by ANOCA delegations. He also confirmed the commitment of both countries' governments to provide optimum conditions to





guarantee full success of these two major African events.

attending the video-conference then made official the holding

Also taking the floor, Tunisian NOC President, Mehrez Boussayene and Egyptian NOC Secretary General, Sharif Elerian, confirmed their respective governments' final and formal agreements to host these games, while reiterating their respective States' full support in favour of the African Sports and Olympic movement.



ANOCA Executive members

in August 2022 of the 4th Africa Youth Games in Cairo (Egypt) and of the 2nd Africa Beach Games in winter 2023 in Hammamet (Tunisia).





IOC AND ANOCA PRESIDENTS AWARDED MEDALS



The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa organized the 38th Seminar for the institution's NOC Secretaries General in Niamey, Niger from 26 to 28 November 2021 under

the main theme: *«Strategic Planning for the Improvement of Good Governance within NOCs, Developing Capacities of Athletes, Coaches, Trainers, Officials, and Streamlining Continental Plans for*





the Promotion of African Excellence. »

During the opening ceremony which was attended by many African Olympic officials, partner institutions and Niger's authorities, the Minister of Youths and Sports, Sékou Doro Adamou, on behalf of his government, decorated two high-ranking officials. These include IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach and ANOCA

President, Mustapha Berraf. Both officials were rewarded for their relentless commitment to the development of sports and Olympism in Niger in particular, and in Africa in General. It should be noted that IOC President's medal was handed over to ANOCA President who represented him at the ceremony.



ANOCA RALLIES SPORTS ACTORS AROUND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Under the aegis of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Organizations (UN), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) organized a video-conference on 10 January 2022 on Sustainability and Climate Action in order to contribute to the fight against climate change. ANOCA Newsletter editorial staff comes back on this important meeting.

INSIDE THE MEETING



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The international meeting on Sustainability and Climate Action to fight climate change organized by ANOCA took place on 10 January 2022 virtually. This event, which was placed under the aegis of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Organization (UN), was part of the African Olympic movement's strategic issue of « **sport and environment** ». The meeting's focal theme was: « **educate and inspire for sustainability and climate change in sports** ». The continental body thus committed to mobilize the Olympic and sport movement for environmental protection.

In his address, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf said that: « **The Olympic and sports movement cannot remain indifferent ...we will mobilize sports families, famous athletes ... and support international institutions on issues of natural disasters** ».

The meeting which was coordinated by Colonel Botsang Tshenyego was graced by the message from Dr. Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee President, who congratulated the African Olympic and sports movement for its commitment to fight climate change and wished the 150 participants a successful meeting.

In his policy address, Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General for his part, reiterated that sport is a major tool for international mobilization against climate change which upsets the planet.

According to the United Nations, the aim is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30% by 2024 and by 50% by 2030. For ANOCA, good governance contributes to sustainable development. For instance, the construction of





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National Olympic Committees' headquarters should take environmental impact into consideration. To this end, the IOC and ANOCA decided to work in synergy.

Wonderful contributions from various participants highlighted the dangers of climate change which endanger the planet, calling on the international sports community to set the example of responsible behaviour and togetherness to win the challenge of a healthy and sustainable environment.

Participants also expressed the wish that the next Olympic Games, (Beijing 2022, Paris 2024 and Milan 2026) should be based on a clear willingness to protect the environment through concrete actions to fight against climate change.

From this point of view, President Mustapha Berraf indicated that: « ***We should be fervent messengers of this noble humanitarian cause to leaders of their countries and to their populations*** ». He also called on all his colleagues, without exception « ***to involve all famous athletes in this project of general interest for humanity*** ».

This first conference which was very successful according to all participants, will be followed by a second one which will take place in Hammamet, Tunisia, on the sidelines of the 2nd Africa Beach Games.




CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION
SPEECH BY ANOCA PRESIDENT


Distinguished participants, distinguished guests, Dear participants, Dear friends, Ladies and Gentlemen;

Let me first of all express, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Olympic Movement which I'm privileged to lead, our gratitude to Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, and our President, Dr. Thomas Bach, to have granted their invaluable support to initiate this conference. According to our ambitions, this initiative will benefit to all populations of our dear continent.

I also wish to thank you Mr. ANOC President, as well as all of you dear friends to have accepted to take part in this conference which aims at sensitizing the world of sport in general and the African Olympic movement in particular on the fight against global warming which might cause the worst catastrophes in humanity, and by way of consequence, a deep decay of future generations.

