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IOC PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

At a time when the entire world is rocked at various levels by the war between Russia and Ukraine, IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, launches a fervent appeal for a return to peace. Following is the full statement by the steward of the supreme governing body of the Olympic Movement.



«GIVE PEACE A CHANCE»

...this was the appeal I made to the political leaders across the world in my opening speech at the Winter Olympic Games Beijing 2022. In my closing speech, I expressed the hope that these leaders would be inspired by the «example of solidarity and peace» having been set by the athletes.

Just four days later, all our hopes for Ukraine were shattered. The horrifying images and reports of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army shocked the world. Every day we are more devastated by seeing so much human suffering, anxiety, desperation and destruction. In the meantime, millions of Ukrainians, most of them women and children, have to flee from the brutal acts

of war to other countries. Our hearts, our feelings, our emotions go out to all these innocent victims. The global community reacted in an unprecedented way to what is widely considered a turning point in world history. The UN General Assembly deplored the aggression by the Russian Federation in the strongest terms with a most exceptional majority. Only three other countries voted with Russia and Belarus against this resolution. Acts of solidarity by millions of people and sanctions by governments across the world followed.

The Olympic Movement immediately strongly condemned the breach of the Olympic Truce by the Russian government, urged the





relocation of all sports events planned in Russia or Belarus, and called for no national symbols of any kind of these countries being displayed at any sports events. In doing so

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On the one hand we have a heavy heart. On the other, we have to keep a cool head to preserve our Olympic values that have withstood the test of time. The invasion has changed the world. The invasion has not changed our values. The invasion has strengthened our commitment to our values of peace, solidarity and non-discrimination in sport for any reason whatsoever. What has changed, however, are the ways to protect and promote them. This situation forces us - and

we were demonstrating our solidarity with the Ukrainian people. We were sharing the emotions with the people across the globe who, like us, are calling for peace. At the same time, we had to share the hard reality with all of them.

gives us the opportunity - to clearly define the principles and values that constitute the Olympic Movement and guide us. The political consequences of this war and the respective political sanctions confront us with the extremely difficult dilemma of not being able to fully apply these principles at

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all times.

Our guiding principle is peace. We were entrusted with this mission by our founder Pierre de Coubertin. When he revived the Olympic Games and created the IOC in 1894, with the full support of the International Peace Movement at the time, he said: "Should the institution of the Olympic Games prosper, it can become a potent factor in securing universal peace."

This means that sport, and in particular the Olympic Games, can be a powerful symbol of peace and understanding. They can be an inspiration for how peaceful the world could be if we all respect the same rules and each other. Everybody in the Olympic community wishes we could be more than a symbol and an inspiration. But we have had to learn once again

the hard lessons that sport cannot create peace, and that decisions on war and peace are within the exclusive remit of politics. To be at least a powerful symbol, to be an inspiring demonstration of a - maybe utopian - peaceful world, to be a credible polar opposite of war, Olympic sport needs the participation of all athletes who accept the rules, even and in particular if their countries in the "real" world are in confrontation or at war. A competition between athletes from only like-minded nations is not a credible symbol of peace, it is just another sports event. This is our role: to provide a counter-example to war and division - not to accept, follow and deepen divisions among people. We must be united in the Olympic Movement; we must stand in solidarity together to achieve our unifying mission in all circumstances.





These values, these principles and this mission have guided us in the past and will guide us in the future, acknowledging the historic fundamental changes of the world brought about by the Russian invasion and their unprecedented political consequences.

we will continue our close consultations with all the stakeholders of the Olympic Movement. I would very much like to encourage you also to take the initiative to contact the IOC with regard to any question or comment you may have.

This means that we will continue to expose the people and organisations responsible for this war in breach of the Olympic Truce. Therefore,

sports competitions or events should not take place in the territory of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus. No national or state symbols of any kind of these countries should be displayed at any event organised by the Olympic Movement. We will not fall into the trap of the cheap argument that this would be a politicisation of sport, going against the Olympic Charter, which requires political neutrality. Whoever so blatantly violates the Olympic Truce with political and even military means cannot denounce the consequences as being politically motivated.

