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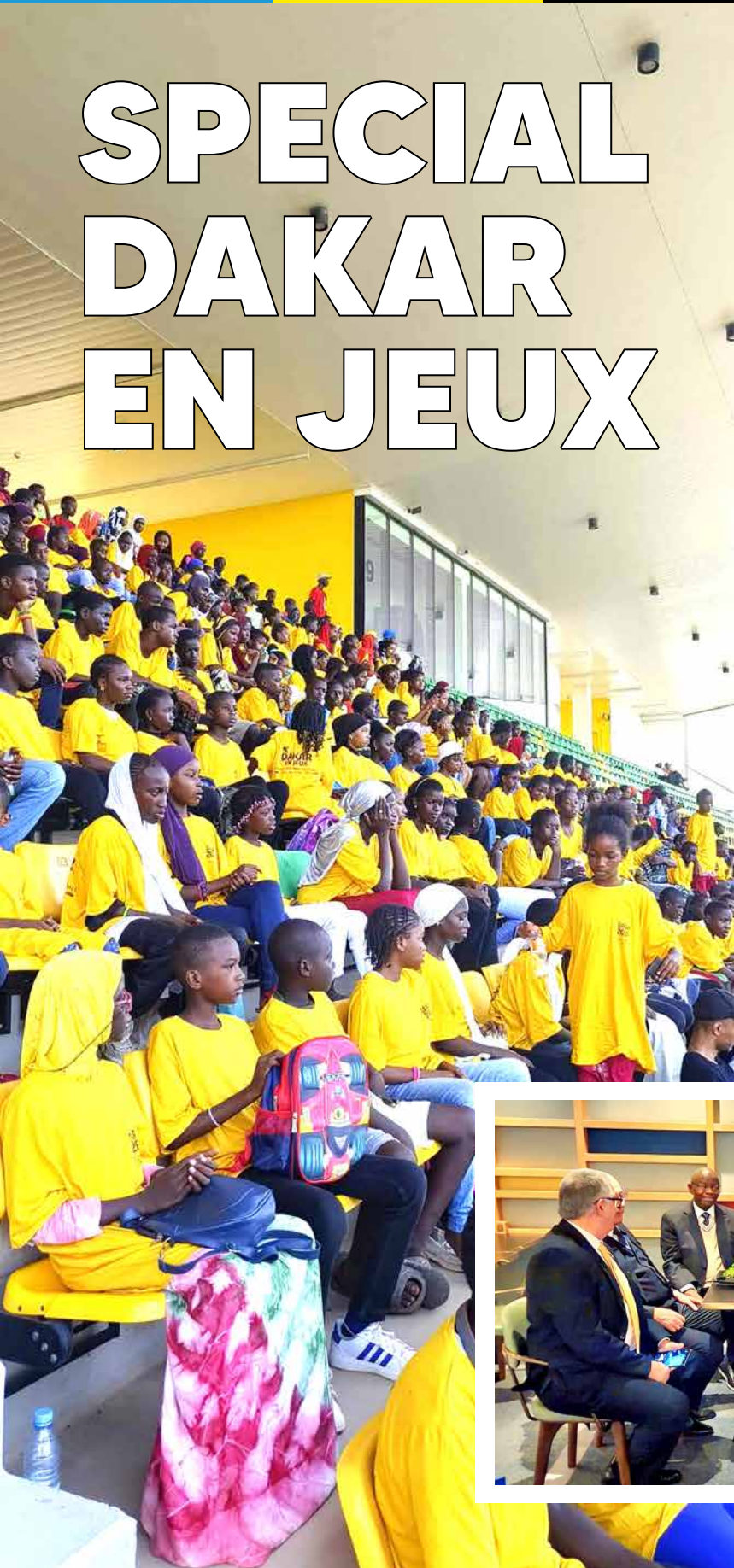


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The President's activities in Lausanne

Mustapha Berraf participates in ANOC Executive Council

Chaired by Robin Mitchell, the ANOC Executive Council (EC) convened in Lausanne to discuss the latest ANOC initiatives and programmes which are being delivered to support the world's National Olympic Committees (NOCs). ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf, attended in his capacity as leader of the African Olympic Movement.

Taking the floor, Robin Mitchell welcomed EC members attending in person and those joining online. He also gave an overview of the work

done since the last meeting in July. ANOC Secretary General Gunilla Lindberg delivered further updates including on preparations for next year's ANOC General Assembly Cascais 2024 and the successful third edition of the ANOC for Sport and Technical Directors, held in Rabat in October.

The EC also approved the resolutions of the 12th Olympic Summit which was held on the eve.

An update was provided on the cancellation of the ANOC World Beach Games Bali 2023.



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The EC approved the proposal to create a special Task Force to analyse the Games concept and ensure that it is delivering maximum value to NOCs and their athletes, as well as International Federations (IFs).

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Each of the Continental Associations presented a report on their activities and the ANOC Commission Chairs informed the EC of their work to date.

An update was given on the ANOC.tv project which started on 25 April and aims to give greater exposure to ANOC events, NOC events, and beach sports.

ANOC is also in the process of launching the first phase of implementing the NOC TV hub which will allow NOCs to generate greater visibility of their content and promote their athletes.