Indeed, we must be aware that the serious repercussions of climate change and the increase of greenhouse effect gases will undoubtedly pose the



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world threats with irreversible consequences. In addition to Global warming which brings sustainable modifications to our climatic system and which can not be overlooked by the sports movement, we must stand by international institutions to stop this gigantic curse.

That is why I wish to humbly call on you, in your double capacity as leaders and personalities to mobilize sports families in your respective countries, especially famous athletes from all sports disciplines in order to convey to the youths the message, and above all actions, to join this gigantic project which will certainly go a long way to reduce natural disasters.

Therefore, it is necessary for all of us to join the United Nations Development Programme by sensitizing the African Youths on natural disasters, by contributing in the improvement of their education on these crucial issues and by taking all necessary measures to reduce their adverse effects.

I will not overemphasize this very important issue which features on this wonderful meeting's agenda, knowing that today, we have the honour and pleasure to welcome highly experienced personalities and high-level experts who kindly accepted to share their invaluable knowledge on these crucial issues relating environment protection and safeguard of humanity.

I wish to thank each and every one of you to have answered present to our modest invitation and to have accepted to grace with your presence this meeting which was supposed to be held by physical attendance but due to the reason we all know, is now holding virtually.

Thank you and I wish you a successful meeting.





ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM IOC PRESIDENT



In a message published during the meeting, IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach congratulated the initiative of organizing the Conference on Sustainability and Climate Change. Here is what he said.

« MR. President, dear friend Mustapha Berraf, dear participants, dear Olympic friends;

I have the great pleasure to congratulate ANOCA for the organization of South Africa of this Conference on Sustainability and Climate and Climate Change. Indeed, sustainability is crucial for our future and that of sport. And sport is considered as an important factor for the attainment

of the United Nations in terms of sustainable development and the fight against climate change.

Your conference is timely, and the IOC is happy to sponsor it. Therefore, I wish you full success in your deliberations the interest of all Africans in particular, and hopefully for the entire African Olympic community. Good luck!





ANOC ACTING PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES ANOCA PRESIDENT



In his closing speech of the conference organized by ANOCA on sustainability and climate change, ANOC acting President, Robin Mitchell, had this to say: « **Such events are an essential bridge for action and for the implementation of the IOC sustainable development strategy and the United Nations sustainable development objectives (SDOs). Without such exchanges, mappings and consensus to translate these climate action intentions into reality in National Olympic Committees and continental associations, IOC sustainable development strategy and UN SDOs will remain largely**

separated from sport. This virtual conference brings together sports, development, environment, public health, sustainability and climate action ».

« **As ANOC acting President, I wish to warmly and sincerely congratulate ANOCA and all member NOCs; thank you to have paved the way for us in 2022. ANOC and the rest of the Olympic movement are anxious to hear, to see and to read the book of inspiring messages, case studies and lessons learnt from your virtual conference** » he added.



IOC PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES ANOCA PRESIDENT



Following the resounding organizational and participative success recorded by the International Conference on Climate Change

organized by ANOCA, IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach sent the following message of congratulations to the African and sports governing body's



President, Mustapha Berraf.

“ Once again, I wish to congratulate ANOCA for organizing this event; this initiative which shows that the climate issue is crucial and that we must address it together and globally

« It is with great pleasure that I learnt that this conference was very successful and that it was attended by many participants. News I got from my collaborators who attended and who contributed were very positive, both for the themes discussed and questions raised.

I took note of resolutions taken and I encourage you to follow

this path. I strongly wish that the next meeting scheduled for next year in Tunisia will be held physically.

Once again, I wish to congratulate ANOCA for organizing this event; this initiative which shows that the climate issue is crucial and that we must address it together and globally.

While thanking you once again for your constant support in favour of the Olympic movement and I look forward to seeing you again during the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games 2022. Kindly accept Dear colleague, my warmest greetings. ».





NOC KENYA

PAUL TERGAT REELECTED AS PRESIDENT



The President of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya and IOC member Paul Tergat, was reelected to his position by delegates attending the organization's General Assembly recently held in Nairobi.

Acting Secretary General, Francis Mutuku was also confirmed to this position during the same election with 18 votes out of the 25 expressed, against his

contenders which included the President of Kenya's Table Tennis Association President, Andrew Mudibo, who scored 5 votes and Francis Kanyiri with two votes. The first and second vice-Presidents, Shadrack Maluki and Waithaka Kioni kept their posts.