This clear exposure of the Russian government and its members as being responsible also recognises that this war has not been started by the Russian people, Russian athletes or Russian sports organisations. But we are





facing an insoluble dilemma in this respect because we have at the same time the great responsibility to ensure the integrity, fairness and safety of our competitions. Under these unique circumstances, we cannot fully uphold this responsibility, we cannot ensure the integrity of the competitions. With the

the situation where Russian or Belarusian athletes would be competing for titles, while Ukrainian athletes could not, because of the war in their country. Without this, we would have had to experience the politicisation of sports competitions by athletes or teams, some of them being encouraged by third parties.

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recommendation of the IOC Executive Board, we have brought clarity to our stakeholders, avoided divisions and helped them to maintain unity. Without this, we would have to face

We also had to consider the safety risks for Russian and Belarusian athletes taking part in international competitions, because of deep anti-Russian and anti-Belarusian feelings following the invasion.



For all these reasons we urge every sports organisation in the world to protect the integrity, fairness and safety of their competitions by not allowing Russian and Belarusian athletes to take part or in special circumstances to at least prohibit any identification of their nationality. This protective approach is also shared by International Sports Federations chaired by Russian nationals. In this context, we will continue to monitor the attitude of Russian or Belarusian athletes and their sports organisations concerning their commitment to peace as enshrined in the Olympic Charter. In so doing we will have to take the situation within Russia into account where, by law, an engagement for peace has been put under the sanction of imprisonment for up to 15 years.

It goes without saying that we will continue our close consultations with all the stakeholders of the Olympic Movement. I would very much like to encourage you also to take the initiative to contact the IOC with regard to any question or comment you may have.

At the same time, we will strengthen our solidarity efforts with the Ukrainian Olympic Community. Many of them are living in Ukraine under unbearable conditions, many of them have had to flee. We are overwhelmed by the show of solidarity from the entire Olympic Movement. To make this assistance as efficient as possible, we have not only established a solidarity fund, we have also called on our IOC Member Sergii Bubka in his capacity as President of the NOC of





Ukraine, to lead our efforts. His working group has already provided assistance to many of our Ukrainian Olympic friends through the 25 regional offices of the NOC and other NOC institutions. They are in contact with a number of NOCs whose countries have already accepted more than two million refugees, and are offering their help in the Olympic spirit at its best. In this same spirit, we do not forget the other Olympic communities affected by war, warlike situations or acts of aggression. We continue to assist them, like in Ukraine, through their respective NOCs.

The war in Ukraine is so unique because of the global response to it and the far-reaching consequences for the world, making it a turning point in world history. This also creates unique challenges for our Olympic Movement. We sincerely hope that these challenges can be overcome as soon as possible and peace can be restored. It does not make us forget the victims of the other too many wars in our fragile world. In solidarity with all of them, please join me by appealing, by pleading, by calling on all the political leaders around the globe to:

«GIVE PEACE A CHANCE»

Dr Thomas Bach, Président du CIO





PRESIDENT MUSTAPHA BERRAF'S ADDRESS TO THE ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN CAIRO

*- Dear Minister and Brother,
- The President of NOC
Egypt,
- The President of the
International Handball
Federation,
- Honourable Members*

*of the ANOCA Executive
Committee,
- Distinguished Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I wish, from the bottom of my heart, to begin by thanking the government and people of Egypt as a whole, for the warm welcome and fraternal hospitality accorded us since we set foot in Cairo, which speaks to the excellent conditions put in place for our stay in this beautiful African capital city and the conduct of our deliberations.