ANOC also gave updates on the NOC Photo Programme which was launched in Beijing 2022 and will be implemented at the Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games in partnership with the IOC. In a short period, more than 50 NOCs have registered for the programme reflecting the desire among NOCs to be part of the project. Photos will be made available on the IOC Olympic Information Services (OIS) platform.



ANOC EC Meeting

Mustapha Berraf bears Africa's voice in Lausanne

In his address to the EC, Mustapha Berraf underscored that ANOCA is continuing its collaboration with Olympic Solidarity (OS) in the implementation of the Continental Activities Programme on the RELAY platform. He also stated that there has been an increase in the number of NOCs submitting applications for 2023 from 55% in August to 75%.

On the ANOCA Athletes' Support Programme, the leader of African Olympism noted that

"The programme is continuing with support to athletes whose NOCs submit the necessary evaluation and financial reports. Most athletes on the programme have continued to perform well in their respective events. Egypt recently finished on top of the medal table at the UIPM 2023 World Modern Pentathlon Championships." Regarding winter sports, Mustapha Berraf declared that *"thirty athletes participated in the winter sports project training camp from 5 to July 2023, in PyeongChang, Gangwon Province, South Korea. Additionally,*



athletes in the camp and the qualification events.

As regards the NOC Headquarters Project, the ANOCA President asserted that the project is progressing with Togo and Malawi having accessed the second tranche payment to continue with construction, and Tanzania, its first tranche payment.

Agreements were signed with the following NOCs who will be part of the 2023 programme: Angola, Cape Verde, the Congo Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria and Zambia.

On the 2nd African Beach Games, President Berraf noted that they were successfully held in Hammamet, Tunisia from 23 to 30 June 2023. 14 competition sports and 2 demonstration sports were on the programme. 50 NOCs participated in the Games, up from 42 in Sal, Cape Verde. 2,302 persons were accredited through the accreditations platform. Of these, 802 were athletes, 354 NOC officials, coaches and Additional Team Officials (ATOs). 62 media organs were also accredited for the Games. Addressing country performances, he added that Algeria topped the medal charts with 15 gold, followed by Tunisia with 13 gold medals. The next Games will be held in Equatorial Guinea in 2027.

4 athletes from Tunisia (3) and Lesotho (1) participated in the accelerated training camp for two weeks as part of preparation for participation in the IBSF Omega Youth Series in Lillehammer, Pyeongchang and Innsbruck, which are qualification events for Gangwon 2024.”

He expressed his sincere thanks to the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation and the Gangwon State for their continuous support and contribution to the participation of African

It was also highlighted that ANOCA signed a cooperation agreement with NOC France on 19 September 2023. Another MoU was signed with NOC China during the Asian Gamers in Hangzhou. According to President Berraf, *“These memorandums broadly aim at securing opportunities for all African NOCs to benefit from. Such collaboration includes but is not limited to accessing high performance training centres, knowledge sharing between NOCs, capacity building for coaches and officials, knowledge sharing in the field of innovative technologies.”*



ANOCA also organised the 2nd Gender Equality Forum from 2 to 3 October in Sal, Cape Verde under the theme *“From the boardroom to the field of play for Gender Equality in ANOCA.”* It was attended by 51 NOCs out of the 54 in

Africa. Among high profile attendees, were IOC member HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussain, who is also a member of the IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Commission. Also in attendance were IOC member and Minister



of Sports of Zimbabwe, Kirsty Coventry, a host of IOC members and other high profile dignitaries who participated either in-person or virtually. Prominent amongst them was H.E. Jose Maria Neves, President of Cape

Verde, who attended virtually. The Forum was a resounding success, leaving no doubt that gender equality in African sport will hit further milestones, nucleating a number of initiatives and action plans which are to be implemented.

Furthermore, the joint Olympic Solidarity/ ANOCA Regional Finance Forum for African NOCs was held from 1 to 2 November in Mombasa, Kenya. The Forum focused on basic accounting principles, financial management and governance, OS policies and procedures, and good practices from some NOCs.

ANOCA also organised the 40th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs on 4 and 5 November 2023 in Mombasa, Kenya, under the theme “*Countdown arrangements to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games*”, with sub-themes focusing on NOC roles and responsibilities, and Olympafrica/OS programmes. During debates on preparations for Paris 2024, an assessment was made of the possible local and external options for pre-games training camps for athletes to acclimatise. Similarly, the qualification schedule and pathways for Paris 2024 were presented. NOCs were urged to properly identify the various mechanisms essential to supporting their athletes.

President Berraf also highlighted that statutory meetings were convened. The 21st Ordinary Session of the General Assembly was successfully held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on the sidelines of the African Beach Games. It was attended by 52 NOCs and deliberated on the various programmes and projects of the Association. The ANOCA Executive Committee held its 60th Ordinary Session in Paris from 19 to 20 September 2023 at the headquarters of NOC France under the chairmanship of President Berraf. The opening ceremony was attended by the French Minister of Sports and the Olympic Games, and the President of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of France.



