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OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS

ANOCA PULLS OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR PARIS 2024

PARIS 2024





WE HOPE TO RANK AMONG THE BEST AT THE 2024 OLYMPICS

The ANOCA athletes support programme provides wide ranging support to elite athletes through our 54 National Olympic Committees.

Until August 2024 the programme will drive the

hopes and convictions of our athletes as they compete. Paris 2024 will afford a platform for expression of this multidimensional support, which mainly covers training and qualification expenses.

The criteria for selection of athletes are based on transparency, taking into account previous performances at major events and the Olympics. A close scrutiny of application files is done with expertise from International Federations.

In our opinion, this is one of the best omens for Olympic and sporting Africa's medal hopes at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Looking at the



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**IOC Member
President of ANOCA**





ground covered so far, we can say without hesitation that we are making great strides. Our 2020-2024 strategic plan is working out as programmed.

We are implementing it as planned, with the human element, the athletes, thus African youths, who are the spearhead of our ambitions, as our focal concern. They deserve all our attention.

Some National Olympic Committees, NOC Kenya for instance, have taken the Olympic scholarships award strategy with great seriousness. We wish to congratulate them and encourage all others to respect deadlines and take advantage of this wonderful initiative, which is driven by IOC's Olympic Solidarity.

We say THANK YOU to IOC President, Dr Thomas

Bach, who spares no effort or means to motivate and galvanise us in this direction. This is not only a godsend, it is also proof of his personal commitment to facilitate this necessary progress for the development of African and global sport.

Olympic scholarships granted to African athletes ahead of Paris 2024 are a wonderful operation to upgrade the sporting and human level of our athletes; we will therefore go to Paris with standard quality preparation for our competitors.

That is how we will become **«Kings»** of the Olympus in Paris in 2024.



NOC KENYA

NOC KENYA AWARDS OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATHLETES



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Seven Kenyan athletes were this month (July) awarded Olympic scholarships from the ANOCA athletes support programme Paris 2024.

The award ceremony took place at the NOC Kenya headquarters, and was chaired by the NOC President, Paul Tergat, with the President





General of Athletics Kenya in attendance.

Each beneficiary will receive a monthly grant equivalent to 1,000 Dollars valid until August 2024. This includes the services of a specialised coach, equipment, training at home or abroad, regular medical assistance and follow-up, among others, so that the athletes can focus on preparing and qualifying

for the Paris 2024 event.

The athletes were nominated by their respective sports federations. Their files were submitted by NOC-K to ANOCA for scrutiny by the International Federations (IFs).

“Out of a pool of 101 files only seven got the nod,” said NOC-K President, Paul Tergat.





Among the seven athletes selected is 100m champion Ferdinand Omanyala, who still holds the African and national record in the discipline (9.77) and is ranked world number 7. He became the first Kenyan athlete to reach the semis at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Reacting to the grant, Omanyala said:

“I’d be lying if I say I expected this. This means Paris 2024 is just a blink away. I want to make my country proud. Thank you so much NOC-K for this opportunity.”

Abel Kipsang, is ranked 1500m number 1 and silver medallist (5000m) at the World Championships and Commonwealth Games. He had this to say:

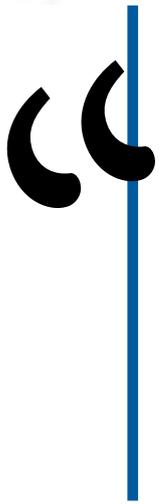
“My preparations towards Paris 2024 start as early as now. The 1,500m is quite competitive so I intend to use this scholarship to better my performance,”

World silver medallist, Margaret Chelimo, has won a string of titles including the All Africa Games gold medal (2015) silver medals at the African Championships (2016) Commonwealth Games (2018) and World Championships (2019).

Nicholas Kimeli, a young 5000m athlete, competed in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and finished fourth. He has been outstanding this year in several athletics events, clocking the world’s best 5000m time of 12.46.33, thus breaking Eliud Kipchoge’s record of 12.46.53.

Jacob Krop, also in the





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5000m, will be looking to improve his 2024 performance. He recently won the Kip Keino Classic race.