**Your Excellency,
Honourable Executive
Committee members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I hail you in advance, since I have the enduring conviction that this session of our Executive

MUSTAPHA BERRAF

**IOC Member
President of ANOCA**





Committee will mark a milestone on our long road to progress and the consolidation of the unity

Cairo is our capital and, suffice it to say, the one that projects us, thanks to this meeting of the Executive Committee, towards a better tomorrow

of the African Olympic and sports movement, which we incessantly clamour for.

Together, we braved the horrors of the terrible Covid-19 pandemic and, against this backdrop, supported the organisation of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and the Winter Olympic Games Beijing 2022.

Here we are in 2022, driven by an even stronger resolve to pursue our common goals which, for the most part, have been achieved thanks to our selflessness and our deep-

seated belief in the Olympic ideals of solidarity, sharing, fraternity and fair play.

From 26 August to 6 September 2022, Cairo, the capital city of Egypt, will certainly host the 4th edition of the African Youth Games, an ANOCA event that brings together, at a single venue, young people aged 14 to 18 from across the continent.

That event, the 2022 edition of the African Youth Games, speaks to the genuine desire of Egyptian authorities at the highest level, beginning with His Excellency, the President of the Republic Abdel Fattah El Sissi, who on 25 May 2021, received the African Olympic Order of Merit in «Gold», the highest distinction awarded by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa.

**Your Excellency,
Honourable Executive
Committee Members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear friends,**

This session of our Executive





Committee is in keeping with the idea of sharing and Olympic values promotion, the aim being to highlight the power of tolerance, equality, respect and solidarity.

Recent happenings following the war in Ukraine warrant us to firmly support all measures taken by the International Olympic Committee and its President, Dr Thomas Bach, who has called for peace and an end to these hostilities that cause sadness the world over. ANOCA wishes to express its full support for peace and the Global Olympic and Sports Movement that is impacted by this unprecedented conflict.

**Your Excellency,
Honourable Executive
Committee Members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

May our deliberations be a success as usual. May our contributions reflect our goals, based on our 2020-2024 action plan, which is the compass of our vision, as well as the new IOC guidelines set out in agenda 20/25. Cairo is

our capital and, suffice it to say, the one that projects us, thanks to this meeting of the Executive Committee, towards a better tomorrow. The ensuing recommendations and resolutions must take into account the concerns of African Youth.

The youth are looking up to us, with higher expectations by the day; it is up to us to know how to reciprocate through the quality of our deliberations and meaningful, effective actions. Such is the pathway to progress and modernity, which ANOCA and the African Olympic and sports movement have chosen.

Secure in my belief, and having full confidence in our skills, I thus stand here to wish us all very successful deliberations for the future of our noble activities. Thank you once more, and may I request the Minister, my dear brother, to convey our feelings of deep deference and great respect to His Excellency the President of the Republic.



SPECIAL

**57TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

FOCUS ON THE CAIRO DELIBERATIONS



The 57th Ordinary Session of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) met 16 and 17 March 2022 in Cairo, Egypt. This edition of ANOCA Newsletter is devoted to this meeting, which was chaired by ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf.





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CAIRO HOSTS 57TH ORDINARY SESSION OF ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



During the 57th Ordinary Session of the ANOCA Executive Committee, ANOCA staff and the local Olympic Committee headed by President Hesham Mohamed Tawfeq Hatab took all necessary measures to ensure hitch-free deliberations.

Apart from ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, who

effectively chaired the deliberations, the opening ceremony was attended by several other dignitaries including Egypt's Minister of Youth and Sports, Ashraf Sobhy, officials of partner organisations and of course ANOCA Executive Committee members.

Welcoming participants to the





deliberations, the President of NOC Egypt, Hesham Mohamed Tawfeq Hatab, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to ANOCA for choosing his country to host the 57th session of the Executive Committee, adding that the organisation of the meeting in Cairo is a mark of trust and friendship towards the people of Egypt and the NOC.

Like the NOC President, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Ashraf Sobhy, also stressed the importance of the meeting and the pride of his country

to host the session. He noted that African sport must work for greater cohesion and that such a meeting is undoubtedly an ideal platform to find ideal solutions to revamp the African sports movement.