Maluki is Judo African Union President and President of Kenya's Judo Federation; whereas Kioni was Kenya's Chef de Mission



at Tokyo 2020 and also serves as President of Kenya's Volley-Ball Federation.

Mohammed Shwahib Abdulghani was elected Deputy Secretary General, with Eliud Kariuki as Treasurer. Paul Agali Otula, Barnaba Korir and Winnie Wangui were all elected as Executive Committee members while Rawal won the election at the position of Women's Representative at the Executive Committee.

The positions of athletes, representatives were also confirmed through unchallenged votes. Hellen Obiri, Tokyo 2020 and Rio 2016 5000m silver

medallist and current world champion on the same distance is women athletes, representative. Humphrey Kayange represents male athletes.

The election of Kenyan NOC Executive Committee members was initially scheduled for 2020, but were shifted to 2021 due to the Covid-19 crisis. Paul Tergat, two-times Olympic silver medal winner on 10 000m race and former marathon record holder is also the President of ANOCA's Athletes Commission. He has been President of Kenyan NOC since 2017.

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NOC CAPE-VERDE

FILOMENA FORTES REELECTED PRESIDENT



Filomena Fortes, IOC member, was reelected at the helm of Cape Verde Olympic Committee (COC) for the third time during the institution's General Assembly session held at its Headquarters in the capital city, Praia.

She was elected for the first time in 2014 during a highly contested election with outgoing Franklin Palma, then elected for the second time in 2017. In 2019, she was elected International Olympic Committee member. Her records as leader of a sports organization

are mainly based on handball, as she has been President of Cape Verde national Federation from 2014 to 2017. She is also founding member of the country's National Paralympic Committee.

During this vote, she was the only candidate to the post of COC President and was voted with 30 ballots for from sports federations recognized by COC, against 2 void votes. Filomena Fortes' campaign had as slogan «consolidation, union and progress».





NOC CHAD

IDRISS ADIKER DOKONY, NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION



Following General Assembly session held on 18 December 2021 in Ndjamen Chad, Idriss Adiker Dokony was reelected as President of Chad's Olympic and Sports Committee (COST). During the election, he overpowered outgoing President Abakar Djermah Aumi by winning 33 votes against 20 for his contendant of the day.

Thereafter, Idriss Dokony Adiker assumed duty during a handing over ceremony which took place on 27 December within the premises of the COST. He called for educative responsibility before expressing his fair-play spirit: **« As educators, we**

are expected to show good example. Today, we have been provided with the opportunity to be the first to display this fair-play ».

Incoming President for his part talked about union beyond differences. **« Sports is a unifying factor. Four years ago, many things happened ; many things are happening today and by the next four years, many things will still happen »**, said Idriss Adiker Dokony who expressed his wish to involve former members in his programme qui a exprimé ses intentions d'impliquer les anciens membres dans son programme in order to develop sport.



CONCERTATION

NEW COST PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER DISCUSS ABOUT THE 2022 SPORTS PROGRAMME



A delegation from the Chadian Olympic and Sports Committee (COST) led by its new President Idriss Dokony Adiker, who was elected on 18 December 2021, met with the Minister of Youths, Sports and Entrepreneurship, Routouang Mohamed Christian, on 4 January 2022. The COST delegation and the Minister discussed about the development of a new sports programme for Chad in 2022. « ***COST and the supervising department are two instances which are bound to reflect together on sport*** », said Idriss Dokony Adiker.

This meeting came after the President of the Military Transitional Council, Mahamat Idriss Deby, declared 2022 as the year of sports, during the closing of the Youths National Forum on 29 December.

The new Chadian NOC management team has the ambition to restructure sports in the country.

New COST President's vision goes far beyond just reorganizing sports; he also wishes to empower the National Office for Youths and Sports Support (ONAJES).





NOC ZAMBIA

REELECTED PRESIDENT ALFRED FOLOKO IN FAVOUR OF TEAM WORK



The President of Zambia's National Olympic Committee(NOCZ), Alfred Foloko, was recently reelected

for a four-year mandate at the helm of this Olympic association. Immediately after this reelection, he called on all



actors of his country's Olympic and Sports movement to unite for a more harmonious of sports and Olympism in the country.

He particularly enjoined sports federations and leaders of associations to work together to inspire athletes and young leaders for them to aim at excellent performances.

