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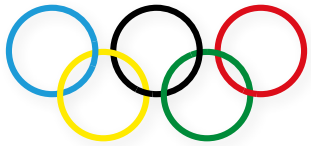
HISTORY

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) was established on 28 June 1981 in Lome, Togo. It is the supreme governing body of the African Olympic Movement and currently has 54 member NOCs and seven development zones. ANOCA is headquartered in Abuja (Nigeria).

MISSION AND ROLE

ANOCA shall abide by the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and has as mission to:

- **Contribute to developing**, fostering and defending the Olympic Movement and its autonomy in Africa pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
- **Serve and promote** the interests of the member National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their dealings with third parties, in all matters of general interest in collaboration with the IOC and ANOC.
- **Promote understanding**, cooperation and mutual assistance among NOCs of Africa.
- **Help African NOCs**, in collaboration with the IOC, to promote, develop and defend Olympic ethics, good governance in sport, financial transparency and sustainability in the operations of NOCs across the African continent.
- **Work in close** collaboration with African NOCs to better rationalise Olympic Solidarity and ANOCA funds.
- **Assist NOCs** to organise and coordinate Africa's preparation for and participation in the Olympic Games, Intercontinental Games and Multisport Games.
- **Develop and sustain** cooperation ties between African NOCs, the International Olympic Committee, the Association of National Olympic Committees and the other Member Continental Associations.



- **Organise** continental games in close cooperation with the NOCs of Africa and other third party organisations, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and with the aim of promoting high performance and the sustainable development in sport, and to demand that continental games are held accordingly.
- **Collaborate** with governmental and non-governmental sports bodies in general, in order to facilitate development and implementation in Africa of a coherent sports development strategy, which in terms of operational programmes clearly expresses the right for all to practise sports and physical activities.
- **Foster**, through creative initiatives and sponsorship of training programmes and planned actions, a more rational and constantly upgraded preparation of African athletes for the Olympic Games.
- **Help African NOCs** fight against all forms of discrimination, especially racial, political or religious discrimination within the Olympic Movement;
- **Encourage and support** the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with the aim of implementing the principle of equality between men and women.
- **Secure**, in compliance with the fundamental principles that govern the Olympic Movement, funding sources likely to boost and support the action of African NOCs at local level.
- **Instil in and foster** among the Youth especially, the love of sports practice as a means of education, training, health and environmental protection, social cohesion and integration.
- **Encourage** the NOCs of Africa to work towards the integration of sport values in school syllabuses and to encourage and promote the creation of Olympic Academies and Museums as a means of disseminating culture and Olympic values.
- **Collaborate** with the NOCs in grooming and training sports administrators with a view to furthering the fundamental principles of Olympism and good governance;
- **Strengthen**, in collaboration with other African sports bodies, the observance of sports ethics during competitions and in relations between sports stakeholders as well as rigidly oppose any form of discrimination based on sex, race or religious considerations in sport and endeavour to ensure that the spirit of fair play rules in sport and that violence is banned.
- **Fight** against the use of banned substances and methods, support the important mission of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the global fight against doping, undertake to fully abide by the World Anti-Doping Code and urge its members to do the same.
- **Protect clean athletes** and the probity of sport by supporting the fight against doping and taking measures against any form of manipulation of competitions and related corruption.
- **Encourage and support** the efforts of sports organisations and public authorities to ensure the social and professional future of athletes.
- **Encourage and support** a responsible approach to environmental issues, promote sustainable development in sport and require that Continental Games be organised accordingly.

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I would like to congratulate all ANOCA members for their commitment and determination. I believe that we will continue to work together to achieve our objectives and promote African sport.

The 22nd ANOCA General Assembly, held in Algiers on 14 and 15 March 2025, was a resounding organisational success. Held under the most distinguished patronage of the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the event brought together key stakeholders of the African Olympic Movement.

We were honoured by the presence of eminent personalities both virtually and in-person. They included outgoing IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, World Aquatics President, Husain AL MUSALLAM, and the President of World Boxing International, Boris VAN DER VORST. Their speeches stressed the importance of sports in promoting Olympic values and development in Africa.

Furthermore, the ANOCA Special Trophies and Order of Merit ceremony honoured some dignitaries for their outstanding contribution to sports development in Africa. We are proud to recognise their work and dedication.

