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2021-2024 OLYMPIAD

LET'S CONSOLIDATE OUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

Dear friends of the African Olympic and Sports Movement;

Year 2022 which started in January marks the effective start of the post-Tokyo Game era; it ushers us into a new Olympiad whose final part will undoubtedly

be the 2024 Paris Games. The opportunity is therefore adequate and the duty compelling for us to carry out coherent and innovative actions that will make African sports more visible every day. Crucial challenges await us in the future.

An Olympiad is gone and a new one begins. As 2022 bells are ringing, numerous and important await us for the new quadrennial. Therefore, we must together strengthen the African Olympic Movement and its present radiance on the international scene. Also, we must together preserve our achievements and be creative to ensure the welfare of African youths. Achievements to be preserved are varied, but I'm thinking about the implementation of ANOCA's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, the enforcement of ANOCA's



MUSTAPHA BERRAF

**IOC Member,
ANOCA President**





Statutes adopted in December 2020 in Addis Ababa, the rigorous monitoring of partnerships established with

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foreign institutions such as Cuban and American NOCs, the International Federation of Volleyball, Slovenia, INSEP, etc. In the same vein, we must also strengthen relations with our usual partners which are the IOC, the Olympic Solidarity, ANOC, WADA, CONFEJES, the African Union... The extension of the Olympafrica Programme which should operate in all countries of the continent and the provision of equipment to existing centers will also be included in this quadrennial’s challenges. Other challenges to take up

will include the Africa Youth Games with the staging of the fourth edition in 2022 in Cairo, the holding of the second Africa Beach Games in 2022 in Hammamet, supporting the holding of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and preparing the 2024 Paris games with the launching of our usual coordination and support programme at continental level. On this particular issue, we have to increase the amount allocated by ANOCA to better train African athletes.

Our institution’s role in the organization of the 2023 Africa Games in Accra should also be reaffirmed. In addition, the strengthening of relationships existing between our NOCs and governments should also be part of our priorities during this Olympiad. This will help us to develop adequate strategies to better finance sports in our respective countries, because without financial means, there are no infrastructure, no supervision, no equipment... We should always remember that financing sports is not a burden, but rather an





investment for our youths, the basis of our success.

Besides these achievements, we should also implement innovative actions to promote the practice of sports in Africa and to boost the African Olympic and Sports movement.

It is by taking up these challenges and many others together that we will continue to be athletes' strong allies, because they are the ones at the heart of the Olympic Movement's concerns. By 2024, we can do more; we must do more, together, for our eager and impatient youths. I am therefore launching an appeal to all of you! Let's build a new project for the African Olympic Movement, as it is crucial to carve the way leading to effective progress, to have a medium and long term vision for the good of our youths, to establish an innovative tradition geared towards high performance to make tomorrow's African sports as more competitive as possible.

We should work differently and draft objectives-based contracts around concerted project and results policies between our countries' Ministries of Sports and NOCs. Our countries' youths are not the property of anybody, and concerted action by pooling human and financial resources from our Ministries and NOCs together can only produce more efficient and comprehensive results. Other continents develop such strategies; why not us? Let's embark on this path to be better in Paris 2024!

Dear friends of the African Olympic and Sports Movement; I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to once again extend to you my best wishes for the year 2022. Should this year bring to you good health, prosperity, long life and above all success in all your projects and endeavours geared towards the radiance of the African Olympic and Sports Movement.





ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE 57TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENED FOR 16 AND 17 MARCH IN CAIRO



By virtue of Article 24 of ANOCA's Constitution the 57th Ordinary session of this institution's Executive Committee will hold on 16 and 17 March 2022 in Cairo, Egypt. The venue will be the Concorde El Salam Hotel. From all indications, the meeting will consider progress reports of the Cairo 2022 4th Africa Youth Games and the Hammamet 2023 Africa Beach Games. Other items will feature on the agenda of this meeting, notably reports from the President, the

Secretary General and finance officials. ANOCA's calendar for 2022, the NOC headquarters project, the Olympafrica report, as well as an update on the ANOCA's Paris 2024 Athletes' Support Programme and the situation on the implementation of ANOCA's Strategic Plan are also included in the agenda of the meeting.

It should be noted that Cairo is the host town for the 4th Africa Youth Games to be held from 26 August to 6 September 2022.



SPECIAL FILE

4TH AFRICA YOUTH GAMES

IN ROAD FOR CAIRO 2022

From 26 August to 6 September 2022, Cairo, the capital of Egypt will pay host to the 4th edition of the Africa Youth Games. This event

was created by ANOCA in order to bring together, in the same venue, young boys and girls aged between 14 and 18 and coming from all parts of Africa. During this period, they compete in what will be for many of them the beginning of a rich and long sports career; Africa Youth Games having become the real melting pot, or even the main



breeding ground of continental sports. These games which are used to experiment the sports and culture binomial are also a platform for experience-sharing and ownership of Olympic values. The 2022 edition of the Africa Youth Games in Cairo is the wish expressed by Egyptian authorities, led by His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi who was awarded the "Gold" medal of the African Olympic Order of Merit,

the highest distinction of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa. In this special file, ANOCA Magazine's editorial team deeps you into the countdown of this event, six weeks ahead of the holding of this major gathering of the continent's youths.





THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE AFRICA YOUTH GAMES

In creating the Africa Youth Games, ANOCA intended to instill the sense of hard work, questioning, respect of the other, word of honour and sharing in participants who are spearheads of Africa. On a purely sports perspective, the competition aims at preparing those who will take over from today's champions. Africa Youth Games are not simply about sports; athletes also flood this event to take part in the proposed educative and cultural programme. Africa derives invaluable gains from these Games. From the philosophical point of view, youths from the continent acquire many values as giving the best of oneself or show proof of discipline; these values are beneficial to self-fulfillment,





non only on the playgrounds, but also beyond. Africa Youth Games play a crucial role in each participant's sports and personal development. They enable him to discover the Olympic world, the ambiance

around a major multisport event, as well as the Olympic spirit whose foundation is at the crossroads of other cultures, sharing and school of life.

On the cultural aspect, youths from the Continent strive to find the balance between the necessary focus for sports trials on the one hand, and the event's cultural and educative aspects on the other hand. The Continent's cultural heritage is also magnified on this occasion. On each edition since the first in 2010, Africa's cultural richness has been highlighted through exhibitions and various activities.

As far as sports are concerned, we have already seen participants at the Africa Youth Games becoming Olympic champions later.



INSIDE THE GAMES' PIONEER EDITIONS

The Africa Youth Games were born from the ANOCA Games organized in 2006 at the level of the association's development zones. The aim of the African Olympic Movement's body then was to put to trial this concept through the organization of sports competitions among youths aged from 14 to 18. These ANOCA Games were widely adhered to by sportsmen and women, their officials and even States authorities of several African countries.

Following the success recorded in sports and organizational levels in the zones concerned, ANOCA management decided to organize an event at the same place and at the same time, in order to further bring the continent's young athletes closer, to make them more competitive and to increase the number of sports disciplines.





RABAT 2010

FIRST ATTEMPT... BRILLIANT!



It was from 13 to 18 July 2010 that young Africans met in Rabat for the first edition of games offered to them by ANOCA. The event

took place in several stages and steps.

The sports competition: participants took part in many





events in the following sports: athletics, rowing, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, weightlifting, judo, wrestling, swimming, le taekwondo, shooting, le triathlon, tennis, table tennis and beach volley. Technical rules for sports





on the games schedule were developed in collaboration with continental sports confederations.

The cultural aspect of these games included many spaces including: the internet workshop, the radio animation



workshop, the plastic arts workshop, the choreography workshop, the Karaoke workshop and a crafts gallery. In addition to these permanent settings, many other activities were organized: a night around a campfire, an intercultural evening where various delegations were presented,

cultural exchanges through traditional dances and open-public animations.

Statistics reveals key figures: 42 delegations, 1008 athletes with a total of 2300 persons accredited.





GABORONE 2014...

PROGRESS





The second edition of the Africa Youth Games kept all its promises in Gaborone from 22 to 31 May 2014, with an outstanding attendance of 54 countries among which the continent's newborn, South Sudan

which gained independence on 9 July 2011. ANOCA worked in synergy with the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) and the Local Organizing Committee (BAYGOC) to guarantee a resounding success of the





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event which brought together 2500 athletes. For about ten days, athletes displayed their strength and courage in 21 sports disciplines and in about ten different venues. A strong cultural activity was the second major component of this event,

in addition to information, education and communication activities on the fight against doping. The Gaborone Games came to an end on 31 May 2014 at the Gaborone National Stadium in a carnival-like atmosphere, in the presence





of IOC President, Thomas Bach, ANOCA's guest of honour. The closing ceremony was marked by the spectacular entry of volunteers and delegations in the stadium. Then, in a mood of great feast, medals were handed to winners of the last athletics events.





ALGER 2018... **THE** **CONFIRMATION**

**3èmes Jeux Africains
de la Jeunesse
Alger 2018**





To say the least, the wish of Algeria to host this sports and cultural jamboree in 2018 was obvious. The country's representatives therefore took the strong commitment to leave no stone unturned to ensure of this event. Algeria's sports history spoke in her favour.

the 3rd edition of Africa Youth Games. It was another opportunity, after Rabat in 2010 and Gaborone in 2014, to celebrate sports and Olympic values. As a veritable intermixing of people from all over Africa, Algiers 2018 was not only a rush of young sportsmen and women for



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Actually, the country enjoys comprehensive experience in hosting the continent's major sports events, as was the case in 1978 and 2007 when it organized the Africa Games. From 5 to 15 July 2018, African youths enjoyed exciting and decisive moments during

laurels and medals, but also and above all an intercultural celebration where values of ethics, fair-play, respect of the opponent, sound lifestyle and modesty were put forward.

Many sites were made available to the local





organizing committee to serve

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as competition, training and accommodation venues. The sport programme featured 24 disciplines. 2,500 athletes and 1000 officials from 54 countries attended this important event.

The 3rd Africa Youth Games also provided the opportunity to highlight the role of volunteerism as the foundation of Olympism. Before, during and after these games, the 2,000 volunteers selected contributed to the successful staging of this event in varied domains

of expertize. Reception, press and communication, health services, technology, protocol, transport, opening and closing ceremonies, operational support to the local organizing committee and assistance during sports events: volunteers contributed with enthusiasm and determination. All were motivated by the same desire to carry out their responsibilities and duties with verve, sharing the same emotions and the same passion in the name of sport and ideals of excellence, respect and friendship. Undoubtedly, they were at the heart of Algiers 2018, and they showed proof of talent and dignity to contribute in the organization of this popular event according to the very vision of ANOCA, which perceives volunteering as a concentration of individual and collective energy at the service of others.



LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH... THE AFRICA YOUTH GAMES



The Africa Youth Games are a sport event linking sport, education and culture. It is a catalyst of sports, educational and cultural initiatives in favour of youths. By creating this multisport event, ANOCA's vision was to encourage youths to practice sports, to adopt and live according to Olympic values. The African Sports Movement's governing body then committed itself, through this platform, to stage





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an event aimed at educating, mobilizing and encouraging young athletes to play an active role within their communities. The objectives of Africa Youth Games are as follows:

Bring together and celebrate the continent's best young athletes.