Alfred Foloko said he was aware of the commitment of all sports federations and associations in the country and that he will make sure to work with everybody.

He declared that through his leadership, NOCZ will continue to be inclusive for athletes development, the promotion of gender equality, and to inspire a new culture of excellence at all levels of sports performance.

Alfred Foloko was reacting to the congratulation message of the election's winner, Elias Mpondela, who is also President of the athletics federation. In his message, Elias Mpondela said that there is no winner nor no loser, but that the NOCZ won through Alfred Foloko. For him, this victory was that of all.

The NOCZ elective General Assembly was hosted by the Government complex. Other Executive Committee members were also elected, including Vice-President Hazel Kennedy, Secretary General Boniface Kambikambi and Treasurer Victor Banda. Susanna Dakik, Rodrick Ndlovu and Mutale Masala were elected Committee members.





IOG GRANT FOR DJIBOUTIAN ELITE SPORTS

THE NOC SIGNS OBJECTIVE-BASED CONTRACTS WITH ATHLETES



A ceremony for the signing tripartite objective-based contracts between about forty athletes, federations concerned and the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Djibouti (CNOSD) which is in charge of the management of the IOG Grant for athletes took place on 24 January 2022 at Acacias Hotel.

The event, which was placed under the chairmanship of CNOSD President, Aicha Ali Garad, was attended by major officials of the national sports movement and athletes selected to take part

in training sessions in high-level centers in Kenya, Uganda and Addis-Ababa. These grants also include table tennis and judo.

The IOG Grant provides athletes with necessary financial resources and infrastructure to train for Paris 2024 and future major events. In return, it is expected from athletes a sense of responsibilities and output. By granting this exceptional subvention, the Head of State provided them with ways and means to express themselves in the area of sports.

Speaking on that occasion, CNOSD



President, Aicha Ali Garad started by thanking the Head of State: « **First of all, I wish to thank, on my own behalf and on behalf of the sports movement, His Excellency Mr Ismaïl Omar Guelleh who positively responded to our call** » she said. She also reminded that following recommendations made during the brainstorming day of 21 September 2021, the Head of State headed to

that: « **I can assure you that the President expressed his strong and sincere resolve to support us in this endeavour by granting us part of the subvention destined to improve high-performing athletes' training and participation conditions so as to defend our Nation's colours. Only part of the subvention has been granted because we have to show our worth, the ball is**



their requests. To this end, the NOC published a strategic plan for the implementation of recommendations which was forwarded to the President of the Republic. That is how a few days later, the highest authority of the Olympic Committee was received in audience by the Head of State.

Consequently, she declared

our court. Today, you are going to sign tripartite objective-based contracts which will bind us for a next step which I hope will be crowned with success ».

Further explaining the scope of these contracts CNOSD President informed athletes that for each medal won at international competitions, they will be given





bonuses.

After signing objectives contracts, athletes took the commitment to brilliantly fulfill their mission, and above all not to deceive the Head of State who put all his confidence on them. According to Ayanleh Souleiman, the athletes' representative, they have received adequate financial means and service passports:

«Now therefore, we have to keep to our commitments » he said.

By having these objective-based contracts by athletes, CNOSD is implementing vanguard and exemplary dynamics of governance which will allow better traceability in the management of funds allocated to sports.

DJIBOUTI

ADDRESS TO DJIBOUTIAN ATHLETES BY AICHA ALI GARAD, CNOSD PRESIDENT



Presenting the country's expectations and facilities offered to

athletes, this is what she had to say: « *Within two days, you will be going to high-*



altitude training centers in Addis Ababa, Kenya and Uganda with renowned coaches. All your needs will be catered for in best possible conditions. A team comprising CNOSD and FDA members will travel with you to assess the environment within which you will be living and to meet your coaches and physiotherapists. I urge you to work with seriousness and honesty to deserve the confidence placed on us by the President.

Henceforth, as athletes of greater nations, all is put in place to help you to be focused on sports results. You must in return commit to improve your performances, and to surpass yourselves to feel self-rewarded.

Djiboutian anthem must sound in all regional, continental and

international competitions, with as sole short term final objective, Paris 2024 and LA 2028 for the long term.

For each medal won during a competition, you will be paid a bonus. Your results will depend on your performances and your bonuses will depend on your results.

Don't forget that there is a challenge lying ahead of you, with an obligation of results, in order to remain within the elite team of the IOG Grant.