Taking the floor thereafter, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, began by thanking the Government of Egypt. ***"I wish, from the bottom of my heart, to begin by thanking the government and the people of Egypt as a whole, for the warm welcome and fraternal hospitality accorded us since we set foot in Cairo, which***



speaks to the excellent conditions put in place for our stay in this beautiful African capital city and the conduct of our deliberations,” he said,

Talking about the forthcoming African Youth Games billed for

from across the continent.

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Cairo, the ANOCA President noted: *“From 26 August to 6 September 2022, Cairo, the capital city of Egypt, will certainly host the 4th edition of the African Youth Games, an ANOCA event that brings together, at a single venue, young people aged 14 to 18*

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the Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Support and Development of Aquatics in Africa with the International Swimming Federation (FINA) and Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea

Participants reviewed ANOCA activities over the past months, and identified future prospects. Thus, the Association intends to do everything possible to increase training grants for referees and sports managers by creating enabling conditions for African sportsmen and women to be more efficient and competitive internationally. The draft budget presented by the Treasurer General, Ahmed Abu Gumel, was also adopted.

The Cairo deliberations also

featured presentations by ANOCA Commissions as well as partner organisations and host cities of forthcoming sports events. In the same vein, Alfred Foloko, President of ANOCA Zone IV presented a paper, in which he outlined the activities of his structure and the prospects for this Olympiad.

Furthermore, the Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Support and Development of Aquatics in Africa with the International Swimming Federation (FINA) and Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, with a view to establishing a system of close cooperation in the build up to the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024.

Suffice it to note that an extraordinary session of the ANOCA General Assembly was also held by videoconference. Here, African NOCs stated





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57TH ORDINARY SESSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Olympic Africa's stance on the management of the Accra 2023 African Games.

President Mustapha Berraf on his stalwart stewardship. He in turn thanked his colleagues for their invaluable input. Finally, participants agreed to meet in Mauritania for the 58th ordinary session.

The Cairo deliberations concluded with ANOCA Executive Committee members congratulating

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ANOCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



One of the highlights of the 57th ANOCA Executive Committee session was the report presented by President Mustapha Berraf, who shed light on the organisation's activities since the last ordinary session.

The report revealed that a statutory meeting, an

extraordinary Executive Committee session, was held on 30 December 2021, during which members discussed preparations for the 2022 African Youth Games and the 2023 African Beach Games. The 38th Seminar for NOC Secretaries General was successfully held in Niamey, Niger, from 26 to 28 November



2021 in hybrid format. 52 NOCs participated in-person and one by videoconference, on the theme: **«Strategic planning for better NOC governance, development of athletes, coaches and officials, and harmonisation with continental plans to promote Africa internationally.»**

Also, the first ever ANOCA conference on sustainability was held by video conference on 10 January 2022. This brought together some 150 delegates from NOCs, IOC, sustainability and climate change experts. Presentations were received from the IOC, NOCs, academics and experts. The second conference is billed for 2023.

ANOCA also completed the appointment of members of approved commissions. One outstanding reality here is the inclusion of more women. Following approval of

commissions by the Executive Committee, all commission members received their appointment letters. Approved commissions include: Athletes; Support Programme for Athletes-Paris 2024; Culture and Education; Development; Ethics; Finance; Gender; International Relations; Legal; Litigation and Governance; Marketing; Communication and Information; Medical and Anti-doping. The Athletes' Commission is still not fully functional, since all Zones have not yet forwarded the names of their two representatives. Files have been received from Zones 2, 3, 6 and 7. Follow-up will be done with the outstanding Zones to finalise this process.

The report further noted that the Development Commission is at work and ANOCA is backing its efforts. It held its first meeting of the





year on 2 March 2022. As for the ANOCA Athletes Support Programme Commission, it scrutinised selection criteria submitted by the Secretariat General for approval by the Executive Committee so that they can be communicated to the NOCs and start implementing the Paris 2024

Chair and the Technical Director represented ANOCA at the videoconference organised by the partner «Let's Do It World» from 27 to 30 January 2022. The Chair made a presentation on ANOCA's sustainability and environmental activities.