12th Olympic Summit

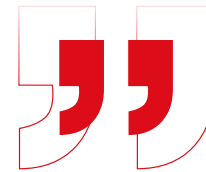
ANOCA President attends deliberations

President Mustapha Berraf, like other leading representatives of Olympic Movement governing bodies attended the 12th Olympic Summit on 5 December 2023 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Chaired by IOC President Thomas Bach, the Olympic Summit involves the leading representatives of the Olympic Movement. It forms part of the ongoing dialogue and consultation on subjects of significance for the future of the Olympic Movement. The Summit had many agenda items. Summit participants

welcomed the United Nations (UN) Resolution A/RES/78/10: *“Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal”*. The resolution emphasises that the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be *“a unifying event, and a meaningful opportunity to harness the power of sport to foster an atmosphere of peace, development, resilience, tolerance and understanding, accessibility and inclusion.”* Participants also expressed their gratitude to all the Member States that supported this resolution.



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They also underscored that the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 will be the first of a new era, fully aligned with Olympic Agenda 2020 from start to finish. According to the IOC press release, *“they will be younger, more inclusive, more urban and more sustainable.”* Participants further welcomed the fact that the Olympic Truce Resolution A/RES/78/10 by the UN for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024 is very explicit in *“welcoming all the delegations of National Olympic and Paralympic Committees athletes and the Refugee Olympic and Paralympic Teams admitted by the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee to participate in the Games.”* Furthermore, this resolution supports the autonomy of sport and the political neutrality of the IOC, as enshrined in the Olympic Charter.

During the deliberations, representatives of the International Summer Sports Federations also requested that the IOC allow individual neutral athletes who have qualified or will qualify to compete on the field of play of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to take part in this event. They further requested that a decision be taken as quickly as possible to clarify all Olympic qualification procedures for all athletes involved. Representatives of continental NOC associations, including Presidents of ANOCA and ANOC supported this request in the interest of NOCs and their athletes.

After a brief overview by the President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and by his counterpart of the International Testing Agency (ITA), all participants expressed their full confidence in the pre-games testing programme, and stressed the importance of cooperation between all those working to keep sport clean.

As regards e-sports, it was reported that the IOC e-sports commission is studying the creation of *“Olympic e-sports Games”* by the Olympic body. The Commission is made up of stakeholders of the Olympic Movement, video game publishers, teams and other e-sport experts.



2027 and 2031 AFRICAN GAMES

Egypt and the DRC stand with ANOCA

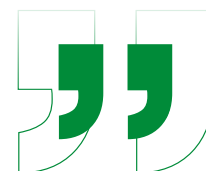
ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf met recently with Mr François-Claude Kabulo Mwana Kabulo, Sports Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo and his counterpart of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Professor Doctor Ashraf Sobhy, to discuss ways to strengthen the close ties existing

between their countries in the area of sports, in keeping with the Olympic spirit as advocated by ANOCA.

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Both countries will work closely together, in consultation with ANOCA and all stakeholders, to ensure the overall success of the 2027 African Games in Egypt. This will be a pioneering initiative in the lead-up to the 2031 Games in the DRC and will involve exchange of expertise.

This strengthened tripartite collaboration (ANOCA-Egypt-DRC) aims to foster a spirit

of fraternity and cooperation within the African Sports Movement, thus contributing to the achievement of common sports development goals on the continent.

Recruitment

Botswana's Wedu Motswetla joins the ANOCA Technical Department

Fresh blood at ANOCA General Secretariat: The supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement has just recruited and installed Botswana's Wedu Motswetla as its new technical assistant. The new recruit is a sports management professional, who studied at the University of Johannesburg and Tshwane University of Technology respectively. She has an additional qualification in MEMOS and recently completed her Masters in Olympic Studies.

Prior to her recruitment by ANOCA, she spent 14 years with NOC Botswana, where she held various positions: Programmes Manager, Member Support Manager. She was also Acting Secretary General/CEO of NOC Botswana for two years. Wedu Motswetla has a wealth of experience in the management of OS programmes, including athlete scholarship programmes, Games management and team preparation for major Games, as well as the implementation of the Olympic values programme. She also has expertise in the management of sports organisations, having played a key role in drafting Botswana's minimum governance standards.

She will definitely be an asset to ANOCA and will play an important role in the development of sport and the promotion of the African Olympic Movement.





Olympafrica

Time for stock taking

The International Olympafrica Foundation is ANOCA's secular arm for promoting the values of Olympism and youth development in Africa. In 2023, the Foundation resumed its normal activities post-Covid, thereby increasing the number of visitors to the centres.

Management of the Foundation: Significant progress was made on several points raised at the 2022 Executive Board meeting:

- Computers (most of them donated by the IOC) and cameras were distributed to all Centre Directors, thereby greatly improving communication with the Foundation.
- As per the communication plan, a strategy is currently being devised. Internal expertise will therefore be used. An external firm may also be asked to provide support.
- As for the Foundation's new statutes, they have already been forwarded to management for approval.
- **Staff:** GIZ has sent a consultant to spend two years at the Headquarters. Her main task will be to develop procedures for quantitative and qualitative assessment of activities. She will work closely with the consultant recruited by the IOC to evaluate the O!YES programme. These consultants will greatly facilitate the



achievement of the objectives set out in the strategic plan. Centre Directors were called upon to be more committed at the network meeting held in Abidjan in 2023.

Financial aspect: With the purchase of the new management software, accounting is now easier. According to the Foundation's 2023 report, the financial situation is stable and under control.