This event is organized every

four years, during approximately 12 days, usually on the year of the Summer Youth Olympic Games, and is attended by young Africans aged between 14 and 18. Statistics show an average attendance of 2,500 athletes and 1,000 officials. It should be noted that during the games, participants stay for all the duration of the event and attend all programmes. At





infrastructural level, a Youths village is built with a capacity of 5,000 beds, as well as hotels

with a capacity of 1,000 rooms, and with a shuttle service for all and a limited car service.

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At the level of sports, the competitions programme stresses on sports selected for the Winter Youth Olympic Games; standards for juniors are set by African Confederations (ACs). Furthermore, “young officials” from ACs are encouraged to participate.

It is worth noting that as concerns the qualification system for the YOG, NOCs select athletes and team officials, and qualifiers are made from ACs’ existing disciplines.

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Since their inception, the Youth Africa Games have already been hosted in Rabat (2010), Gaborone (2014) and Algiers (2018).

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MUSTAPHA BERRAF'S FRUITFUL STAY IN BEIJING

During his visit in China, on the occasion of the 2022 edition of the winter Olympic games, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, held talks with several personalities and took part

in many activities to further contribute to the radiance of the African Olympic and sports movement. He notably attended the 39th session of the International Olympic Committee and a meeting of





the Olympic Solidarity during which he thanked Dr Thomas Bach, IOC President, for his

constant solicitude in favour of the African Olympic and sports movement, and was





Africa sports mouthpiece. ANOCA President also actively took part in an ANOC Executive Committee meeting during which he made a presentation on activities carried out by his institution in 2021. In addition, he met the IOC Deputy Director General, the President of Russia's NOC, Thailand's Princess, the IOC Commission President,

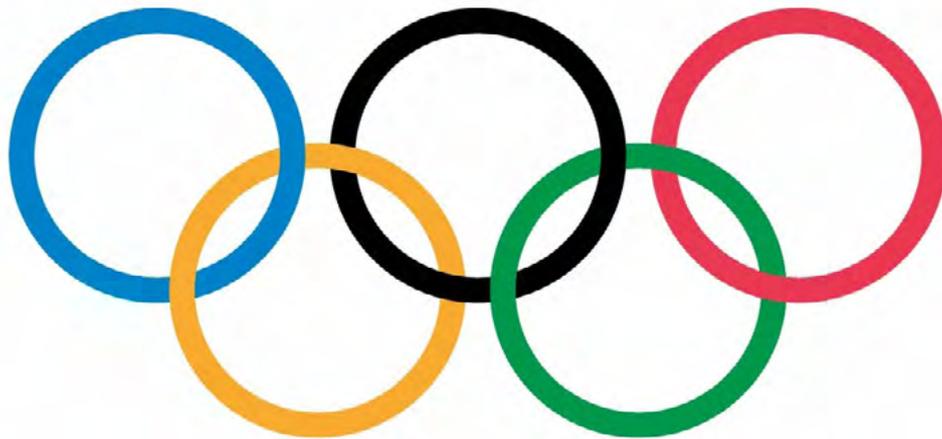
Mrs. Kirsty Coventry and officials of the Chinese NOC. Mustapha Berraf also used the opportunity of his visit in Beijing to meet Europe and Panama's ANOC, as well as members of the Pierre de Coubertin Committee on the issue of the entry into the hall of fame of late Baron Pierre de Coubertin.





139TH SESSION OF THE IOC

MUSTAPHA BERRAF ATTENDS THE 139TH SESSION OF THE IOC



The 139th session of the International Olympic Committee took place on 3 and 19 February 2022 at the China National Convention, on the sidelines of the Winter Olympic Games. Opening the meeting, IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach said that the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games would mark the opening of a new era for winter sports in the world, with more than 300 millions of Chinese people practicing winter sports. In his speech, he also took stock of the last Tokyo Olympic Games and hailed the job achieved by the

Peking Winter Olympic Games organizers which thus becomes the first city to organize both the summer and winter Olympic Games. « **China has become today a summer sports country** », he proudly said. IOC President also came back on « **boycott ghosts who reappeared** », while pointing out that eventually, « **all athletes were able to fulfill their dream of taking part in these Games** ». Recalling that issues of peace of wars were the prerogatives of States, he acknowledged the support from the G20 and that of the UN's 193 member nations in favour





of the Olympic Truce. **« This is the duty of the Olympic Games, that of bringing everybody together around a peaceful competitions; bringing together humanity in all its diversity, building bridges, never erecting walls (...) Games are this peace and unity symbol, opening the way for a peaceful future. That is why I am calling on all leaders of the world to keep their commitment to respect the Olympic Truce ».** At the end of his speech, many speakers took the floor, including ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, who reiterated his institution's position. According to him, this will cause **« severe damages and would endanger sport ».**

He also talked about **« the physical and moral consequences on football players who are not robots, but rather human beings »**; on the same occasion, he frowned at the widening of the gap **« between men and women competitions »**, as well as the overstuffing of the international sport calendar. Other member

of the Olympic body recalled the consequences this unilateral decision may have on the sport calendar, and on athletes' health. Thomas Bach, who shares the same position, underscored that Gianni Infantino (IOC Member and President of the International Football Federation Association) had cancelled this decision at the last moment during his trip to Peking. He preferred that the debate be carried out directly with him. The meeting further unanimously approved the change of the Los Angeles Olympic Games programme: formerly considered as additional sports, skate, surf and climbing will henceforth be full-fledged sports in the place of boxing, weightlifting and modern pentathlon. These three sports can however be reintroduced the 2028 Games programme provided that efforts are made in matters of governance for the former or transparency for pentathlon.