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Support Programme. The ANOCA Paris 2024 Athletes Support Programme aims to provide assistance to elite athletes with the potential to qualify and perform well at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Pertaining to the Sustainability Commission, the Commission

The report also featured Secretariat activities at the headquarters in Abuja. Emphasis was laid here on ironing out outstanding issues with the NOCs, zones and other stakeholders. The Secretariat's work also focused on finalising the Athletes Support Programme for the quadrennial, coordination and management of continental activities programme and commission activities. A consultant was recruited to oversee the hiring process for an Administrative Officer, an Accountant and a Technical Assistant.

The Continental Activities





Programme is ongoing thanks to the unwavering commitment of the Technical Director and the Financial Director on the one hand, and the Olympic Solidarity office in Lausanne on the other. 76% of the NOCs completed applications for continental activities on RELAY and 8% are being processed. It should be noted that one of the key proposals made during the seminar for SGs was the need to organise training sessions with programme officers within the NOCs and ANOCA. Activities funded by this programme, but which are not exclusively limited to those mentioned below, include:

- ***Return to competition after confinement imposed by COVID-19;***
- ***Qualifiers for the Tokyo 2020 Games;***
- ***Sports equipment;***
- ***Educational seminars;***

- ***Talent identification and development***
- ***Competitions and training camps;***
- ***Statutory NOC meetings, etc.***

The Olympafrica Foundation is exemplary in its unwavering support for African youth development. Among the activities implemented by the Foundation include:

- ***«Olympafrica Youth Games»:*** ***This new programme is part of the implementation of the Olympafrica 2021 - 2025 strategic plan. It blends sport (7 sports disciplines) and education. 27 centres were chosen for the organisation of this activity, and the competitions kicked off in some centres in December 2021.***
- ***The Iba Mbaye Scholarship:*** ***This programme is dedicated to the memory of the late Iba Mbaye, pioneer Executive Director of the Olympafrica Foundation, in recognition of his services to the***





Olympic Movement through Olympafrica. It provides for the organisation of a sports and general culture competition on Olympic values to determine the two winners who will each receive a scholarship of US\$ 500. In 2021, 13 (thirteen) centres were selected to host this programme and the activities were scheduled for October.

- *Futbolnet: due to COVID-19, the normal futbolnet programme was modified in keeping with the social distancing and new health measures. All Olympafrica network centres benefited from this programme and activities were launched around October.*
- *Renovation of centres: as part of efforts to renovate 1st generation centres, funds were allocated to the Lesotho, Burundi and Niger centres to renovate the facilities.*
- *Communication/Promotion of centres: to communicate on Olympafrica activities, a*

strategic plan was developed for 2021 - 2025 to help the Foundation to: reorganise its work; improve programmes design, with more specific goals and make brief and accurate presentations to partners.

- *-Construction of new centres: Work is underway in Sassandra (Côte d'Ivoire). It shall open by the end of March 2022. Renovation works are also underway in Lagos (Nigeria) and construction works are ongoing in Asrama (Togo). Construction works are due to start soon in Ghana and Niger.*

One of the special projects presented by the President was the World Clean-up Day. Indeed, ANOCA once again supported the NOCs with 1% of their activities budget to fund their participation in World Clean-up Day on 18 September 2021. As usual, NOCs heeded the call to use





sport as a tool for sustainability and environmental change. All reports received will be shared with the sustainability commission for evaluation. Collaboration with Let's Do It World (LDIW) is active and the CEO participated in the ANOCA conference on sustainability.

Concerning the NOC Headquarters Project, the Treasurer General and the Project Architect are actively engaged with the six NOCs, namely: Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Nigeria. The NOCs have signed their agreements prior to the start of construction works. Other NOCs are interested in being supported under the project.