Corporate communication: There is a clear need to put in place a communication plan, including digital monitoring and a robust social media presence. The Foundation also plans to participate in events such as the International Forum on Sport and its funding. It should also be noted that Olympafrica has launched the new "Olympafrica Photo Challenge" programme, for which many contributions are expected. The aim is to create a photo and video library, which will also be open to partners.

Building of new Olympafrica centres: In 2023, the status of implementation of country projects suggests that they are at different stages. In Niger, work is well on track. It is due to be opened soon. The NOC has already received the first two funding instalments. In Benin, as in Niger, work is progressing, and the NOCs requested payment of the second instalment in September. According to the schedule received from the contractor, completion is scheduled for December 2023. In Ghana, work is in progress, although slowed by heavy rainfall. A site inspection was made, and delivery is scheduled for the end of March 2024. In Nigeria, work is nearing completion and progressing well. Given the vast expanse of land available, the NOC is considering using part of it for another project. In Togo, work is in progress.



The multi-purpose facility has been completed and the company is currently working on the building.

Renovation of old centres: Several projects have been successfully funded, and others are under study. In Eswatini, various multi-purpose facilities have been renovated, and there is a significant increase in the number of visitors. In Niger, the multi-purpose facility at the Niamey centre has been completely refurbished, and it now hosts the centre's handball and basketball teams. In Burundi, the centre has also been renovated, notably the multi-purpose hall. In Guinea, the roof of the Kassa centre has been repaired. The centre is located on an island, and the roof was damaged by sea salt. Work to repair and build a fence around the multi-purpose facility is also due to start at the end of October. In Uganda, a multi-purpose facility has been built to develop basketball. In Lesotho, funding has also been provided for renovation, notably on the roof. In Senegal, the sports facilities

at the Somone centre have been completely rebuilt by GIZ as part of a partnership with the Olympafrica Foundation. GIZ is also studying the possibility of refurbishing the Gandiaye centre. In Burkina Faso, the Koudougou centre has been equipped with a solar-powered borehole.

It should also be noted that, in 2022, the Olympafrica Foundation provided relief to the centre in Mozambique. The local population moved to the centre following heavy flooding.

Economic programmes: Several projects were approved and funded in 2022, notably in Burundi, with funding for the purchase of chairs and tents, in Mozambique, The Gambia, and Côte d'Ivoire through the agricultural project, which is already going on very smoothly and has been strengthened thanks to new funding to increase the area under cultivation.

With regard to sports programmes, the Foundation has increasingly funded projects



since the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, with an immediate effect on the number of visits to the centres. All the centres submitted programme proposals, and the funds available made it possible to select and fund a greater number of programmes than in 2022.

To harmonise programme management, an Olympafrica network meeting was held in Abidjan. It provided an opportunity to take stock of activities, the situation of centres and prospects for 2023 and 2024. The meeting included a special session on safeguarding

children in sport, which provided all Directors with tools for monitoring children. A Baseball 5 session was also organised, as this programme will be extended in 2024, and should involve many more centres. As far as Olympafrica teams are concerned, many centres are now affiliated to local federations, and teams take part in youth competitions. The equipment purchased by the Foundation will enable them to be better equipped. A subsidy has also been paid to several teams to cover entry fees, licenses and some travel expenses.



Cooperation: In 2023, the Foundation maintained its many partnerships for the benefit of young Africans. This was the case with the UWW, where a local tournament was organised in The Gambia, with the participation of five (5) centres. The tournament was preceded by a five-day training course led by Vincent AKA, with the participation of the youngsters and their coaches. This is also the case with WBSC, where the partnership is flourishing. The 7 (seven) centres selected for the pilot phase have already started their

activities, with all Directors receiving training at the network meeting. As for cooperation with GIZ, in addition to providing financial assistance for the renovation of centres, GIZ is supporting Olympafrica on a human resource level with the provision of a full-time consultant. GIZ is also a partner in the youth safeguarding project.

O!YES Programme (Olympafrica Youth Empowerment through Sports): This is a sports and educational programme of the Olympafrica International Foundation, created with the support of the IOC, whose main objective is to promote the social development of young girls and boys aged 10 to 15. The programme is based on a unique methodology that uses sport, physical activity and Olympic values as tools for social development, youth empowerment (particularly for young women), inclusion and gender equality.

The programme includes multi-sport activities (basketball, football, athletics) organised twice a week at each Olympafrica centre, a local football tournament, two workshops on topics of interest to the youth and the community, and a final one-day event to celebrate the end of the programme and share its values with the wider community: O!YES Day. The programme was launched in October 2022, following a four-day training course organised in Lome, Togo. 34 Centre Directors participated and were given the basic documentation to help them implement their activities. A training course was also organised in December 2022 for the centres in Sudan that did not take part in the first training session, to enable them to join this edition of the programme. A budget has been allocated to each centre for the various activities.

In order to gauge the impact of the O!YES programme in Olympafrica centres, a Monitoring Evaluation Research Learning (MERL) consultant was hired under the



IOC Olympism365 strategy. Follow-up visits were organised in some centres to mark the end of O!YES Days, particularly in Congo Brazzaville, Namibia, Tanzania, Malawi and Burundi. These visits helped guide directors in setting up their O!YES Day activities and to meet the centre's programme volunteers and beneficiaries.