The challenge is great but all of us together, Incha Allah, we will be up to the task.

As it is said in the Olympic Motto:

"Faster, higher, stronger together"





CNOSD

AN ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ORGANIZED IN DJIBOUTI



Djibouti National Olympic and sports Committee's headquarters recently paid host to an Ordinary session of the institution's General Assembly. Participants included CNOSD's Executive Committee members and President's of Djiboutian National Federations affiliated to this organization.

In her opening message, CNOSD President, Aicha Ali Garad first of all congratulated

Ahmed Mohamed alias Ayka, for his appointed as Executive Committee member of the African Handball Confederation, and Ahmed Abdoukader Boulo for his appointment as member of international Canoeing Federation. She also urged Federation Presidents to display more commitment, to produce best results and to make their activities better known.

Then, General Assembly members



listened to the moral report which they unanimously adopted, as well as annual and financial reports for the year 2021. By the same token, the provisional budget for 2022 was also adopted.

During deliberations, the suspension of Djiboutian Dakaito Ryu Federation was also unanimously adopted. However, Madina Saleh, former President of this federation, remains within the Executive Committee as someone who has rendered immense services to sports and Olympism, by virtue of Article 28 of the Olympic Charter.

It should also be noted that during the meeting, CNOSD President, urged federation Presidents to contact their supervising

ministries, which is the Secretariat of State in charge of Sports to clear their statutory contributions.

Under the other issues item, IOG Grant was discussed, including modalities for benefitting, the placement of athletes in international training centers, the production of anti-Covid-19 vaccines as well as CNOSD and Sports Federations missions.

Appointment was taken for 21 January for the signature of objective-based contracts.

This CNSOD annual ordinary session ended with a group photograph, followed by the handing out of a symbolic gift to President Aicha Garad Ali.





2036 OLYMPIC GAMES

EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF SPORTS REVEALS HIS COUNTRY'S PLAN TO BID



Egyptian Sports Minister Ashraf Sobhi has revealed the country plans to bid for the 2036 Olympics and will seek to become the first African nation to stage this quadrennial event.

According to him, ***“authorities are currently working on preparing a comprehensive file in this regard to be submitted the IOC”***.



IOC President Thomas Bach has previously spoken of his determination to see African nations bid to host the Games as it remains the only populated continent not to have hosted an Olympics.

Minister Sobhi said he had held a recent meeting with Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa President, Mustapha Berraf, claiming that Berraf **«confirmed the union's keenness and support for Egypt to host the Olympic Games scheduled for 2036»**.

Work is currently underway to build a multi-million-dollar sports complex, called the Egypt International Olympic City, in the new administrative capital, and located 45 kilometers east of Cairo.

It will be one of the continent's biggest infrastructures. Besides the 90,000 seater big stadium under construction, the complex will also include a

15,000 seater arena, an aquatic center equipped with three docks and a tennis center. The complex should also include a complementary arena with a capacity of 8,000 places, a riding center and a shooting center.

Egyptian Minister of Sports also indicated that officials will still be assessing technical, logistical and financial aspects before submitting an official request to the IOC.

To date, Egypt remains the only African candidates. Former candidacies from the continent came from Alexandria 100 years ago and Cairo in 1936. The city of Cape Town presented her bid in 2004. Dakar, in Senegal, will host the Olympic Youths Games in 2026, the first competitions of those be staged in Africa by the IOC.



INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

CHALLENGES OF SPORTS GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA DISCUSSED IN LOME



Lome, the Togolese capital hosted an international colloquium on the challenges of sports governance from 25 to 26 November 2021, organized by the Ministry of Sports and Leisure. The Minister, Ms Lidi Bessi Kama, officially opened the meeting in the presence of other Togolese cabinet members, institutions' officials, Deputies at the National Assembly, ANOCA President's representative Julien Minavoa, who is also Benin's

national Olympic Committee President, the President of Togo's National Olympic Committee as well as his other counterparts from other Committees of the sub-region. According to her ***«In addition to physical, moral and social health, sports provide reliable economic benefits, making this sector a multifaceted sector at the crossroads of socio-economic development »***.

In his keynote address made at



the opening of the meeting, James Mouange Kobila, full Professor at the University of Douala said that **« sport plays a major role in the development of nations. How can we reconcile sport interest and general interest? This is a question many organizations and governments should answer. Sports actors should live from the fruit of their labour and the sports system should adjust itself to instill good governance in that sector ».**

During the meeting, ANOA representative made an important presentation in which he reminded the vision of the African Olympic movement's governing body in terms of governance.