Regarding the work of ANOCA officials in the field, the President and Executive Committee Members undertook several missions between October 2021 and

January 2022, with the aim of concluding or strengthening agreements, or bearing Olympic Africa's voice on the international stage.

As for agreements, the outfit Sportfive signed an agreement with ANOCA to become its exclusive marketing and sponsorship partner. Also, the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) signed an agreement with ANOC on the sidelines of its General Assembly in Crete, Greece, on 25 October 2021. Thanks to this agreement, a side event shall be included in the activities of the African Youth Games and the African Beach Games.



2ND AFRICAN BEACH GAMES

PREPARATIONS IN PROGRESS



The 2nd African Beach Games are billed for Tunisia from 20 to 29 June 2023. As part of its information mission, NOC Tunisia led by Mehrez Boussayène made a

presentation on progress of preparations for this event during the ANOCA Executive Committee meeting in Cairo. The event will be hosted at the following venues:



Yasmine Hamamet (main site), Rades, Lake Tunis and Nabeul (secondary sites). The sports programme, which has already been finalised, includes 15 sports including 6 team disciplines: Beach volleyball, Beach handball, Beach soccer, Basketball 3x3, Rugby 7s and Waterpolo. There are nine individual sports: Beach athletics, triathlon, beach rowing, beach kayaking, beach wrestling, beach tennis, beach karate, open water swimming and swimming with fins.

In addition to this tight sports programme, the 2nd African Beach Games will also feature a major cultural programme, which will centre around the promotion of the African artistic and cultural heritage and the launch of the **«African Olympic Ballet»**.

As for accommodation, hotels

that will host the delegations are ready. Athletes will be lodged in the Games village in Hammamet, the officials and referees at Hôtel Royal, sponsors at La Marina and the media in a hotel still in the city of Hammamet.

In terms of health facilities, the Local Organising Committee has already mobilised all hospitals in the region, as well as a clinic set up at La Marina Yasmine Hammamet. Anti-doping tests shall be conducted at the Tunis Military Hospital and the Ben Arous Hospital. Transport arrangements are also well in place.

All in all, the level of preparedness for these games gives room for optimism that it will be a great and beautiful African celebration.





CONSTRUCTION OF AFRICAN NOC HEADQUARTERS

PALPABLE EVIDENCE



The African NOC Headquarters construction project, which is coordinated by Treasurer General Ahmed Abu Gumel, is making giant steps. During the deliberations of the Executive Committee of the

supreme governing body of the continental Olympic Movement, the project's architect presented the model of the headquarters to participants. The idea behind the construction of headquarters is based on the trilogy: simplicity, functionality and economy. The



concept of simplicity refers to the fact that the building can be easily duplicated because it is a pilot project. Functionality refers to the fact that the construction meets the needs of the programme and the activity of the building, while economy refers to the use of simple materials and basic technology. In its structure, the facility comprises a ground floor: here there is a reception area, a waiting room, a meeting room, the General Secretariat,

treasury, the accounting office, the communication service, a common work space and 2 offices. There is a large parking lot in the yard.

The headquarters construction project is intended for NOCs that do not have a headquarters, and is skilfully piloted by the Treasurer General Ahmed, Habu Gumel. Participants hailed the important work already done and encouraged President Mustapha Berraf to keep it up, so as to give even



the secretariat, 4 offices and an archives room. The upper floor comprises: the president's office, the secretariat, the

more dignity to NOCs of the Continent, which up till now have been in dire need of a permanent headquarters.



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PRESENTATION BY THE ANOCA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



The ANOCA Development Commission chaired by Colonel Hamad Kalkaba Malboun, President of the

Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSC) was also on hand to present its activities during the



ANOCA Executive Committee meeting. The presentation showed that the Commission met on 2 March 2022, with 17 out of the 18 members in attendance. It opened with a situational analysis of Olympic Solidarity Programmes in Africa, notably the care of athletes, NOC management and the training of coaches.