Overall, the first edition of the O!YES programme went very well, with approximately 65,000 children from the Olympafrica network taking part. Various activities, in particular workshops and O!YES Days, have become eagerly-awaited events for the entire community.

Management and operation of Olympafrica centres: For the management and smooth running of Olympafrica centres, a number





of programmes have been funded in 2023. They include Baseball 5, the 2022 sports programmes, the IBA MBAYE scholarship, the Olympafrica Youth Games and wrestling. With regards to wrestling, a specific programme has been set up to develop a partnership with UWW and prepare young wrestlers for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.



ANOCA 1st Vice-President at the 2nd edition of Dakar en Jeux

The ANOCA 1st Vice-President, Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre Afonso, representing the ANOCA President, took part in the second edition of Dakar en Jeux, from 29 October to 4 November 2023. During his stay, he visited the headquarters of the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee on 31 October, where he was received by the Director General, Ibrahima Wade. He also held talks with the President of NOC Senegal. In the evening of the same day, Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre Afonso took part in the festival's opening ceremony,

presided at by the Mayor of Dakar. On this occasion, the President of NOC Kenya, IOC member and guest of honour, Paul Tergat, the Director General of the Games Committee and the Mayor of Dakar spoke of the importance of the Dakar Games to Senegal and Africa. The ceremony also featured a presentation of the different cultural facets of the country's regions. During his stay in Senegal, the ANOCA 1st Vice-President also attended several demonstration sports events on the Dakar 2026 programme, including athletics, futsal, and wrestling.

Dakar en Jeux festival to boost the YOG spirit in Senegal



The second edition of the Dakar en Jeux festival took place from 31 October to 4 November 2023. The week-long event provided an opportunity to celebrate the regions that will host the 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), the first Olympic event to be organised on the African continent. This 2023 edition placed greater emphasis on the contribution of sport and the development of the Olympic spirit in Senegalese communities ahead of the Dakar 2026 YOG.

The events took place in the YOG host regions of Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly. Tens of thousands of spectators and 2,000 athletes took part in the five-day festival, which is a key initiative launched by the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee. The goal of the festival was to promote the forthcoming YOG, while mobilising the region's youth, promoting physical activity and raising awareness of the values of the Olympic Movement.

As Kirsty Coventry, Chair of the Dakar 2026 YOG Coordination Commission, said: "*Dakar*



en Jeux isn't just about showcasing sport; it's also about embracing the values of the Youth Olympic Games, and building bridges between communities. People will have the opportunity to witness incredible athletes, experience the thrill of competition, and connect with like-

minded individuals who share their passion for sport and culture."

The festival programme has been prepared by and for young people, and is being implemented by organising committee in



partnership with NOC Senegal, the city of Dakar, the cities of Diamniadio and Saly, the Senegalese government and the IOC.

The opening ceremony, which held at the Monument de la Renaissance Africaine

in Dakar, brought together Senegal's 46 divisions and 14 regions to display their traditional dances and costumes, underlining the committee's vision of involving the host country as a whole in the YOG. Speaking on the subject, Paul Tergat, Olympic medallist, IOC member and ambassador for this edition of Dakar en Jeux, said he was honoured to be the ambassador for this second edition, Dakar en Jeux2023, noting that it is great to see the progress compared with the first edition. With new sports added to the programme of the festival, whether as initiations or competitions, Paul Tergat noted that it means even more young people are involved in sport.

The festival programme featured a number of events, including a variety of sports events, workshops and performances, including concerts, slams and street art demonstrations, with a fresco on Olympic values painted by local graffiti artists. The programme also featured competitions and initiation sessions, including a special day devoted to urban sports, offering the chance to discover sports such as rollerblading, BMX and skateboarding. In addition to the events organised in Dakar, the city of Diamniadio also hosted athletics and futsal competitions, as well as a series of concerts by young artists. Saly, meanwhile, organised an introduction to beach handball and beach volleyball, as well as a beach wrestling competition and other sports activities at Obama Beach.

The Dakar en Jeux festival will be organised every year as part of preparations for the Dakar 2026 YOG, which will hold from 31 October to 13 November 2026, bringing together the cream of the world's young athletes. The YOG will hold in the three cities of Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly, with the aim of acting as a catalyst to transform Senegal's youth through sport.





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Exclusive interview granted to RFI by Ibrahima Wade, President of Dakar 2026

With the Paris 2024 Olympic Games fast approaching – we are just 261 days away from the opening ceremony - Senegal continues to make progress in organising the Dakar Youth Olympic Games that will be held from 31 October to 13 November 2026. Thousands of athletes aged 15 to 18 will come together to compete in 35 disciplines. Although there is still a lot to be done with three years to go, the various projects are progressing at a good pace and the young people of Dakar are starting to warm up to the Games, as Ibrahima Wade, general coordinator of the YOG, explains. He is the guest on *Afrique matin* with our special correspondent Christophe Diremszian.



RFI: Three weeks ago, at the IOC session in Bombay, India, you presented a progress report on the organisation of the 2026 YOG, particularly on infrastructure. Are we really on schedule?

