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ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARTS COURSE FOR 2025-2028 QUADRENNIAL

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The 64th Ordinary Session of the ANOCA Executive Committee was held on 14 and 15 April 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria, chaired by Mr Mustapha Berraf. This first meeting of the new mandate (2025-2028) was an opportunity for the members elected last March in Algiers to lay the foundations for a promising quadrennial for Olympic sports in Africa.

RENEWED SUPPORT FROM THE HOST COUNTRY

In his opening address, Engr Habu Gumel, President of the Nigeria Olympic Committee and re-elected ANOCA Treasurer General, warmly welcomed Executive Committee members, while highlighting Nigeria's continued commitment to the organisation headquartered in Abuja.



Mallam Shehu Dikko, Chairman of Nigeria's National Sports Commission, reasserted the total support of the federal government of Nigeria for ANOCA. He underscored that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is fully committed to providing all the necessary support for the smooth running of the organisation and its lasting presence in Nigeria, referencing the Renewed Hope for Nigerian Sports Economy (RHINSE) initiative aimed at developing the national sports economy.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OLYMPICS AND TRIBUTE TO LEADERS

President Mustapha Berraf highlighted recent developments within the international Olympic movement, hailing President Thomas Bach's exceptional contribution to the sustainability of the Olympic Movement in times of global crisis. He also expressed ANOCA's enthusiasm to work with Ms Kirsty Coventry, IOC President-elect, who will take office on 24 June as the first woman to head this organisation.



Ms Coventry's virtual presence was particularly welcomed by the Executive Committee, which expressed its total availability to assist her in her missions at the helm of the International Olympic Movement. The ANOCA President stressed the future IOC President's expressed commitment to continue working for sport development in Africa during her tenure.



A FORWARD-LOOKING AGENDA FOR AFRICAN SPORT

The deliberations of the meeting focused on the implementation of the 2025-2028 ANOCA Action Plan approved during the 22nd General Assembly in Algiers. The members confirmed the following schedule of major events for the continent:

- **The maiden African School Games in Algeria (August 2025)**
- **The Youth Games in Angola (10-20 December 2025)**
- **The 14th African Games in Cairo**
- **The Youth Olympic Games in Dakar 2026**



STRATEGIC APPOINTMENTS FOR A STRONGER INSTITUTION

The Executive Committee made some major appointments to its commissions:

- Marketing Commission to be chaired by **Mr Alfred Foloko**, assisted by **Mr Ben N. Mensah**
- Gender Equality Commission

  To be chaired by Ms **Spencer A. Fortes Filomena Maria**
- Coordinator of all ANOCA Games: **Mr Joao Manuel da Costa Alegre**
- Finance Commission to be chaired by Mr Abderrahmane Ethmane
- Medical and Anti-Doping Commission to be chaired by **Dr Olajide Ajibola**, with **Dr Chouiter Feriel** as Vice Chair
- Legal Affairs Commission to be chaired by **Mr Mehrez Boussayene**
- Legislation, Litigations and Governance Commission to be chaired by **Barrister Sani Garun Gabbas**



INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ANOCA also marked its entry into the digital era by approving several technological initiatives, including the organisation of a Forum on Sport and Artificial Intelligence in Abidjan on 27 and 28 June 2025. The Committee recognised Zedmy's interest in providing AI support services and invited them to submit a detailed proposal.

In addition, the Committee approved the legal processing and registration of the ANOCA Games, logos and intellectual property with the Industrial Court of Nigeria and the EU.



SCHEDULE OF FORUMS AND SEMINARS

Several strategic events have been scheduled:

- **Gender Equality Forum in Burundi (2 and 3 November 2025)**
- **Seminar for Secretaries General in Maputo, Mozambique (September 2025)**
- **Sustainability Forum in Tunisia (2-5 October 2025)**

REORGANISATION OF ZONAL STRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A major decision was taken as to how Zones can be energised. The Executive Committee approved the creation of a working group to study the reorganisation of the zonal structure, taking into account geographical, linguistic and cultural similarities. Zone presidents were tasked to ensure the organization of games in their regions and encourage the participation of budding talents.



The EXCO further prescribed more stringent management of funds allocated to Zones, and that resources allocated to inactive Zones be redirection to active zones, in accordance with annual plans and budgets.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Executive Committee decided to hold a virtual Extraordinary General Assembly to address issues related to all future ANOCA Games. The next meeting is billed for Algeria in August 2025, on the sidelines of the maiden African School Games.



CONCLUSION

At the end of it all, the Executive Committee congratulated President Mustapha Berraf on the tact and competence with which he had conducted the deliberations. The meeting went on in an atmosphere of responsibility, mutual understanding and fraternity, which testifies to the unity and solidarity within the African Olympic Movement.

