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WE MOVE

There is a bright and prosperous future ahead for the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, the pride of our continent's 54 National Olympic Committees. Together, we have achieved great things, which give

hope and reassure us that we can even do better. It is our enduring conviction.

60 years after the creation of the African sports movement and 40 years following the establishment of ANOCA, we must shift gear. Moreover, nothing should be overlooked. That is why, together, we developed a strategic plan that runs from 2020 to 2024 and which guides our priority actions without neglecting other actions of proven importance.

This plan is tailored to the realities of our continent and is in tune with modernity, management techniques and new management methods. Major projects linked to this strategic paper include the organisation of the



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African Youth Games, the African Beach Games and the African Games to be

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hosted by Ghana. Our vision is to make the Youth Olympic Games billed for Dakar, Senegal, in 2026, a global success in terms of mobilisation.

On the move... We are committed to building headquarters for NOCs that do not have them, in close collaboration with Olympic Solidarity. We also plan to set up a documentation and archiving centre on African sport.

Promoting sport and Olympism is our cross, while the banner is the quality of our actions based on good governance and transparency.

We can all be proud of Africa's wonderful participation in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Japan. With the entire Olympic and global sports community, we braved the terrible Covid-19 pandemic, which finally turned out to be scarecrow.

We once again hail, with thanks and deference, the excellent mediation and rallying work done by IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH. We can also be satisfied with our participation in the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China, in 2022.

We are forging ahead and intend to shine at the Olympic Games in Paris





2024. No stone is being left unturned for the 54 African NOCs to succeed during that expedition. That is why we focus mainly on supporting all our athletes so as to create the most enabling conditions for them to perform their best and bring home medals. Our athlete support programme is designed to this end.

We are Olympism and, day by day, sport affords us an opportunity to showcase our enormous talents and demonstrate our seriousness in sports governance.

We urge all African governments to get even more involved than ever, in supporting National Olympic Committees. We thank them for their invaluable contribution to sport in Africa over many decades.

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and can move mountains. Hand in glove, in solidarity, in sharing and in love, we are covering ground and inching closer to all our goals by the day. Let's stay focused and continue to give African youth reasons not only to hope, but to enjoy all the benefits of sport, whose practice, whether professional or amateur, is a vector of peace and prosperity. That is why ANOCA moves on with conviction and abnegation. That is what sporting Africa needs, and our Olympic movement is proud of it because solidarity, love, sharing and fair play are the cornerstones of our approach.



PROJECTS

ANOCA: EXECUTING PROJECTS, BUILDING THE FUTURE





The construction of headquarters for NOCs that really need them, is an ideal way to streamline governance within the continent's 54 NOCs.

Backed from start to finish by Olympic Solidarity, the project is an unmatched boon for the African Olympic and sports movement. Several NOCs have made the request, which

is becoming urgent given the infrastructure needs.

A brand new building offers an enabling and modern working environment. ANOCA's real wish is that all NOCs work in good conditions in buildings with state-of-the-art architectural standards. The aim is to help NOCs lagging behind to catch up and enable them to manage properly for





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the good of African sport.

The goal is to encourage young people to practise a sport activity and educate them through sport. This requires facilities worth the name.

ANOCA has 50 Olympafrica centres on the continent and an African Olympic Academy for youth development. These centres take care of African youth through sport.

Since its inception, the Olympafrica Foundation has significantly contributed in

spreading Olympic ideals across Africa. This mission entrusted to the Foundation by ANOCA makes it abundantly clear that ANOCA attaches great importance to this flagship project.

Millions of young Africans benefit from quality support, which enables them to flourish in their environment and contribute to African youth development.

ANOCA is pleased with the increase in the number of projects funded in the continent by Olympic Solidarity, which has, over the past years, proposed several programmes considered essential for National Olympic Committees, enabling them to accomplish the mission entrusted to them by the Olympic Charter.

The ANOCA 2020-2024 strategic plan helps the Olympic movement to have





a stronger impact in the education of youth and improvement livelihoods through the opportunities offered by the Olympafrica Foundation.

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the environment that takes into account the challenges of sport and sustainable development.

For the past two years, ANOCA has been building and implementing a pragmatic



support programme for African athletes as it looks forward to a sterling participation in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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action programme mainly for young Africans.