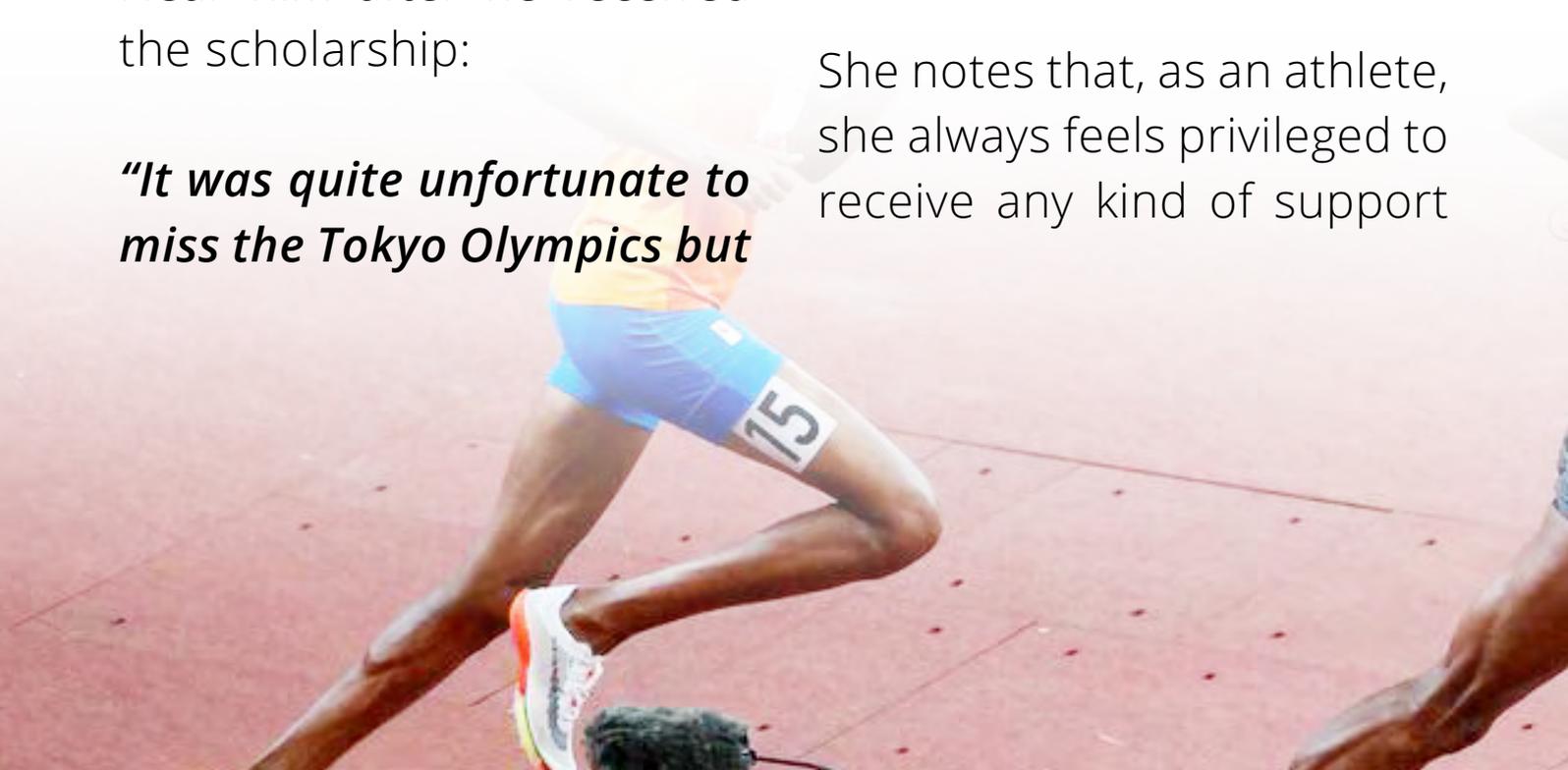
Hear him after he received the scholarship:

"It was quite unfortunate to miss the Tokyo Olympics but

receiving this scholarship has proven to me that second chances in life are even sweeter. I'm so happy and I thank NOC-K for providing this opportunity and making my belief in an Olympic medal get closer,"

Beatrice Chebet, 3000m, won a gold medal at the U-20 World 5000m Championships in 2018 and at the World Cross Country Championships in 2019. She receives her scholarship as she makes her Commonwealth Games and World Championships debuts.

She notes that, as an athlete, she always feels privileged to receive any kind of support





and to know that she can get funding to train, go to Championships and be more confident.

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After extending warm congratulations to the athletes, Dr Paul Terga concluded:

“The scholarship goes a long way to entrench our often-repeated objective of having the athlete at the centre of all we do. It also deepens our partnership and collaboration with Athletics Kenyan.” He thanked the ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, for the scholarships insisting he was grateful to him for helping African athletes.