The President and the Members of the Executive Committee expressed their gratitude to the Nigerian Government for its support and great solicitude. They expressed their pride at receiving the salutations of His Excellency, BOLA AHMED TINUBU, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, through the Chairman of the National Sports Commission, and requested the latter to convey the expression of their profound respect and most esteemed consideration to His Excellency the President of the Republic.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 64TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 14 AND 15 APRIL 2025, ABUJA, NIGERIA.

MEETING ON 14 and 15 APRIL 2025, in ABUJA, NIGERIA, and chaired by the Honourable Mustapha Berraf, THE 64th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANOCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE took the FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. The EXCO approves implementation the ANOCA 2025 -2028 Action Plan as endorsed and approved by the General Assembly during the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly in Algeria.

2. The EXCO approves the appointment of the Athlete Representatives within the various ANOCA Commissions.

3. The EXCO approves the legal processing and registration of the ANOCA Games, Logos and intellectual property with the industrial court in Nigeria and EU.

4. The EXCO mandates Zone Presidents to confirm with their respective NOCs if they have Athletes Commissions.

5. The EXCO provisionally approves 22 sports on the programme of the maiden ANOCA African Games pending the meeting of the Chefs de Mission scheduled for 19 and 20 May 2025.

6. The EXCO mandates the President to establish a working group to study the zonal composition taking into consideration the geographical lingual and cultural similarities.

7. The EXCO assigns Zone Presidents to ensure the organisation of Zone Games in their Zones and encourage youth participation in the Games.

8. The EXCO approves and directs that unutilized funds from the 2021-2024 quadrennial be transferred to the 2025-2028 quadrennial.

9. The EXCO recommends the appointment, if need be, of a Technical Director.

10. The EXCO approves that funds allocated to inactive zones be redirected to active zones in line with their annual plans and budgets.

11. The EXCO approves the appointment of Mr Foloko as Chair of the Marketing Commission and Mr Ben N. Mensah as Vice.

12. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Ms. Spencer A. Fortes Filomena Maria Chair of Gender Equality Commission.

13. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Mr. Joao Manuel da Costa Alegre as the head of and coordinator of all ANOCA Games to be assisted by Ms. Fardouza Moussa Egueh during the school games and the African Youth Games in Angola.

14. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Abderrahmane Ethmane as Chair of Finance Commission.

15. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Dr. Olajide Ajibola as head of Medical and Anti-Doping Commission with Dr. Chouiter Feriel as vice Chair.

16. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Mehrez Boussayene as Chair of Legal Affairs Commission.

17. The EXCO endorses the appointment of Barrister Sani Garun Gabbas as head of Legislation, Litigations & Governance Commission.

18. The EXCO approves that the Gender Equality forum will be held in Burundi from 2-3 November 2025.

19. The EXCO approves that the Seminar for Secretaries General will be held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2025.

20. The EXCO approves that the Forum on Sport and Artificial Intelligence, will be held in Abidjan from 27 - 28 June, 2025.

21. The EXCO approves that the Sustainability forum will be held in Tunisia from 2-5 October 2025.

22. The EXCO congratulates the ANOCA Athletes Commission on the successful organisation of the 5th ANOCA Continental Forum in Windhoek, Namibia, from 4-7 April 2025.

23. The EXCO notes Zedmy Company's interest to provide Artificial Intelligence support services and invites them to give a detailed proposal and to attend the ANOCA AI forum in Abidjan.

24. The EXCO recognises the efforts by the Tunisian Olympic Committee in the field of AI.

25. THE EXCO directs that all efforts in the area of AI be matched with the IOC launched AI applications.

26. The EXCO hails the presence of President-Elect Madam Kirsty Coventry and expresses its total availability to assist her in her noble and exacting missions in the service of the International Olympic Movement. The Executive Committee pays her a glowing tribute while expressing the pride of the entire African Olympic and Sports Movement. The Executive Committee also welcomes her expressed commitment to continue working for sport development in Africa during her tenure.

27. The EXCO stands in full solidarity with the IOC President-Elect in shaping a brighter future for the Olympic and Sport Movement.

28. The EXCO expresses sincere gratitude to President Thomas Bach for his exemplary leadership and support to sport development in Africa.

29. The EXCO mandates the Zone Presidents to energize their respective NOCs to ensure participation of their athletes in the ANOCA Games.

30. The EXCO will hold a virtual Extraordinary General Assembly to address issues related to all upcoming ANOCA organized Games.

31. The EXCO confirms the hosting of the youth games, Angola 2025 in Angola from 10 -20 December 2025.

32. The EXCO will hold its next Executive Committee meeting in Algeria in August 2025 on the sidelines of the maiden ANOCA African School Games.

33. The President and EXCO Members sincerely thank the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its support and attention, while expressing their pride at receiving the greetings of His Excellency BOLA AHMED TINUBU, President of the Republic, through the Chairman of the National Sports Commission, and request the latter to convey to the President of the Republic their feelings of utmost respect and esteemed consideration.

34. The President and the entire ANOCA EXCO express their gratitude to Algeria and its President for the warm and fraternal welcome extended to the Honourable Members of the General Assembly and their distinguished guests.

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