ANOC'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ANOCA PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR AFRICA AT ANOC'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, presented his institution's annual report to the ANOC Executive Council which took place in Peking on

6 February. He thanked the IOC and China for the perfect hosting of the Beijing 2022 Winter Games.

He then presented ANOCA's

action since the last meeting held in Greece in October 2021. These include Executive Committee sessions, the implementation of the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, the 38th Seminar for member NOCs Secretaries General organized in Niger, the preparation and staging of the Egypt 2022 Africa Youth Games, the 2nd Beach Games to be held in Hammamet, Tunisia, still in 2022, partnerships entered

into for the empowerment of the continent's youths, Commissions activities, Olympafrica development, just to name a few.

Concluding his address, Mustapha Berraf thanked ANOC President, Robin Mitchell and Secretary General Gunilla Lindberg for all initiatives put in place in favour of African NOCs.



AFCON TOTAL ENERGIES

ANOCA ASSESSES THE 2021 AFCON TOTAL ENERGIES





The African Football Cup of Nations took place from 9 January to 6 February 2022 in Cameroon. The competition presented the best image of Olympic values as perceived on the African continent. The last and first time the country hosted this competition dates back 50 years ago. Cameroon organized the 8th African Football Cup of Nations in 1972.

The 2021 edition which was played in 2022 due to the Coronavirus pandemic

highlighted the values of fair-play, esteem, surpassing oneself and respect of the opponent.

On 6 February 2022, the final was won at the Yaounde Olembé stadium by the « **Teranga Lions** » of Senegal who defeated Egypt at the final shoot outs. This was the first trophy ever won by Senegal.

Host country Cameroon portrayed one of the nicest pictures of a united Africa, very respectful of Olympic values.



The construction of beautiful infrastructure in Garoua,

Limbe, Yaounde, Bafoussam and Douala, cities selected matches, is a great gift made to the entire African youths. Mustapha Berraf, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), with his extensive experience as sports manager and senior official of the African Governing Olympic Movement's body had this to say:

“The 2021 Cameroon AFCON made the African Continent proud. I was massively attended and watched throughout the world;

« *The 2021 Cameroon AFCON*





made the African Continent proud. I was massively attended and watched throughout the world; this shows its attractiveness and wide success. We were pleased to note that fair-play prevailed, as well as solidarity, love and sharing. In Cameroon it's Africa that emerged winner despite many challenges which included resilience to the dreadful Covid-19 pandemic. But Sporting Africa overcame all these adverse factors

».Through its President's voice, ANOCA reiterates the following:

«Congratulations to Cameroon, to the African Football Confederation (CAF), to all Nations and to millions of fans for this beautiful show and this lesson of solidarity; I look forward meeting you in 2023 in Côte d'Ivoire ».





WORLD WOMEN AND SPORTS TROPHY

HASHIMOTO SEIKO RECEIVES A REWARD



During its 139th session held in Beijing, the International Olympic Committee awarded its « **Women and Sports** » trophies to six advocates of gender equality. This distinction is given each year at world and continental level to exceptional personalities who work for gender equality. Founded in the year 2000, IOC « **Women and Sports** » Trophies reward exemplary personalities and people who work for

change and add their voice for the promotion of gender equality and inclusion. Six are handed each year – one for each of the five continents and one at world level – in order to reward laureates' outstanding contribution to women and young girls' participation in the sports movement.

Accordingly, the 2021 world trophy went to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organizing





Committee President, Hashimoto Seiko. As seasoned sports leader, influent politician and seven times Olympian, Hashimoto Seiko upset and put to question many gender standards deeply rooted within Japanese society to push forward gender equality and inclusiveness in sport. Her trophy was personally handed to her by IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach, and the President of the Women and Sports Commission, Lydia Nsekera.

During the same ceremony, both officials also published the names of continental Trophies' recipients:

Winner for Africa: Natsiraishe Maritsa (Zimbabwe)

Winner for America: Figure Skating in Harlem Organization (United States)

Winner for Asia: Zhang Xia (China)

Winner for Europe: Kari Fasting (Norway)

Winner for Oceania: Tracey Holmes (Australia)

Talking about the contribution

of sport in gender equality, President Thomas Bach said: « ***One of the successes to put at the credit of the 2022 Tokyo Olympic Games is that they were the most balanced Games in history in terms of men to women representation. We, at the IOC, contributed through appropriate qualification systems and places. I wish to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to International Federation for their unflinching support which helped us to go through this crucial phase (...) our objective is not only to push gender equality forward within and outside competition fields, but also to empower women and girls through sport. For over 20 years, « Women and Sports » trophies have been rewarding and hailing various personalities and organizations which helped us to successfully carry out our duties ».*** ».





“WOMEN AND SPORTS” TROPHY FOR AFRICA

NATSIRAI SHE MARITSA FROM ZIMBABWE REWARDED



Africa's winner of the 2021 edition of the Women and Sports trophy is Natsiraishe Maritse from Zimbabwe. Her application was proposed by International Federation of Taekwondo (World Taekwondo). The latter then contacted Zimbabwe's Taekwondo Federation and Korean Foundation for the Promotion of Taekwondo so that a consignment of equipment and supplies to be

sent to support the cause of teenager.