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NOCS BRACE FOR PARIS 2024 IN KAMPALA



A regional forum to prepare NOCs for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games took place from 8 to 12 July 2022 in Kampala, Uganda.

The seminar opened with a welcome address by Yassine Yousfi, IOC Director for Olympic Solidarity, followed

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by the President of NOC Uganda who also emphasised the importance of the deliberations.

The NOCs discussed a wide range of issues, including Olympic Agenda 2020-2025, the concept of Games preparation and team building for the Olympic Games.

The first day focused on the roles and responsibilities of NOCs at the Olympic Games, defining each NOC's objectives

and strategy for Paris 2024 and staffing of an NOC before and during the Games.

Issues pertaining to NOC partnerships, relations and communication were also reviewed, as well as consent of athletes and officials, the selection procedure for athletes, gender equality and protection of athletes among others.

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the participation of NOCs was thoroughly examined.

Olympic Solidarity support to the athletes, the management of press relations, sponsors, drawing up of a budget and the financial and risk management techniques, were also reviewed, together with cooperation amongst NOCs.

The NOCs need to do

pre-games planning and preparation, which includes anti-doping, ticketing, accommodation, and knowing key dates of the Olympic Organising Committee for NOCs over the next 12 months...

It is also a question of interacting with Paris 2024, the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity via the RELAY





platform.

Deliberations will also feature support for athletes through Olympic scholarships.

IOC Olympic Solidarity Director, Yassine Yousfi, lauded the wonderful organisation by the Uganda Olympic Committee and the very active participation of NOCs, which the discussions quite interesting.

For ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, the **«...forum will go down in the annals of Africa's preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and we must build on it just like the seminar for the Chefs de Mission which will take place in the months ahead.»**

The Forum ended on a note of satisfaction for all participants.



FIVE CHADIAN OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS HONOURED



They were presented to the Minister of sports on 5 July 2022. They are Betel Casimir, admitted to the Taekwondo High Performance Training Centre in Germany; Israel Madaye, admitted to the High Performance Training Centre in Lausanne; Switzerland, Ali Hisseine Mahamat, admitted

to the High Performance Training Centre in France and is already there; and Elie Djekoundakom Djerayom, admitted to the High Performance Training Centre in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The fifth, Démos Memneloum, benefits from a local grant and will be supported during



the whole preparation period by Olympic Solidarity. Addressing the subject, the first vice-president of the Chad Olympic and Sports Committee, Bani Gata Ngoulou said:

«Olympic Solidarity intends, through the Olympic scholarships, to help Chadian athletes selected and presented by the NOC to prepare and qualify for the

Paris 2024 Olympic Games.» While encouraging the five athletes, the Minister of Sports, Mahmoud Ali Seid, said to them:

«Chad is counting on you because you have proven your worth in the sub-region and on the continent.»





MUSTAPHA BERRAF'S WORKING VISIT TO ACCRA



He was at the head of a delegation that was received in audience by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana Nana Akufo-Addo. The topic tabled for discussion was the organisation of the 2023 African Games by Ghana.

When he was given the floor, Mustapha Berraf spoke about the necessary arrangements and organisational measures

to be taken a year to the Games.

He drew attention to the need for support and unity among the Olympic and Sports Movement, the Organising Committee and the Powers that be; support from International Federations and African Confederations as well as selection of Olympic Sports, which must be given priority; support from International





Olympic Sports Federations to enable Olympic qualification; making the Games attractive to young people and profitable as well (media and sponsors); working with IFs to provide equipment, technical assistance, expertise and boost marketing.

Besides, he underscored that financial assistance from ANOCA (US\$ 2M) should also be used to support the 54 NOCs to participate in the African Games and that the AU clarify the situation regarding the signing of the double contract.

The President of the Republic of Ghana listened attentively, thus confirming the interest of the Ghanaian authorities in a successful hosting. He took note of the remarks and thanked the entire ANOCA delegation, insisting on the need to restore things to their rightful place, before

committing to get in touch with the President of the African Union Commission to seek appropriate solutions.

The various parties decided to step up efforts to expedite the organization and successful hosting of these strategic continental games. The high-level discussions reassured the members of the ANOCA Delegation. The continental organization announced various financial and material supports.

The audience was preceded by a joint meeting with the Games Organizing Committee, its Chairperson and Ghana's Minister of Sports.

These contacts helped set a stronger base for preparations for wonderful African Games in 2023.