Ibrahima Wade: We're very much on track in every respect. You raised the issue of infrastructure, and I'd just like to point out that the Dakar project involves very little in terms of new or refurbished infrastructure, because the

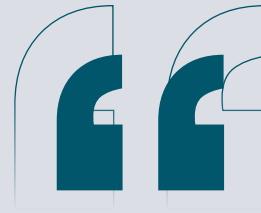
project is backed up by temporary facilities for water and beach sports in Saly. In Diamniadio, which is the backbone of the system, you've seen all these excellent sports facilities. The focal point is the Amadou Mahtar-Mbow University, which will host the Olympic Village, and is now ready, open and occupied by students. Of course, there are the two facilities that we have decided to renovate, but more as a legacy. These are the Iba Mar Diop stadium and the Olympic swimming pool. The site has been chosen and work should start any time soon, in the first half of 2024.

From a financial standpoint, the YOG will not rely primarily on ticket sales. However, there will be ticketing system free of charge.

Under our financial consolidation programme, ticketing has not been included as an income item. Nevertheless, we have decided to have a free ticketing system for two reasons: the first is for obvious safety reasons, to know how many people can access the facilities and to be able to manage the gauge principle.

The most important aspect of these YOGs is above all the legacy and the capacity to fast-track sports education of young people. In this regard, what is already in place and what is envisaged?

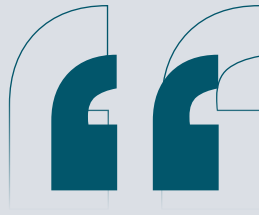
We have many initiatives in this regard. First of all, we have a whole department that we have christened Youth Commitment and Mobilisation. We've just come out of the second edition of the "Dakar en jeux" festival, which combines sport, culture and youth, and which was a resounding success compared to the first edition. The second initiative is the "Kids Olympic skills" programme, which aims to make sport more widely practised in the run-up to the YOG, and to help schools and communities discover certain new sports that are on the YOG programme but are not practised in Senegal. The third initiative is



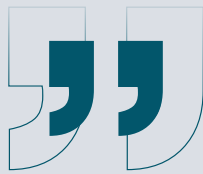
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the Olympic Civic and Sports Certification. As you all know, Olympism embodies extremely important values that we need to disseminate in today's turbulent world, where young people need to find their bearings and values. We've therefore integrated it into what we call civic education, which we're already helping to disseminate in the country's 11,000 schools, targeting 900,000 school children. So, the pre-legacy phase has been launched, and that's why the IOC is in the habit of saying that with the Dakar Games, we have the legacy before the Games.



We have an excellent partnership framework with two main aspects. Firstly, overall, we are coordinating and co-chairing the Dioko alliance, a framework for partnership in sport between French and Senegalese institutions.



There is a partnership agreement between Dakar 2026 and Paris 2024. At what level is this collaboration? And more broadly with the French government?

We have an excellent partnership framework with two main aspects. Firstly, overall, we are coordinating and co-chairing the Dioko alliance, a framework for partnership in sport between French and Senegalese institutions. Paris 2024 is also a legacy in terms of post-Paris equipment, and we are continuing discussions to ensure that once the Paris Games are over, equipment and sports facilities can be transferred to Dakar. In a few months, a few weeks, Dakar teams will be joining Paris teams, totally immersed in their work, working closely with them, to get the hang of things. The third initiative is the network of human resources, as I often say, of Senegalese-French dual nationals who

are over there, who work in the Paris team, and who are keen to come and support the organisation of the Olympic Games in their first or second country.

In what way will Dakar 2026 also be physically represented at the Paris Olympic Games?

We decided to organise the Dakar 2026 club at Ile-Saint-Denis, where we have all the facilities we need to really showcase what we are doing, to hold a series of scientific conferences with universities in France in conjunction with Senegalese universities, the Senegalese intellectual diaspora, or simply the diaspora, to show them that after Paris, it will be Africa's turn in Dakar. In fact, we have agreed with Paris 2024 to hold a joint press conference a few days before the closing ceremony to announce the Dakar event.



Winter games

Special preparatory programme for Jonathan Lourimi in Sweden

A special preparatory programme is being drawn up for Jonathan Lourimi (Bobsleigh), ahead of his participation in the Gangwon 2024 Winter YOG in South Korea. The programme has been designed in collaboration with NOC Tunisia (CNOT) and Swedish technicians.

The Winter Youth Olympic Games, scheduled for 19 January to 2 February 2024, will bring together more than 2,600 athletes representing 70 countries, including Tunisia, which will be

taking part in this event for the first time in its history. The Winter YOG programme will include 15 disciplines in 7 sports, which will be held in the cities of PyeongChang, Gangneung and Jeongseon in Gangwon State. According to CNOT President Mehrez Boussayène, who is also an IOC member, the historic qualification of young Jonathan Lourimi as the first Tunisian athlete to take part in the Winter YOG, as well as the top notch performances of Sophie Ghorbel and Baya Mokrani in the qualifiers, are the fruit of great sacrifices by the athletes, the cooperation of their parents and



CNOT's desire to offer young Tunisians living in Tunisia and abroad the opportunity to take part in winter sports, based on the conviction that they are capable of excelling in this field. It is important to recall that eight Tunisian athletes living in Tunisia and abroad have been selected to take part in the preparations ahead of the 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games. Among them are the last three who reached the advanced stages of the qualifiers. The preparation of Tunisian athletes was part of a more extensive programme involving 50 male and female athletes from Africa, initiated by South Korea, which will host the Games in collaboration with ANOCA. ANOCA adopted the project as part of its commitment to promote Africa's image at Olympic events.