Natsiraishe Maritsa thus uses taekwondo make boys and girls in her community more responsible and more confident. Moved by the alarming number of children's marriages in Zimbabwe, through her activity, she launched the Vulnerable Underaged People's Auditorium Initiative. Through this project, she uses



her passion for taekwondo to lesson youths and offer them a space where they could express their concerns

and experiences, and also discuss issues such as early pregnancies, violence or gender –based harassment.

ANOCA PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATIONS TO IOC 2021 « WOMEN AND SPORT » TROPHY WINNER

« Dear Madam ;

Executive Committee members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, wish to sincerely congratulate you. You were declared winner of the 2021 »Women and Sports « Trophies of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) out of six advocates of gender equality. Your distinction at continental level is the expression of your commitment as leader in the promotion of taekwondo to support young boys and girls who are victims of violence, harassment or discrimination through your initiative called «Vulnerable Underaged People's Auditorium».

You thus used sport as a tool for the promotion of peace and hope for African youths. This is in line with world Olympic and sports movement's values. The continent is proud of you and the African Olympic and sports movement congratulates you and encourages you to keep the course so as to give our youths a bright future through sports.

Best regards ».





MANAGERIAL PERFORMANCES

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IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach and ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, held fruitful talks in Beijing, on the sidelines of the Winter Olympic Games organized in China. During the audience, Dr. Thomas Bach expressed satisfaction on

terms, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa has a Foundation, Olympafrica, which provides youths, through close to fifty centers spread all over Africa, the opportunity to practice their favourite sport and carry out other activities which

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the excellent job done by the African Olympic movement’s leading body. For close to one hour, ANOCA’s achievements, through the leadership of Mustapha Berraf, who is also an IOC member, who was reelected in May 2021 in Cairo, were scrutinized. In concrete

contribute to their physical and professional empowerment. Referring to the Beijing 2022 winter Olympic Games, six African countries attended with one athlete each, namely Ghana, Eritrea, Madagascar, le Morocco and Nigeria.



Moreover, this occasion was used by both men to make an overview of the development of sports and Olympism in Africa: **« I wish to reaffirm my attachment to the continent, and hail the excellent job done by the African body and the African Olympic movement which has made huge strides and undergone positive restructuring »** said IOC President.

Taking the floor, ANOCA President indicated that: **« I am fully satisfied of the President's support and of the major challenges taken up during these times of global pandemic »**.

IOC President offered to continue supporting the African Olympic and sports movement **« whose present dynamism is amazing the whole world »** he added.

It is worth noting that ANOCA

adopted a 4-year Action Plan; it is a real roadmap which will contribute to aiming higher in the implementation of many actions as bringing smiles to young Africans and to improve the preparation of the Continent's participation in international events as well as the optimum of events directly managed by this institution. This nice vision is carried by Mustapha Berraf who expressed his gratitude to **« Dr. Thomas BACH for his commitment to stand by Africa in good and difficult moments such as those imposed by the dreadful Coronavirus pandemic since the late 19s »**.

« ANOCA's performances are obvious and augur a bright future for African youths through sport and Olympism. »





MUSTAPHA BERRAF CLARIFIES ANOCA'S POSITION



BEIJING 2022™



Reacting to the call launched by some political groups for the boycott of the Beijing 2022 winter Olympic Games, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, in an interview granted to CNC and CCTV two news organs, made his institution's position clear. According to him, « **politics should not interfere with sport. It should stay at bay of sports events,**

which remains an opportunity for youths and peoples to make peace, brotherhood and love triumph in the world ». For the IOC member, « **The first organization to have supported the staging of these games in Beijing is our organization (ANOCA ed.). This is a special message from ANOCA of which I am the senior representative, where some said that it was**



not the time to stage these games or other allegations, who wanted to politicize the issue ».

In line with the practice of sports, ANOCA President pointed out that: *« These interferences could not be included in an issue relating to youths, joy, results and performance. Set goals are sports goals and we should stick to that. I have already traveled to Beijing in 2008 during the Olympic and I was impressed. Likewise, I hope the next games will also be successful ».* *« As all African delegations, I'm expecting an unchallenged editions since the Games were founded. I know what Chinese are capable of. The Chinese Government and people have huge means and skills and we are proud of our presence and participation, though symbolic »*, he went further.

On Africa's participation ANOCA President explained

that *« given its climate, Africa lacked enough opportunities in terms of disciplines relating to winter games ».*

Mustapha Berraf encouraged to countries to participate in these games, *« organized in this brotherly country which helps Africa a lot. Therefore, it is a duty to also scratch the back of this generous nation which accepted to host these games and give them a special touch ».* *« We have an Olympafrica Foundation owning 50 complexes all over the continent. We will request the contribution of our Chinese brothers to help these young talents who lack means. These are millions of youths we are preparing through these complexes »*, said Mr. Berraf, alluding to the possible signing of a partnership agreement with the Chinese Olympic Committee to support African Athletes.





CONGRATULATIONS FROM ANOCA



Organized in Cameroon from 9 January to 6 February 2022, the 33rd edition of the African Football Cup of Nations was an opportunity for Africa to showcase its know-how in the management of sports events. The successful staging of this event prompted ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, to express the congratulations of the African Olympic Movement governing body's congratulations to many personalities in the continent.

To Cameroon's Head of State...ANOCA hails the perfect staging of the event

This is in substance what

ANOCA President wrote to His Excellency Excellence Paul Biya:

"Your Excellency, Mr. President of the Republic of Cameroon





I have the honour most respectfully to extend to you the congratulations of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA.

The staging of the 33rd edition of the Africa Cup of Nations, Cameroon 2021 CAN Total energies was a memorable success.

We wish to thank you for your personal commitment and that of the entire Cameroonian people to ensure the historic success of this great gathering of African football in particular and world football in general.

