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ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LOOKS FORWARD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR AFRICAN SPORT

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The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, held its first ordinary Executive Committee session for the new quadrennial (2025-2028) on 14 and 15 April 2025 at the ANOCA headquarters in Abuja, Nigeria. This inaugural session marks a strategic step for the future of Olympic sports in Africa.

CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Chaired by the ANOCA President and IOC Member, Mr Mustapha Berraf, the session brought together the new EXCO members elected during the Ordinary General Assembly held in Algiers. The agenda addressed key thrust areas of sports development in African.



Official agenda:

1. Welcome address by the President
2. Nominal roll call by the Secretary General
3. Introduction and distribution of responsibilities among EXCO members (2025-2028)
4. Adoption of the Strategic Plan for the 2025-2028 quadrennial
5. Adoption of the overall Budget for 2025-2028
6. Presentation of the 2025 annual Plan and budget
7. Presentation by Olympic Solidarity
8. Setting up of Standing Commissions for 2025-2028



9. Preparation for the maiden African School Games - Algeria 2025
10. Preparation for the 2nd African Youth Games - Angola 2025
11. Preparation for the Youth Olympic Games - Dakar 2026
12. Preparation for the 14th African Games -Cairo 2027
13. Preparation for the 3rd African Beach Games - Riaba 2027
14. Any other business



RENEWED VISION FOR OLYMPISM IN AFRICA

In his opening address, Mr Mustapha Berraf stated:

"We will have to consolidate and innovate during this new quadrennial. Africa must take its rightful place on the international Olympic stage, through robust governance, better representation and concrete support for our athletes."

"The challenges are legion, but so are the opportunities. Together, in solidarity and unity characteristic of the African spirit, we will rise to these challenges and take African sport to the next level."

"We must build a stronger, more inclusive ANOCA that is resolutely focused on excellence."



EMOTIONAL MOMENT AND COMMITMENT WITH THE IOC

A major highlight of the session featured a videoconference address by the IOC President-elect, Ms Kirsty Coventry. She heartily congratulated the ANOCA Executive Board and hailed the commitment and exemplary leadership of Mr Mustapha Berraf, who is doing a marvellous job at the helm of ANOCA, while expressing her willingness to actively support sport development in Africa during her tenure.

In return, President Berraf and the entire Executive Committee expressed their commitment to work closely with the IOC in a spirit of trust, synergy and complementarity.

They, through the voice of President Mustapha Berraf, reasserted their unconditional availability and unwavering support for our sister Kirsty Coventry in the discharge of the noble and challenging missions ahead, while reiterating their immense pride in seeing a great African lady at the helm of the IOC.



The President and the ANOCA Executive Committee also expressed their deep gratitude to the outgoing IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, for his support to the African continent, and moved that a special tribute be paid to him with the award of the 'African Recognition Trophy', which is awarded exclusively to very prominent World Dignitaries.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION

The session was graced by Mallam Shehu Dikko who, in a videoconference address, hailed Nigeria's commitment to supporting ANOCA. He underscored Nigeria's pride to host the headquarters of the pan-African institution, while pointing out that the Federal Government of Nigeria will continue to support ANOCA in the discharge of its noble mission.



For his part, ANOCA Treasurer General and Nigeria Olympic Committee President, Engr. Habu Gumel, highlighted that "***the fresh mandate ...under the new regime is a clear recognition of the confidence reposed on us by the African Olympic Family... the previous administration, under the leadership of Mr. President did very well. With the renewed mandate and our collective resolve, this new regime will do even better.***"

"***He then went on to thank the Federal Government of Nigeria and the National Sports Commission for their support, thanks to which ANOCA is able to deliver on its objectives and to enjoy a most peaceful stay in Nigeria.***"



DYNAMICS OF INCLUSION AND ACTION

The Executive Committee also:

- Confirmed a significant increase in athlete support budgets;
- Underscored gender parity in Commissions and representation in all Zones;
- Factored in the recommendations of the 5th Continental Athletes' Forum (Windhoek 2025) into its road map.





Next Stop: Algiers, July 2025

The next session of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Algiers in July 2025, on the sidelines of the maiden African School Games, thus consolidating ANOCA's commitment to act in synergy with major continental sports events.

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