On the sidelines, the memorandums of understanding signed with World Aquatics and World Boxing International for instance, open up new prospects for sports development in Africa. We are convinced that these partnerships will help build our capacities and offer new opportunities to our athletes.

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All in all, I want to believe that this Ordinary General Assembly was a defining moment for our organisation, and we are fully braced for future challenges. We will pursue our Olympic values promotion and sport development efforts in Africa, with the enduring conviction that sport can be a powerful tool for development and peace.

Mustapha Berraf

ANOCA President
IOC Member
ANOC Vice President
President of the Olympafrica Foundation



22ND ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANOCA

FRESH MOMENTUM FOR AFRICAN SPORT

ANOCA held its 22nd Ordinary Session in Algiers in a solemn and fraternal atmosphere. This Assembly, a crucial one for the future of African sport, was attended by many high-profile African and international sports dignitaries, attesting to ANOCA's growing global influence.


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TURNING POINT FOR AFRICAN OLYMPISM

The stage was set from the very outset, with the singing of the Algerian and Olympic anthems. In his opening address, President BERRAF, highlighted the vital importance of the Assembly, which was to elect leaders for the next four years.

«*This Ordinary General Assembly is vital for ANOCA, as it will elect the leaders who will steer the destiny of our governing body for the next four years. This is an important step for the future of ANOCA*,» he stated.

ADDRESSES BY HIGH-PROFILE DIGNITARIES

The Algerian Sports Minister, **Mr Walid SADI**, strongly reaffirmed Algeria's pride in belonging to the African continent and its commitment to Olympic values, while thanking President TEBBOUNE for his continued support for the sports movement.

IOC President, **Dr Thomas BACH**, expressed his gratitude for Africa's unwavering support to the Olympic Movement and urged African NOCs to pursue their efforts towards sports development in Africa.

World Aquatics President, **Mr Husain AL MUSALLAM**, announced the construction of four Olympic pools in Senegal, Nigeria, Angola and Equatorial Guinea, affirming his federation's commitment to developing the sport of swimming in Africa.

IOC Olympic Solidarity and NOC Relations Director, **Mr James MACLEOD**, presented IOC support programmes for African athletes and NOCs, highlighting the importance of close collaboration in maximising the impact of these initiatives.



PRESENTATIONS BY FEDERATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS

The OGA was marked by a series of excellent presentations:

- The President of World Boxing International, **Mr Van DER VORST**, underscored the need for African NF affiliations to enable the participation of their boxers in international competitions;
- IOC Member, **Mr Balázs FURJES** (Hungary), showcased Budapest as '*the City of Sports*' par excellence, as he proposed cooperation programmes to support African athletes;
- **Prince Fahd BIN ABDULAZIZ** sought ANOCA's official recognition of World Camelids Sport, currently made up of 62 NFs, most of them from Africa;
- The Executive Director of Olympafrica, **Mr Thierno DIACK**, made a comprehensive presentation on the foundation's activities and financial accountability, with special focus on child development and talent identification.
- YOG Dakar 2026 Sports Director, Mr Balla DIEYE, presented a paper on preparations for this event that will bring together 2,700 athletes and 6,000 volunteers;



- The Deputy Sports Minister (Angola), **Mr Paulo Rodrigues DA SILVA**, focused on preparations ahead of the African Youth Games Angola 2025;
- WADA Africa Regional Director, **Mr Rodney SWIGELAAR**, highlighted the importance of raising the profile of anti-doping in African sport;
- OS Associate Director, **Mr Olivier NIAMKEY**, and his team made a presentation on support programmes available for African NOCs;
- The President of the African Fencing Federation (AFC), **Mr Mbagnick NDIAYE**, solicited greater recognition and support for FIE President Alisher USMANOV by ANOCA.

AFRICAN SCHOOL GAMES ALGIERS 2025, A KEY INNOVATION

The presentation on the maiden School Games Algiers 2025 aroused considerable interest. An ANOCA initiative, the Games will take place from 26 July to 5 August 2025 in four cities in eastern Algeria: Annaba, Constantine, Sétif and Skikda.

Reserved for young athletes aged 14 to 17, these Games are part of a coherent sports development strategy designed to prepare the next generation for major upcoming events. They will feature 25 sports disciplines, including urban sports such as Skateboard, BMX and Breaking.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR NOCS

ANOCA will grant USD10,000 in financial support to each NOC to prepare for the African Youth Games Angola 2025 and YOG Dakar 2026, demonstrating its strong commitment to developing elite sport on the continent.