The African Olympic and Sports movement wishes to express to you its gratitude and to congratulate you for the wonderful show offered to our continent's youths. Africa is proud to have shown the world its know-how through the excellent organization of this event and the legendary hospitality of the Cameroonian people.

Olympic values of fair-play, solidarity and sharing underpinned this competition which contributed to strengthen ties between African peoples.

Kindest regards.

To the President of the African Football Confederation... ANOCA happy for the holding of the competition despite the adverse context of the covid-19

Mr. President and Dear Brother; The Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, wishes to warmly congratulate you for the brilliant organization of Cameroon 2021 Total energies Africa Cup of Nations.

This competition, which is the display window of African football in particular and African sports in general, was crowned with success.

The African Football





Confederation once again showed its worth in a special context marred by the pangs of the Covid 19.

Through your action, Africa displayed in the face of the world the values of fair-play, solidarity, unity and sharing. The African Olympic and sports movement wishes to express to you its sincere gratitude for this highly laudable performance.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Président et cher Frère, nos salutations distinguées.

Kindest regards

To Senegal's Head of State... ANOCA congratulates the victory of the «Teranga Lions»

« Your Excellency Mr. President of the Republic;

I have the honour most respectfully to extend to you the congratulations of the Executive Committee of the Association of

National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA.

The victory of Senegal's National Football Team, « the Teranga Lions» at the 33rd African Cup of Nations 2021 Cameroon AFCON Total energies for the first time in its history is a memorable success.

This is the crowning of the efforts of one people, the people of Senegal. On behalf of the African Olympic and Sports Movement, we wish to say thank you for your personal commitment to make sport a major actor for the development of Segal's and Africa's youths.

The glorious performance of Senegal's national team in this competition which brought together 24 African Nations is exemplary.

«The Teranga Lions» made Senegal and Africa proud. The African Olympic and Sports Movement is proud ».



NOC ANGOLA

ANOCA CONGRATULATES GUSTAVO DIAS VAZ DA CONCEICAO FOR HIS REELECTION



An elective session of Angola NOC General Assembly took place recently in order to renew this institution's Executive Committee. At the end of the ballot, outgoing President, Gustavo Dias Vaz da Conceicao was reelected to his position. When informed, ANOCA President, on behalf of the institution sent him a letter of congratulations which read as follows.

Brother;

I have the honour most respectfully to extend to you congratulations from the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA.

Your reelection at the helm of Angola's National Olympic and Sports Committee is a satisfaction for the African Olympic and Sports movement. You have always shown proof of insight and efficiency in sports management, and this speaks for your outstanding contribution in the promotion of Olympic values of solidarity and sharing.

Through my voice, ANOCA wishes to ensure you of its support during this new term of office which appears to be full of promises and success. Best regards ».

« *Mr. President and Dear*





CONGRATULATIONS

ANOCA PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES ISSA HAYATOU, FORMER AFRICAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION PRESIDENT FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF HIS SUSPENSION BY TAS



Kindly accept our warmest congratulations following the lifting of your suspension from the Sports Arbitration Tribunal.

This news captures the attention of all Executive members of the Association of National Olympic Committees, ANOCA, who wish to congratulate you while hailing your resilience during these trying moments. Your rights have been restored. It's only fair, regarding all your achievements in favour of African football in particular and

African sports in general; we are satisfied.

The African Olympic and sport movement wishes to express all its gratitude. Also accept our wishes of good health, happiness and success for the New Year.

Mr. President and Dear Brother;

Kindly accept our warmest greetings.



INVITATION

ANOCA PRESIDENT IS GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE FIRST NATIONAL GAMES OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

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ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, was officially invited by the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee's President at the first national «**Saudi Games**» to take place in Riyadh from 10 to 12 March 2022. This multisport event will focus on two main components, including a sports programme with many sports in which athletes will compete to win medals, and

an international Olympic Forum during which « **major key challenges of the Olympic and sports movement will be discussed with renowned speakers from all over the world. Initially scheduled for March 2020, this event was postponed due to the Covid-19 health crisis which affected the entire world during that period**».





COMMISSIONING OF THE DIAMNADIO SPORTS COMPLEX

MUSTAPHA BERRAF INVITED BY SENEGALESE HEAD OF STATE



At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Senegal, H.E. Macky Sall, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf took part in the official commissioning of the Diamnadio sports complex on 22 February 2022 among other dignitaries of the African Olympic and sports movement, as well as many other guests from other continents.

Senegal built this infrastructure in the new city under construction which already hosts Francophone Africa's largest high speed train railway station. The complex

will pay also host to the Youth Olympic Games scheduled for 2026. Construction works for the Diamnadio Olympic Stadium were launched on 20 February 2020. This infrastructure has a capacity of 50,000 seats. Diamniadio, is the new Senegalese city situated some kilometers away from Dakar, the Senegalese capital. According to many observers, what impresses is the speed at which construction works were completed. Apart from the 2026 Youth Olympic Games the Diamnadio stadium will also host matches of the Senegalese national football selection.



DIAMNIADO

« DIAMNIADO, THE SENEGALESE EXAMPLE WHICH HONOURS THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC MOVEMENT »



A statement from Mustapha Berraf, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA; he took part on 22 February 2022 in the inauguration ceremony of the Diamniado stadium in Senegal. He was special guest to the President of the Republic of Senegal, Macky Sall



Mustapha Berraf had an audience with Senegalese National Olympic Committee's President. Both personalities talked about the success of the Diamniado new infrastructure which is a state-of-the-art stadium which will play a crucial role in the staging of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. These Games will be the first event of this kind held on the African continent and in Senegal.