The project was launched in January 2022 by the Korean foundation "New Horizon's Academy" to include the preparation of these African athletes selected in concert with ANOCA in various African countries with the aim of qualifying as many Africans as possible for the Winter Olympics, since only a maximum of three African countries participated in previous Winter Youth Olympic Games. The CNOT President expressed his gratitude to the PyeongChang Legacy Foundation 2018, Gangwon State and the South Korean Ministry of Culture and Sports, which launched the project together with ANOCA.

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2024 Winter Games

Tunisia's Baya Mokrani and Sophie Ghorbel qualify

On 9 December 2023, NOC Tunisia (CNOT) announced the historic qualification of Baya Mokrani and Sophie Ghorbel in Bobsleigh for the Winter Olympic Games, which are scheduled to take place in Gangwon in 2024.

The qualifiers began in 2022 and Baya Mokrani and Sophie Ghorbel qualified on 9 December during the last Bobsleigh stage of the Omega

Youth Series in Innsbruck and won their ticket for Gangwon. NOC Tunisia was delighted with this performance and congratulated the two on their historic qualification.

It should be recalled that Johnatan Lourimi qualified on 10 November in PeyonChang, South Korea, after winning the 8th Bobsleigh race, marking Tunisia's first qualification for the Winter Olympics.



Soubré Olympafrica Centre

A symbol of dynamism

The Soubré Olympafrica Centre in Côte d'Ivoire is increasingly becoming the ideal facility for youth development in the region. It is managed by Daniel Anzara.

This space promotes social development by improving access to programmes in the sports, social, economic and educational sectors, in perfect synergy with NOC Côte d'Ivoire.

In 2023, it hosted a number of successful activities and has a pending agenda of actions that will determine the vitality of its Centre.

Placed under ANOCA's supervision and with support from the IOC, the Olympafrica Foundation was created in 1988 to enable African countries and their populations to benefit from the positive impact of Olympism. It has become a powerful driver in the furtherance of Olympic values across the continent.

It should be noted that Côte d'Ivoire has a second Olympafrica centre under completion in Sassandra.

Website: <http://www.cno-civ.ci>



GNOC

Strategic planning workshop in Banjul

The President of The Gambia Olympic Committee (GNOC) and honorary IOC member, Beatrice Allen, initiated the organisation of a workshop on strategic planning in the management of sports facilities in Banjul. Coordinated by GNOC's Executive Director, Muhammed Janneh, the workshop was facilitated by consultant Robert Mutsauki.

The training of strategic planning facilitators was very successful, largely because of the high calibre of candidates selected for the course. During the deliberations, the expert

provided high-level content and the outcome was satisfactory with all 15 candidates passing the course, 14 of them being classified as "proficient" and only 1 as "satisfactory".

"Beatrice Allen assured me that a sustained initiative aimed at developing strategic plans of NFs in The Gambia will be rolled out soon and I believed her because she is a lady of her word," said Robert Mutsauki.

It is worth mentioning that the training of strategic planning facilitators in The Gambia was the fifth of its kind for consultant Robert



Mutsauki. To him, the GNOC, despite being the last to adopt this capacity building and knowledge transfer initiative, now sits on top of the pile as best achiever by virtue of having the highest number of certified facilitators classified as “proficient”, which basically signify readiness for deployment.

The 2.5-day strategic planning workshop was preceded by data collection through survey questionnaires, focus group sessions and interviews of selected key stakeholders to assess the GNOC’s level of capacity building and knowledge transfer.

The workshop was well attended by GNOC members and stakeholders, including its Executive Committee members led by Beatrice Allen herself. Input from delegates was enriching and very constructive.

Before the various teams presented their proposals to the plenary session for adoption, newly certified strategic planning facilitators played the role of team leaders, facilitating the

development of different components of the GNOC 2023-2029 strategic plan in breakout group sessions,.

At the end of the workshop, delegates adopted a draft strategic plan, which a select group comprising the consultant, team leaders and the GNOC Executive Director was mandated to fine tune. This mandate was duly carried out and the new strategic plan has since been approved by the GNOC Executive Board. The same document will be tabled for adoption by the General Assembly at its next session.

The consultant made some recommendations in his final project reports to guide the execution process, including the development and implementation of annual operational plans, designating, empowering and supporting a ‘champion’ to drive implementation, as well as generally aligning organisational structures, governance instruments, systems, processes, procedures and reporting protocols to the new strategic plan which, by the way, is a first for the GNOC.



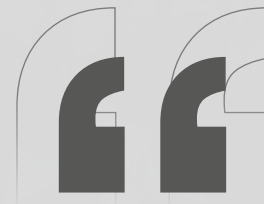
Olympic Day 2023 in Côte d'Ivoire

3,000 participants take part in the event at Djibo High School

Three thousand children, young girls and boys, as well as the elderly, took part in the celebration of Olympic Day 2023 recently in Bouaké. Organised by NOC Côte d'Ivoire (NOC-CIV) and led by its first Vice-President Jean-Marie Allah Kouamé, who represented the President, Georges N'Goan. The event, celebrated under the patronage of the Minister of Transport, Amadou Koné, Mayor of the Bouaké Municipality, was a raving success.