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AWARDS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Assembly recognised many dignitaries for their contribution to the development of African sport, notably the Algerian Prime Minister, Mr Mustapha LARBAOUI, the Algerian Sports Minister, Mr Walid SADI and IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH.

Partnership agreements were signed between ANOCA and several international federations (IFs) such as World Aquatics, World Boxing, the International Judo Federation and the World Flying Disc Federation, strengthening ANOCA's influence on the international sports stage.



CELEBRATION OF SPORTS EXCELLENCE

The Assembly also afforded the opportunity to celebrate African sport excellence through the «*African Sports Awards*» ceremony, rewarding best athletes and coaches on the continent. The ceremony is «*a special opportunity to foster the values of Olympism and highlight the feats achieved by African athletes*,» stated President BERRAF.



The importance of developing responsible sports practices that are environmentally-friendly and sustainable in the long term.



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR AFRICAN SPORT

President BERRAF emphasised the «*fundamental role of sport in promoting environmental sustainability*,» stressing «*the importance of developing responsible sports practices that are environmentally-friendly and sustainable in the long term.*»

This historic Assembly concluded with the adoption the 2025-2028 Action Plan and the election of the new EXCO, with a roadmap for the next ANOCA quadrennial, in the spirit of solidarity and shared commitment for the future of Olympism in Africa.



MUSTAPHA BERRAF RE-ELECTED ANOCA PRESIDENT

ANOTHER TERM TO PURSUE THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC VISION

On 15 March 2025, the Abdelatif Rahal International Conference Centre in Algiers, Algeria witnessed a defining moment for African sport. In an atmosphere of solemnity and unanimity, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF was re-elected as ANOCA President for the new Olympiad (2025-2028).


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CONSENSUS

For this election, which was one of the highlights of the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly, Mustapha BERRAF ran unchallenged, an eloquent testimony to the trust bestowed on him by all 54 African NOCs. The election was supervised by an independent Electoral Commission headed by ANOCA Ethics Commission Chair, Mr Sam RAMSAMY, an iconic figure in the Olympic Movement.

Mustapha BERRAF was acclaimed by his peers, confirming his leadership of the African Olympic Movement. His re-election by acclamation is in keeping with the tradition of stability that ANOCA has forged in recent years.

"*I am greatly honoured by the trust the Olympic family has once more bestowed on me,*" he stated in his acceptance address. "*This is not just a personal victory, but the recognition of a collective effort over many years to raise African sport to the level it deserves on the international stage.*"

AN EXCEPTIONAL CAREER IN THE SERVICE OF SPORT

Mustapha BERRAF's re-election caps a career dedicated to sports development in African. As a former Algerian international basketball player, he rose through the ranks of sports administration: President of the Algeria Basketball Federation (1993-2001), NOC President for almost two decades (2001-2020), and ANOCA EXCO Member before taking over as President in 2019.

His election as ANOCA President in 2019 in Tokyo marked a turning point for the organisation, with a clear desire to modernise and expand its global reach. His election as IOC Member in January 2020,



increased Africa's influence in the decision-making bodies of the International Olympic Movement.

"*Mustapha BERRAF embodies a vision of continuity but also of innovation for our continent,*" noted an IOC member in Africa. "*His influence within the IOC has given Africa a louder voice in debates that are critical to the future of our sport.*"

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, the IOC recently extended his membership for another four-year term, an exceptional and a rare mark of confidence in international Olympic circles.

RENEWED, BALANCED EXCO

In the wake of the President's re-election, the General Assembly also renewed the ANOCA EXCO. In keeping with the principles of regional balance and parity, the new EXCO now comprises 13 members, representing the continent's five geographical Zones.

Among the key figures on the new EXCO is João DA COSTA (Sao-Tomé) also re-elected as First Vice President, while Sudan's Ahmed ABOU ELGASIM HASHIM maintained his position as Secretary General. Female representation was also strengthened with the election Filomena FORTES (Cape Verde) and Fardouza MOUSSA EGUEH (Djibouti) as Second and Fourth Vice Presidents respectively.