The commission members in turn remarked the following:

- ***Not all NOCs access and make full use of funds available for Olympic Solidarity programmes;***
- ***Talent drain from Africa to other continents;***
- ***Absence of elite athletes from African competitions;***
- ***Lack of human resources and expertise in some NOCs;***

- ***Lack of funding other than that provided by Olympic Solidarity, for ANOCA and NOCs activities;***
- ***Need to empower all NOCs and equip them to develop and support African athletes, coaches, administrators and technical officials.***

Thereafter, the Development Commission made proposals on NOC administration, organisation of competitions and sourcing of additional funding. It also intends to meet more often this year, both during in-person meetings and by videoconference.





OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020

CAIRO MEETING REVISITS PERFORMANCE OF AFRICAN ATHLETES



The ANOCA Executive Committee meeting was also an opportunity for João Manuel Costa Alegre

Afonso and Fardouza Moussa-Eguez, respectively 1st and 4th Vice-Presidents of ANOCA, to present a paper on the



performances of African athletes at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

In 2018, ANOCA disbursed US\$ 1,000,000 to help African

Of the 46 athletes selected, 30 qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and 7 of them won 8 medals. Besides, five of them finished in the top 8.

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athletes prepare, qualify and win medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Athletes who were not on the ANOCA Athletes Support Programmelistweresupported with Olympic Solidarity Grants, while others received support from their sponsors.

To optimise the work of the Games Preparation Commission and boost the performance of athletes under the Programme, the following recommendations were made:

Performance of athletes of the «Tokyo 2020» Programme

- *The Development Commission and the Chairperson of the ANOCA Tokyo 2020 Commission to were conduct a post-*





games evaluation with the participating NOCs;

- *Early identification of athletes in the run-up to the Paris 2024 Games to enable them receive support as from January 2022;*
- *NOCs that fail to submit reports on time were to be sanctioned;*
- *Athletes were to undertake not to withdraw before Paris 2024;*
- *Need to identify Athletes with potential for Los Angeles 2028.*

Africa's overall performance

- *All 54 African NOCs took part in the Tokyo 2020 Games;*
- *984 athletes were accredited (415 women and 569 men);*
- *Of the 984 athletes accredited, 38 (including 4 for relay events) bagged*

medals for Africa.

Reagarding the overall preparation and participation of Africa in the Olympic Games, the following recommendations were made:

- *That the Development Commission and the Technical Director conduct a more in-depth analysis of all the factors that impacted athletes' performances;*
- *All strategies, which should also take into account the ANOCA Strategic Plan, should be put in place by January 2022 to ensure better performance at the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Games.*





DEVELOPMENT OF CYCLING IN AFRICA

EXHIBITION BY CYCLING CONFEDERATION



On 16 March 2022, the President of the Confederation of African Cycling (CAC) and World Vice-President of the



Cairo hosted the 2021 World Championships with 22 events in all, 11 for men and 11 for women.



discipline, Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, presented his institution's development programme in the Continent to the ANOCA Executive Committee members ahead of upcoming major events. Currently, there are 54 federations in Africa. In 2022, CAC intends to organise five major championships in different events notably in Egypt (March), Namibia (April), Nigeria (June), Ghana (to be determined) and Zimbabwe (September). As concerns training, many training courses shall be organised for coaches, commissioners, managers etc.

Besides, Africa plays host to several world competitions. For instance, Cairo hosted the 2021 World Championships with 22 events in all, 11 for

men and 11 for women. The competition brought together 250 riders and 170 team officials from 47 countries (15 African countries, 7 Asian countries, 19 European countries and 6 Latin American countries). Moving forward, Kigali, Rwanda will in 2025 host the World Road Cycling Championships. This event will explore several cycling development priorities in Africa, and CAC said it counts on ANOCA, the supreme governing body of the African Olympic and Sports Movement in this regard.





PICTURES





















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