The Lome colloquium was organized by the Ministry of Sports and Leisure, in partnership with the National Olympic Committee of Togo and the University of Lome. The meeting served as a window to display the stakes and challenges

of African sports governance, so as to adopt a very promising approach for economic systems and for actors in the sports value chain. It also set the basis of sports governance modernization, sports professionalization, and sports competitiveness in Africa. For two days, eminent personalities from academics, including the Department of Public Law of the university of Lome, scientists and other expert rightfully asked themselves what is the place and the role of Law in sports governance in general, and in African sports organizations in particular, in order to arouse the interest of African universities and students for Sports Law so as to boost sports industry.

A branch dedicated to Sports Law will soon be officially opened in the next few days at the University of Lome. This is one of the outcomes of the colloquium.





LOME COLLOQUIUM

JULIEN MINAVOA MAKES A PRESENTATION ON ANOCA'S VISION



As representative of ANOCA, Julien Minavoa, expert in Sports and Olympic Organisations Management and Member of ANOCA's Communication and information Commission took part in the international colloquium on sports governance in Africa organized on 25 and 26 November 2021 in the Togolese capital. In his other capacity as President of Benin's NOC and President of the Francophone Association of Olympic Academies made a presentation on the

theme: « *The Role of ANOCA in the Development of Sport in Africa* ». He started by distinguishing two categories of sports: Category 1 « *are those which are known and practiced by the majority, referred to as Summer sports (see Olympic Charter, Rule 45, 1.3.1 and 1.3.2)* » and Category 2 « *known and practiced only by part of the world due to their peculiarity in terms of time and space, referred to as Winter sports (see Olympic Charter, Rule 45, 1.4.1 and 1.4.2)* ».





The presentation went on with a background on ANOCA's role since its foundation in favour of the development of sports and Olympism in Africa.

We also learnt from this presentation that ANOCA has long been working in collaboration with competent public or private organizations and authorities to strengthen the Olympic Movement's unity, the preservation of its independence, the protection and promotion of its political neutrality and the preservation of sports autonomy. He added that ANOCA also encourages all member NOCs to abide by the Olympic Charter's prescriptions and to respect its own statutory provisions.

Julien Minavoa also told participants that for its operations, **« Since December 2020, ANOCA adopted a 2021-2024 development strategic plan »** before presenting the vision of the African Olympic movement governing body which, according to him, **« is one of the major continental Olympic sports**

associations. It embodies the ideals of unity, good governance, excellence and sustainability ». As concerns its mission, it is based on two major components: **« -To be the leader in terms of developing, promoting and protecting the Olympic movement and working for its autonomy on the African continent, by virtue of the Olympic Charter. - To provide support and**



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assistance to African athletes and NOCs; promote understanding and cooperation on the continent while contributing to development through sports ». According to him, this organization's values include respect, excellence, integrity, equity, transparency and accountability, solidarity and team





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For ANOCA's representative, in its **« Development Strategic Plan »**, the Association also clearly spells out Key Performance Indicators. He indicated that **« for nearly three Olympiads now, in addition to athletes support actions through the granting of Olympic scholarships which cover the three years preceding each edition of the Olympic Games, ANOCA has decided to set up a commission dedicated to support African athletes who are not beneficiaries of Olympic scholarships but who have the potential to qualify for the Olympic Games. To this end, a budget worth USD\$ one million was set aside for the 2013-2016 Olympiad. This amount has been doubled as from 2017-2020 Olympiad »**.

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Games respectively.

In the area of communication and marketing, Mr. Minavoa announced that ANOCA has just entered an Exclusive Partnership Agreement with SPORTFIVE for the marketing of media rights for the 2023 and 2027 All Africa Games.

ANOCA's action in favour of African youths in Olympafrica centers was also highlighted by the expert who pointed out that **« Having said this, should we forget to mention this unique model of sustainable development in sports and its body called Olympafrica international Foundation? »**. He concluded his presentation to the great satisfaction of participants who hailed the quality of his intervention with these few words of Olympic Education: **« The most important thing is to participate », « The most important thing during these Olympiads is less than winning than to take part », « the most important thing is not to have won, but to have put in the necessary efforts », « the most important thing in life is not triumph, but the fight »**.