This is what Mustapha Berraf had to say:

« The African Olympic and sports movement congratulates the President of the Republic of Senegal, my brother Macky Sall, who invests in quality infrastructure for the benefit of African youths ».

Mustapha Berraf also visited the headquarters of Senegal's National Olympic and sports

Committee headed by Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye.

The President of the SNOSC expressed his satisfaction of receiving ANOCA President whom he thanked for his support in the implementation of all Olympic and sports projects in Senegal and the promotion of Olympic values.

Furthermore, Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye hailed Head of State Macky Sall's actions in the area of sport; he says:

« The jewel which brings together such high-ranking dignitaries is obviously the result of the Senegal State's proactive policy to build dedicated infrastructure. Definitely, has the construction of sports infrastructure been a discipline, you should have been gold medallist, Mr. President of the Republic ».

In the same vein, this is what



ANOCA President added:
«60years after the foundation of the African Olympic Sport movement, we should work together for the progress of African sport. ANOCA's new vision is to take African sport to higher heights for the continent's development ».

This message was highly appreciated by all personalities who had fruitful talks with ANOCA President as shown by the good atmosphere which prevailed and the various

resolutions which followed.

And Mustapha Berraf added:

« I urge African Governments to make sport a priority ».

The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games will certainly boost this vision of making sport a vehicle for solidarity, peace and economic and cultural development. The new infrastructure is an excellent example.





OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022 OPENING SPEECH BY IOC PRESIDENT



ANOCA Newsletter editorial team hereby publishes the extensive speech delivered by the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Thomas Bach on 4 February 2022 at the opening ceremony of the Beijing winter Olympic Games



Dear fellow Olympians;

*Your Excellency Excellence
Xi Jinping, President of the
People's Republic of China,*

*Your Excellencies António
Guterres, Secretary General
of the United Nations, and
Abdulla Shahid, President of
the UN General Assembly,*

*President of the Organizing
Committee, Cai Qi,*

Your Excellencies,

Dear Olympic Friends

*Welcome to the Olympic
Winter Games Beijing 2022.*

*To all our Chinese friends: a
very happy new year.*

*Happy New Year! Best Year of
the Tiger!*

*This Year of the Tiger is also an
Olympic Year. Both the Year
of the Tiger and the Olympic
Year stand for ambition,*

courage and strength.

*Today, thanks to this
ambition, China is a winter
sport country. Well over 300
million people are engaged in
winter sports in about 2,000
ski resorts and ice rinks.*

*This extraordinary
achievement opens a new era
for global winter sport. It will
raise the global participation
to new levels, benefiting the
Chinese people as well as
winter sport enthusiasts
around the world.*

*We can only write this new
chapter in sporting history,
because of our gracious hosts
– the Chinese people, whom
we thank wholeheartedly for
welcoming us all so warmly.*

*Thank you, our Chinese
friends!*

*Special thanks go to all the
volunteers. You make us feel
at home from the very first
moment we arrived. Your
smiling eyes are warming our*





hearts. Thank you volunteers.

Unfortunately, the global pandemic is still a reality for all of us. Therefore, our gratitude is even deeper for the Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee, the public authorities and all the Chinese people. Thank you for making these Olympic Winter Games happen – and making them happen in a safe way for everyone.

We all could get here because of the countless medical workers, doctors, scientists, everybody in China and around the world who is going beyond the call of duty. Thank you for your outstanding efforts and solidarity.

In the same spirit, our heart goes to all athletes who, because of the pandemic, could not make their Olympic dream come true.

Dear fellow Olympians,

Your Olympic stage is set.

You've arrived here after overcoming so many challenges, living through great uncertainty. But now your moment has come: the moment you have been longing for – the moment we all have been longing for.

Now your Olympic dream is coming true – in magnificent venues, supported by hundreds of millions of new Chinese winter sport fans.

You the Olympic athletes – you will show how the world would look like if we all respect the same rules and each other.

Over the next two weeks you will compete with each other for the highest prize. At the same time, you will live peacefully together under one roof in the Olympic Village.

There, there will be no discrimination for any reason



whatsoever.

In our fragile world, where division, conflict and mistrust are on the rise, we show to the world: yes, it is possible to be fierce rivals, while at the same time living peacefully and respectfully together.

This is the mission of the Olympic Games: bringing us together in peaceful competition. Always building bridges, never erecting walls. Uniting humankind in all our diversity.

This mission is strongly supported by the United Nations General Assembly. It adopted the Olympic Truce Resolution by consensus of all 193 UN Member States. The resolution explicitly mentions you, the Olympic athletes, welcoming how you promote peace and human understanding through the Olympic ideal..

In this Olympic spirit of peace, I appeal to all political authorities across the world: observe your commitment to this Olympic Truce. Give peace a chance.

Dear athletes, we are standing with you. We are all supporting you. We all are cheering you on.

May this encourage you to go faster, to aim higher, to become stronger – together. In this way, you will inspire the world in this Olympic Year with the same ambition, courage and strength like the Year of the Tiger.

Now I have the honour of inviting the President of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Xi Jinping, to declare open the 24th Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.





JOAO COSTA ALEGRE REELECTED FOR A NEW MANDATE



It is on 19 February 2022 that an elective General Assembly of the African Canoeing Confederation.

Joao Costa Alegre, first Vice-President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa was reelected at the post of President of the African Canoeing Confederation, an organization which he thoroughly knows for having served in for more a decade at

national, continental and world level. This long experience owned him his peers' confidence.