"*Our new Executive Committee reflects the rich diversity of our continent,*" stated the re-elected Chairperson. "*With equal regional representation and a stronger female presence, we are ready to meet the challenges of the next Olympiad together.*"

EXCEPTIONAL TRACK RECORD AND FORWARD-LOOKING PLANS

Mustapha BERRAF's re-election was built on a track record that has been widely acclaimed by the African Olympic community. Under his leadership, ANOCA has enhanced its governance and financial transparency significantly, notably by creating an Independent Audit Commission and introducing a monitoring system for subsidies allocated to member NOCs.

Pertaining to sport per se, his first term in office was marked by significant progress, including:

- A substantial increase in financial support to African athletes through the Olympic Scholarship Programme;
- Creation of the African School Games;
- Launch of the African Youth Games, a competition aimed at identifying future talents;
- Initiation of the "*Africa Youth Connect*" programme, aimed at consolidating ties among young African athletes;
- Creation of an Excellence Centre for the training of sports managers in Algiers;

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- Roll-out of the "*Olympafrica*" programme in over 40 countries to develop grassroots sport.

In his keynote address for his new tenure, Mustapha BERRAF outlined his 2025-2028 Action Plan for the Olympiad:

"*Our vision for this new Olympiad is based on three key pillars: sports excellence, sustainable development and exemplary governance*," he explained, before outlining some flagship initiatives:

- Creating a roving African Olympic Academy to train sports managers in each region;
- Designing a specific programme to support African athletes preparing for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028;
- Organising the maiden African School Games in Algeria in July 2025, which will become a standard competition;
- Launch of a solidarity fund to support less developed NOCs;
- Improving the "Sport and Climate" programme to make sport an environmental awareness tool;
- Strengthening cooperation with other continental organisations, including the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

POSITIVE INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

Mustapha BERRAF's re-election prompted many positive reactions within the international Olympic family. In a message read out at the General Assembly, IOC President Thomas BACH praised the "*vision and unwavering commitment" of the re-elected President, highlighting "his valuable contribution to the Olympic Movement and his unflagging persistence in protecting the interests of African sport.*"

World Aquatics President and Secretary General of the Olympic Council of Asia, Husain AL MUSALLAM, who was in Algiers for the occasion, spoke of "*a choice of continuity that will further consolidate ties between Africa and Asia in the run-up to the Olympic Games Brisbane 2032.*"

Speaking on behalf of athletes, the ANOCA Athletes' Commission, through its President Mrs Gaby AHRENS (Namibian), expressed "*its satisfaction to see the re-election of a President who listens to athletes and who has always placed the interests of athletes at the centre of his actions.*"

General Assembly under the Most Distinguished Patronage of the President

The 22nd General Assembly, which took place under the most distinguished patronage of Algerian President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, confirmed Algeria's key role in the continent's Olympic Movement. The presence of many prominent Algerian political and sports figures, including Sports Minister



Walid SADI, underscored the high value that the country placed on this event.

On the sidelines of the Assembly, President TEBBOUNE was awarded the Gold Medal of African Olympic and Sports Merit, the highest distinction awarded by ANOCA to a Head of State. In the words of Ahmed ABOU ELGASIM, the organisation's Secretary General, this recognition underscores "*Algeria's unflagging commitment to the development of African sport and its unwavering support for ANOCA initiatives.*"

The Algerian Head of State took the opportunity to announce that "*Algeria will put all the necessary means in place to host the African School Games in July 2025*", an initiative of Mustapha BERRAF and his EXCO to develop sports at the grassroots and identify future talents.

2025-2028 AFRICAN VISION

At the end of this historic Assembly, Mustapha BERRAF was keen to put his re-election in a broader perspective: "*Beyond the individuals involved, it is the unity and solidarity of the African Olympic Movement that we are celebrating today. Considering the huge challenges faced by our continent, sport remains a powerful tool for development, education and peace.*"

He ended on an ambitious note: "*Our ultimate goal remains to one day see the Olympic Games organised on African soil. This is not an unreachable dream, but one towards which we must work collectively, step by step, with determination and vision.*"

With this widely acclaimed re-election and a forward-looking programme for the next four years, ANOCA is proving itself more than ever as one of the driving forces of the IOC, determined to make Africa's voice heard on the international sports scene.