And the next real **«Major Project»**, will be to show solidarity with the millions of young people in refugee camps in Africa. As a matter



of fact, the outbreak of war leads large numbers of people to migrate to safer places, and these forced migrations create worrying situations: alienation, exclusion, family breakdowns, no work, etc.

One of the priorities of ANOCA is to give back dignity to all these young people.

These projects, completed or ongoing, speak to our desire to make ANOCA's presence

felt across Africa through sport, in all issues that impact global progress, and which that sport can help address.

These issues are especially relevant to African youth development. ANOCA is therefore putting its weight behind innovative and promising projects for the African Olympic and Sports Movement.



GAMES

GAMES THAT GIVE ANOCA ITS CREDENTIALS



Africa organises a number of Olympic competitions ranging from the African Games to the African Youth Games, including the African Beach Games, the first edition of which was organised in Sal, Cape Verde, and the Zone Games, which were launched in 2006.

It has been confirmed that international competitions such as the second African Beach Games will be organised in 2023 in Hammamet, Tunisia, and the 4th African Youth Games in





En Février 2022, le Président de l'ACNOA a effectué une visite au Sénégal au cours de laquelle il a pu évaluer le niveau des préparatifs à la faveur de la cérémonie officielle d'inauguration du stade Olympique de Diamniadio.

African Youth Games will bring together 4,500 participants and the African Beach Games 1,200. In 2026, the city of Dakar, Senegal, will host the Youth Olympic Games, a first for the African continent. Senegal has endowed itself with modern facilities ahead of the event, prominent among them the Diamniadio Olympic Stadium inaugurated this year, 2022.

2022 in Cairo, Egypt, from 26 August to 6 September. The

On that occasion, Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, President of NOC Senegal, had this to say:





«I am delighted with this decisive milestone in the build-up to the forthcoming 2026 Youth Olympic Games, during which Africa will for the very first time in our history host this high profile event, a complex task that warrants success on our part. Senegal 2026 is here already. It will continue to mobilise all the expertise, all the goodwill, all the talents in order to meet the needs of the people and showcase sport in general. This great event will devote world time for

sport, which will illustrate our capacity for organisation and method, innovation and know-how.»

In February 2022, the ANOCA President paid a visit to Senegal, during which he was able to assess the level of preparedness during the official inauguration ceremony of the Diamniadio Olympic Stadium.

Speaking on the occasion, Mustapha Berraf said:





«The African Olympic Movement heartily congratulates the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Macky Sall, for the investment made by the State to construct quality infrastructure for African youth. The Youth Olympic Games will certainly be a success representing a united, winning Africa.

All these sporting events are a major showcase for the African continent, which is getting

closer and closer to being able to organise summer Olympic Games. Of course, some specialists say Africa still has a long way to go, but ANOCA, which does not put the cart before the horse, is working on it every day and intends through all these competitions to demonstrate the fact that Africa is capable of organising a world class Olympic competition.



60 YEARS

THE AFRICAN SPORTS MOVEMENT: 60 YEARS ON, WE MOVE ...



A NOCA's new vision is to take African sport to the next level by developing sport in Africa.

This is the era of consensus and no longer of individualism. This is how ANOCA must forge ahead, by convincing with ideas and sterling actions, changing thought patterns and striving, body and soul, for good governance.

We will have to apply good managerial practices to improve performance, and measure up to all the most reputable Olympic structures. 60 years is the age of maturity, the age of wisdom and the bridge to longevity, which must take sport and Olympism in Africa to higher heights, without blemish.

This is the age at which hypocrisy and lies make no sense. The Olympic and sports





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movement does not need this. It is a question of drawing from experience already garnered and pushing back all the obstacles to our progress.

The current sports governance system leaves no room for the slightest error. Africa is effectively staying the course by bearing in mind the Cartesian Olympic values of





solidarity, love, sharing and fair play.

We are all custodians of these values. 60 years on, we must each do our part to assert this ideological belonging that

makes the Olympic and sports movement credible.

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We have talented athletes, good coaches, well-trained officials and a modern sports administration.

We cannot say we are not satisfied. Yet, no human endeavour is perfect and, 60

years on, we are aware that many things can and will be improved. We are working on it.

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PARIS 2024

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3 8 African athletes bagged medals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Among the 984 accredited African athletes

there were 415 women and 569 men with all 54 NOCs present.