He is a seasoned official who doubles as President of Sao Tome's National Olympic Committee and Executive Committee member of the Association of the Association of World Olympic Committees (ANOC). Joao Costa Alegre presented his vision for the coming years.



The development of Canoeing competitions and the promotion of this discipline throughout the continent with the aim of stimulating African youths' interest for this sport which promotes Olympic values of fair-play, solidarity and sharing. On this occasion the President of the African Canoeing Confederation President was congratulated by ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, who writes:

« All Executive Committee members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, wish to sincerely congratulate you. Your reelection is a resounding success for the African Olympic and sports movement ». He goes further to say that: **« Together, we will carry on with the Olympic ideal through the values of solidarity, sharing and love ».**

Thomas Konietzko, the President of the International Canoeing Federation, also wrote:

« It is a great satisfaction for me to see you elected once again as President of the African Canoeing Confederation. It's good news, not only for African Canoeing, but also for world sport ».

He recalled one of the major challenges of the time:

« To Supervise a sport in a region as vast as Africa is highly challenging; that is why it is important to have a President and a strong Board of Directors... You have already proven your skills to make things move, and I know you will keep to your commitment in future ».

It is this optimism which will guide Joao Costa Alegre's mandate; he is also Member of the Executive Committee and Board of Administrators of Sao Tome and Principe's canoeing Federation.





NEW HEADQUARTERS COMMISSIONED IN RABAT



The African Volleyball Confederation now has brand new headquarters in Rabat, Morocco. The inauguration ceremony took place on 16 February 2022

and was chaired by Morocco's Minister of National Education, Pre-Education and Sports, Chakib Benmoussa, in the presence of the International Volleyball Federation



President and of Mrs. Bouchra Hajij, President of the African Volleyball President and of Morocco's Royal Volleyball Federation.

Taking part at this event, the first Vice-President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Joao Costa Alegre made the following statement:

« We are proud of this asset and ANOCA undertakes to support Mrs. Hajij in her task, and we wish to congratulate her ».

In her address, Mrs. Bouchra Hajij said that **« I undertake to develop volleyball on the African continent by implementing many projects. I undertake to support Africa and its National Federations ».**

Her first challenge is to have provided the African Volleyball Confederation with new headquarters which are a modern and pleasant working environment. Other projects include the implementation of good governance, openness and the signing of partnerships with various sports sectors.

The new infrastructure is situated in a Rabat classy neighbourhood and replaces the old one which was bases in Cairo, Egypt.

As a reminder, Mrs Bouchra Hajij is ANOCA member of the Gender Equality Commission and member of the Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).





PARTNERSHIP

A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE CNSOM NOUAKCHOTT « AL ASRYA » UNIVERSITY



Mauritania's Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSM) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research signed a partnership agreement on the practice of sport and the promotion of Olympic values; this was in Nouackchott last 21 February.

This important agreement was signed in a pleasant atmosphere by CNSOM President, Mr. Abderrahmane Ould Ethmane, the President of the University of Nouakchott, Professour Cheikh Saad Bouh Camara and the National Director of University Services,



Mr. Doudou Wane. The ceremony was also attended by Secretaries General of Ministries of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Health and Culture as well as Youths and Sports.

The agreement covers the period 2022-2026 and offers a partnership platform for the organization of sports events during the academic year with two main events, namely the National Olympic Day and the Week of Sports for Students. During these events, sports competitions will be staged for students in various disciplines

and conferences on sport Olympic values will be held by experts on these issues.

Competitions for young talents identification will also be organized in collaboration with sports federations and professionals.

The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the launching of the Mauritanian week of school and university health, whose theme this year was « **Sport and health** » in the university environment.

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ANOCA ZONE 1

ANOCA ZONE 1 SETS 2022 SPORTS AND OLYMPIC AGENDA



MINUTES OF ZONE 1 MEETING

Date: 18 February 2022

Venue: Headquarters of NOC Tunisia

At the behest of the President of ANOCA Zone 1, Mr Khaled Zankouli, a meeting was held

at the Headquarters of NOC Tunisia on Friday, 18 February 2022 at 4 p.m.

Apart from the Zone 1 President himself, the meeting was also attended by the President of NOC Libya, Mr Jamel Zarrouk, and the President of NOC Tunisia, Mr Mehrez Bousayne. The Secretary-General of NOC Algeria, Mr Khereiddine Berbari,



followed it via Zoom, while the representative of NOC Morocco apologised for not being able to attend. He nonetheless expressed his confidence in the President of the Zone and the participants after reading the agenda, and declared his support for the ensuing resolutions.

Following deliberations on the organisation of Zone 1 Beach Games as a «test event» for the 2nd African Beach Games billed for Hammamet (Tunisia) in 2023, the participants decided as follows:

1. To organise the Zone 1 Beach Games in Tunisia on a date to be decided later, together with the events, number of athletes and delegations.
2. Mr Chaker Belhaj, sports director of NOC Tunisia, was tasked to prepare a technical document to be submitted to the Zone 1 President by the end of February, taking into account the budget allocated to the games.

Winners shall receive incentives as encouragement



to participate, provided the budget so permits.

3. To examine the possibility of having Mauritania and Egypt participate in the Zone I Games

4. To request for the transfer, by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, of the budget reserved for Zone 1 to the bank account of NOC Tunisia, while reserving an account receivable in the NOC Tunisia account for Zone 1. Expenditure shall be authorised in writing by the Zone 1 President. The account and its management shall be the responsibility of

the Zone and its President to serve as a support document for the drafting of its annual financial report.

5. Désignation de la prochaine Choice of Tripoli as venue for the next Zone 1 meeting on a date to be decided later, with the commitment of NOC Libya to organise it before March 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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