Led by Mayor Amadou Koné, participants stormed the assembly ground opposite the Stade de la Paix early in the morning. Besides the Mayor, the Prefect of Bouaké, Tuo Fozidé, and the representative of the President of the Gbêkê regional council led the gigantic parade.

They took to the streets of the city, from the traffic lights at Stade de la Paix Hotel to Djibo Sounkalo, where they all had a fitness session. They were then treated to performances by



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the 19 Olympic federations present. All social categories and other entities representative of the capital city of the Gbêkê region were mobilised to “vibrate” and “move” with the Olympic federations present.

The event’s schedule featured athletics, cycling, taekwondo, basketball (3×3), badminton, boxing, break dance, beach volleyball, archery, tennis, table tennis, rugby, judo, golf, gymnastics, handball, fencing, horse racing and wrestling.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Amadou Koné said: *“It is with great pleasure and joy that the municipal council, which I am honoured to head, welcomes you today to celebrate Olympic Day 2023. This day also marks the launch of sports activities in Bouaké, and it is an honour for me to see our city vibrating with energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.*

An active city, a symbolic city with a rich history and cultural diversity, Bouaké is indeed the ideal place to host this major event.”

On behalf of the Ministry of Sports and Living Environment, Adama Doumbia delivered the State’s message of encouragement to the NOC. Jean-Marie Allah Kouamé, the First Vice-President of NOC-CIV was delighted to have risen to the 2023 challenge, and said: *“This day has enabled some people to discover some of the Olympic disciplines. For us, everything went smoothly. I would like to thank all the authorities for their involvement in organising this event.”* Mrs Allangba Fadiga Namama Nadège, chair of the NOC-CIV Communications Commission, read out the IOC’s statement. It was a call to people across the world to create time for daily physical exercise.



NOC Mauritania

Abderrahmane Ethmane Re-elected as President

The members of the General Assembly of NOC Mauritania (CNOSM) met on 11 November 2023 for an elective session.

Sole candidate in the run, the incumbent President Abderrahmane Ethmane got all the 44 votes. According to the participants, his track record is overwhelmingly positive. Shortly after his re-election, Abderrahmane

Ethmane thanked the delegates for the renewed trust, promising to continue with the same momentum.

"My team and I will continue to work together in the interests of Mauritanian sport, and thus pursue the ambitious challenge of giving new impetus to our National Olympic and Sports Committee", said the President of the governing body of the Mauritanian Olympic



Movement, before adding: *“My team and I, together with the national sports family, have been working to ensure that the Mauritanian National Olympic and Sports Committee fulfils its mission of being an organisation that is dedicated to the development, promotion and protection of the Olympic Movement in Mauritania”*. He also thanked his collaborators, the members of the steering committee and the staff of the Mauritania National Olympic and Sports Committee, for having created this positive working atmosphere with him, based on mutual trust and esteem. *“We have thus been able to assume our responsibilities and resolve problems with a single idea in mind: to work for the good of the members of the Mauritania National Olympic and Sports Committee and the national sports family”*. The NOC Mauritania President also thanked Olympic Solidarity and ANOCA for their unwavering support, without which his organisation would not have been able to carry out its activities, as well as the Ministry of Sport for *“its guidance”*.

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The President of the elective General Assembly, Youssouf Fall, who doubles as President of the Mauritanian Basketball Federation, congratulated the re-elected President and his Executive Committee and wished them a successful term of office.

Commonwealth Games Federation

Dr Donald Rukare elected Vice-President

The President of the Uganda National Olympic Committee (UOC), Dr Donald Rukare, was elected Vice-President of the Commonwealth Games Federation at a session of the elective General Assembly held recently in Singapore. A lawyer by profession, he is one of three vice-presidents of this international organisation.

During this elective session, out of the 74 votes cast, Dr Rukare secured a total of 52 votes (70.27%), behind Sandra Osborne of Barbados, who received 66 votes (89.19%). Graham Hugh from the Cook Islands secured 37 votes (50%) to become third Vice-President.

It is worth noting that the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation is Welshman, Chris Jenkins. The organisation also has six regional vice-presidents: Colonel Botsang Tshenyego (Botswana), who will represent Africa; Judy Simons (Bermuda), who will represent America and Christopher Chan (Singapore), who will represent Asia; Ephraim Penn (British Virgin Islands), who will represent the Caribbean; Helen Phillips MBE (Wales), who will represent Europe; and Craig Philips (Australia), who will represent Oceania.

Dr Donald Rukare is a highly experienced sports administrator. He has often held important positions in African and world sports organisations, including Vice-President of the Legal Commission of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), member of the FINA Bureau,



member of the FINA Marketing Commission, member of the FINA Technical Committee for High Volley Diving, member of the FINA Masters Committee, etc. He is also an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), a member of the Results Management Panel of the Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (RADO), a member of the Ethics Commission of the Commonwealth Games Federation and a professor at the IOC's MEMOS programme, where he teaches sports governance and management. He is also a consultant/advisor to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and has carried out missions for the IOC in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and Lesotho.

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