Japan and indeed the global



Olympic and sporting community as a whole were grappling with the terrible coronavirus pandemic, which almost led to outright cancellation of the Games scheduled for 2020 but which were held in 2021 thanks to the steadfastness of IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, who was strongly supported by ANOCA President,

preparations for the Paris Games are going on with a sense of anticipation.

According to President Berraf, ANOCA:

«Is committed to providing athletes with all the means necessary, through the 54 NOCs, for a hitch-free preparation of the Paris 2024

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This will not be the same situation in 2024. The international community now has a better understanding of the pandemic and

An athlete support programme has been developed by ANOCA and immediately rendered functional to give all possible



chances to African athletes. All Olympic sports offer qualification opportunities for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Mustapha Berraf further notes:

«In Paris, in 2024, we will also deploy more ambitious, but realistic thrust actions.»

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ANOCA has in this regard defined a set of selection criteria and relevant profiles to guide NOCs in nominating athletes to benefit from this support programme by 11

May 2022. ANOCA is highly committed to the successful participation of African athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

All these efforts will contribute in enhancing Africa's participation in Paris. Support to the athletes will provide them the means to train in the best possible conditions, conveniently, and benefit from quality training camps supervised by experienced coaches and medical teams.

«Your support and contribution to the success of this programme will be highly appreciated.»

This is a call for effective involvement of NOC officials at the highest level, and who have the unquestionable responsibility to implement this support programme.

It is a permanent platform





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that aims to go beyond Paris 2024. However, the goal for this year, 2022, is to achieve a significant feat in France by beating Africa's record of medals set in previous Games.

From July 26, 2024 in Paris, the African Olympic and sports movement will once again have the opportunity to show its sporting prowess and showcase its incredible cultural wealth. According to the organising committee of Paris 24, the Games shall be:

«A blend of cultural events, artistic programming, and

diverse performances that create a unique experience. The Games are a popular and multicultural festival for the whole world.»

For ANOCA, it is the ideal place to mount on all podiums and haul the maximum number of medals while keeping in mind Pierre de Coubertin's vision of participation being the most essential; the stakes notwithstanding, fair play remains the ideal for every game.

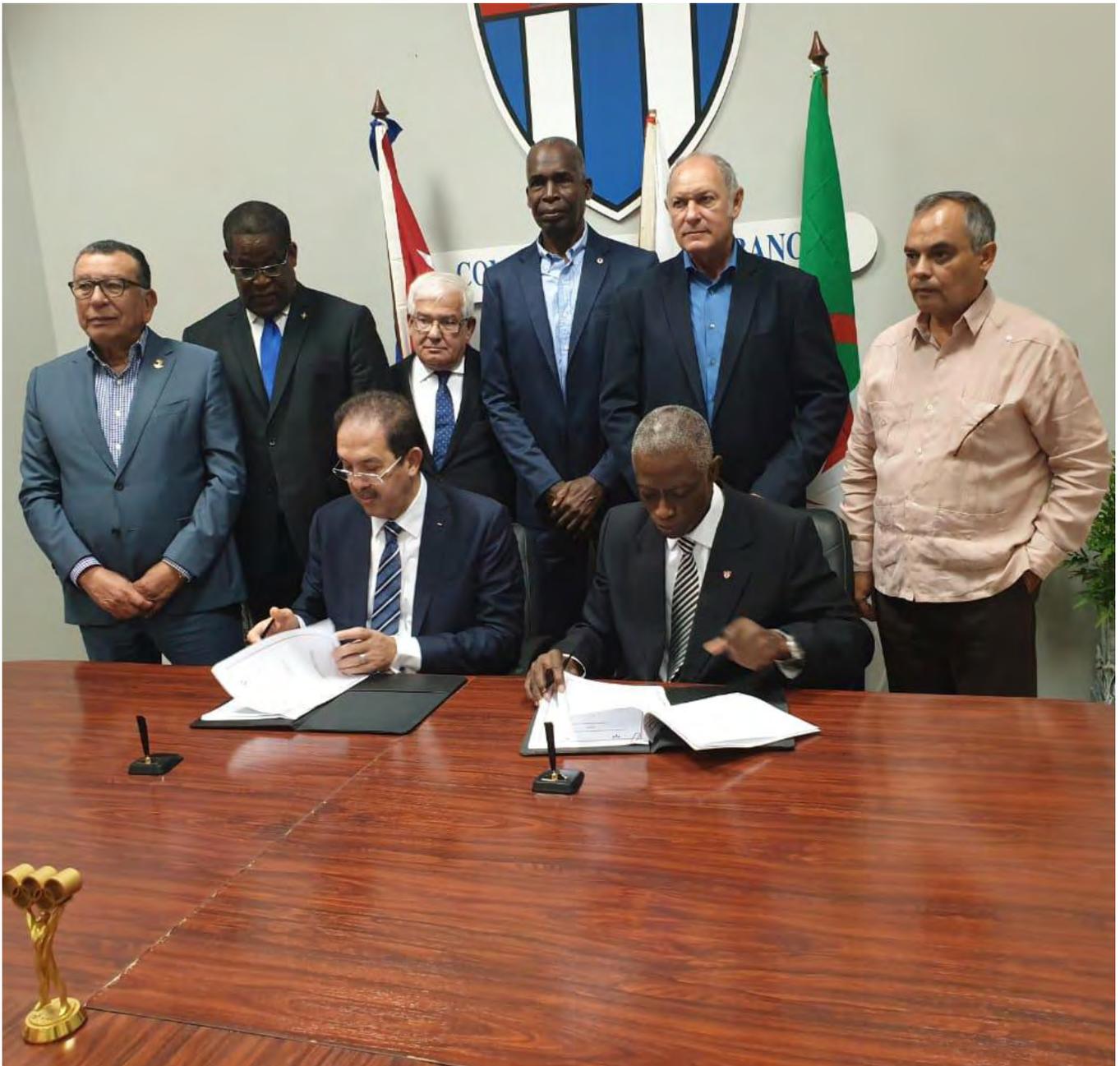
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TRAINING - COOPERATION