**MEDITERRANEAN GAMES**

TOTAL SUCCESS FOR THE 19TH EDITION IN ORAN, ALGERIA

The 19th Mediterranean Games (MGs), which ended at the stadium of the Miloud-Hadefi Olympic complex in Oran, Algeria, generated popular enthusiasm, a total sporting success. In the following interview, ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, voices his satisfaction and looks forward to the future





MUSTAPHA BERRAF, IOC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ORAN MGs

«GAMES RENAISSANCE LAUNCHED IN ORAN».

The means put at the disposal of the Federations and the Olympic Committee were enough for the athletes to excel. After this success, we must look ahead to the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

Interviewed by NABIL H.

ANOCA President Mustapha Baraf was appointed as the representative of the IOC and its President, Dr Thomas Bach, at the Mediterranean Games in Oran. He was very satisfied with the organisation and the means put in place for the success of this event which, he said, was **«among the best in the history of the games.»**

The curtains have been drawn on the 2022 MGs in Oran. As the IOC representative designated by IOC President, Dr

Thomas Bach himself, what are your impressions?

I think that there is a general feeling of satisfaction, especially from the general public and the athletes. Admittedly, the Mediterranean Games, which had been lethargic, were relaunched in Oran to turn them into a major regional jamboree. I am of the opinion that these are the greatest Mediterranean Games in history after those of Algiers 1975 and Tunis, in which I participated as an athlete for the first and as an administrator for the second.



You were constantly in touch all through the Games with the president and the members of the ICMG. What did this mean

considering that Algeria had set the bar very high in terms of investment, financial, human and material resources.

But for a few transportation



to you?

The ICGM President, Davide Tizzano, and the members were unanimous in

and protocol lapses during the opening ceremony, there was unprecedented enthusiasm among the population of Oran and Algeria at large.



The rigorous and meticulous follow-up by the President of the Republic and his advisers, together with all members of government won the admiration of the Executive Committee and all administrative and technical staff of foreign delegations.

How do you rate Algeria's participation?

Algeria's participation was successful in many ways, especially if we take into account that out of the 3,467 athletes who participated in the Games, 37 were medallists in Tokyo, including 9 gold medallists. The total number of participants is estimated at 5,160, a record for the Mediterranean Games. Enough means were made available to the Federations and the Olympic Committee, which enabled the athletes to excel. After this success, now is time for the delegations

from both sides of the Mediterranean to look ahead to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

We heard that you initiated a meeting of Algerian Olympic champions with the ICMG President the and the Algerian Minister of Youth and Sports. Why did you do this?

The meeting was initiated in collaboration with the ICMG President and graced by the Minister and the NOC President. It afforded an opportunity for us to pay tribute to Algerian Olympic champions who sacrificed a large part of their lives to fly high the national colours. They were always available to pass on messages of perseverance and success to the younger generation. May I remind you that I was there as a representative of the Olympic movement and the IOC President and,





consequently, I had to ensure above all that the Olympic and sporting family was given due respect. These are my primary prerogatives as an IOC Member.

Are you satisfied with the organisation?

The delegations were unanimously very satisfied with the high quality reception, the village, the sports facilities and the availability of their hosts.

Here is the most important thing! The exceptional enthusiasm shown by the general public and the presence of some dignitaries and sportsmen and women were very much appreciated. This sports event sponsored by the IOC marked the return of major events to the international scene after the extreme difficulties the world has experienced of recent.

A final word?

The personal support of the President of the Republic made this event a show of honour and it is a very strong signal.

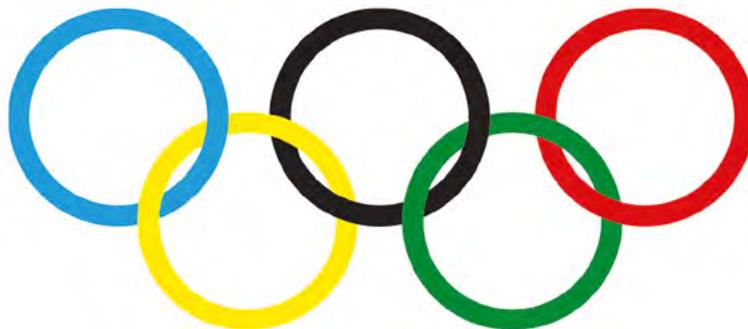
I wish to thank the Government, the ICMG President and members, the organisers and volunteers from all walks of life for their availability and their commitment to participate in the relaunch of the MGs.

My hearty thanks also go to the population of Oran. Suffice it to say that everyone made great efforts to make this event first-rate and demonstrate that Algeria and the countries on both sides of the Mediterranean are still standing, irreversibly focused on progress, development and modernity. A great momentum of solidarity and unity has been generated.





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