TRAINING, COOPERATION AND GENDER, ANOCA IN ACTION



A NOCA is quite active in the training of sports administrators and the development of NOC administration. The

organisation, each year, of the Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs is a clear illustration, which is part of the idea to harmonise governance



of Olympic structures of the Continent.

It involves building the capacities of these administrators on subjects such as strategic planning for better governance within the NOCs, training of athletes, coaches and officials and harmonisation with the Continental plans to promote African excellence at international level.

These themes were discussed in-depth during the 38th seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs from 26 to 28 November 2021 in Niamey, Niger.

As for cooperation, ANOCA has signed several agreements with partners. These partnerships have helped push a good number of activities across the continent and raised awareness





of athletes about the harmful effects of doping.

ANOCA intends, in the next few years, to consolidate the achievements made thanks to its partnerships with various organisations.

Traditional partners, the International Olympic Committee, Olympic Solidarity, the Association of National

to ANOCA officials, will be followed by other partners.

Gender promotion is effective through ANOCA, together with the implementation of projects that foster sports practice by women and entrusting them with positions of responsibility in sports governance.

There are 5 female IOC members in Africa. For ANOCA, women play a vital and fundamental role in the education of young people and in society. Still according to ANOCA, the 54 NOCs must make a conscious effort to ensure the representation of women in the executives as is the case in the various ANOCA commissions.

On 8 March 2022, on the occasion of the International Women's Day, the ANOCA President addressed a special message to all women in Africa and the world:

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Olympic Committees, the World Anti-Doping Agency, the African Union and AASC will, according





«The African Olympic and Sports Movement, through the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), is proclaiming the relevance and joy of the involvement of African women in Sport practice and development. Our Movement builds on the IOC's salutary guidelines to implement an ambitious programme based on modernity and gender equality.»

Mustapha Berraf further noted:

«Sport needs women and women need sport. Olympism is there, keeping watch.»

It should be recalled that on 8 July 2020, the ANOCA Gender Equality Commission met as part of its missions, and validated its mandate under the coordination of ANOCA Vice-President and Chairperson of the Women and Sport Commission, Matlohang Moiloa Ramoquopo.

ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf further added:

«Our objective is also to carry out many projects to support women in sport in Africa. This requires the involvement of all our 54 National Olympic Committees and all African governments. Women play an essential and fundamental role in Africa in the education of young people and in society. Many women are taking on more and more responsibilities both in our Olympic bodies and in sports ministries, but it is still a long road. We are campaigning for better promotion of women's sports and for women to be given greater responsibilities in the world of sport.»

ANOCA is diversifying its approaches and establishing a protocol of innovations through cooperation, training and respect of human rights.





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