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AFRICAN OLYMPIC AWARDS 2024

AN EXCEPTIONAL NIGHT TO CELEBRATE AFRICAN SPORTS EXCELLENCE

Cercle militaire de Béni Messous, Algiers hosted an African sports excellence awards ceremony on 15 March 2025, during a breathtaking gala evening that will go down in the annals of African sport. The 2024 African Olympic Awards ceremony, organised on the sidelines of the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly, brought together Africa's sporting elite to celebrate some of its most worthy ambassadors.


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At the opening of the event chaired by Algerian Prime Minister, Nadir LARBAOUI, ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF, said:

"*These Awards are much more than a simple prize-awards ceremony. They embody our vision of an Africa united by sport, celebrating together our excellence, our endurance and our diversity,*" said Mustapha BERRAF in his opening address. "*Our champions are ambassadors of African resilience and our ability to shine on the international stage.*"

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES WHO MADE THEIR MARK IN 2024

The ceremony showcased nine sports stars who distinguished themselves in 2024, particularly during the Paris Olympic Games. Their outstanding performances were acknowledged by standing ovations from an enthralled audience.

BEST MALE ATHLETE: LETSILE TEBOGO (BOTSWANA)

Botswana's sprinter, who was crowned African 200m Olympic champion in Paris 2024, made history by

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becoming his country's first Olympic gold medallist, confirming his status as the new star of world athletics. Visibly moved on receiving his trophy, he dedicated his award to all the young people of Africa who dream of great things.

BEST FEMALE ATHLETE: FAITH KIPYEGON (KENYA)

The Kenyan accomplished the feat of winning the 1,500m Olympic title three times consecutively, while adding a silver in the 5,000m to her haul. Holder of world records in the 1,500m, 1,000m and 5,000m, Faith KIPYEGON has become one of the greatest athletes of all time. In her thank-you video message (she was unavoidably absent), she said: "*This recognition from the entire African continent is worth all the medals in the world.*"

MOST PROMISING FEMALE ATHLETE: KAYLIA NEMOUR (ALGERIA)

The local heroine of the night, Kaylia NEMOUR, received a standing ovation for her gold medal on the uneven bars at the Paris Games. At 17, this Algerian gymnast represents the radiant future of African sport. Her remarkable journey, from Algeria to France and then to the United States for her training, is an example of the determination of African youth. "*This award encourages me to keep pushing my limits and to inspire other young African girls,*" said an emotional NEMOUR.

MOST PROMISING MALE ATHLETE: EMMANUEL WANYONYI (KENYA)

Kenya's 800m phenomenon was rewarded for winning the Olympic title with the second fastest time ever over the distance (1:41.19). The 20-year-old WANYONYI is the next in a prestigious line of Kenyan runners. In his acceptance speech, he paid tribute to his predecessors David RUDISHA and Wilson



KIPKETER, promising to "*carry the African heritage of the 800m even higher.*"

GRAND PRIX FOR RESILIENCE AND EFFORT (WOMEN'S CATEGORY): IMANE KHELIF (ALGERIA)

One of the most moving moments of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Prix for Resilience to Algeria's boxer Imane KHELIF. Her tumultuous journey to the Olympic title, despite the international media controversy she faced in Paris, symbolised the extraordinary mental strength of African athletes. Cheered on by the Algerian public, she said tearfully: "*This gold medal and this prize are the victory of all women who refuse to be told what they can or cannot achieve.*"

GRAND PRIX FOR RESILIENCE AND EFFORT (MEN'S CATEGORY): AHMED EL-GENDY (EGYPT)

Egypt's pentathlete, who became Olympic champion in Paris after coming close to the podium in Tokyo (4th place), was rewarded for his exemplary perseverance. The first African Olympic champion in this demanding discipline, EL-GENDY recalled with humour the sacrifices he had made: "*When you train in five different disciplines, you don't even have time to think about giving up!*"

MALE COACH OF THE YEAR: EMERSE FAÉ (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

Côte d'Ivoire's former international player, who was promoted to national coach in the middle of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (played in 2024), accomplished the feat of helping the Elephants win the Africa Cup of Nations from the brink of elimination. His leadership and tactical vision turned a team in crisis into African champions. "*This award goes to my players, who believed in the impossible,*" he said with humility.

FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR: RENA WAKAM (BASKETBALL - NIGERIA)

The Nigerian coach made history by leading the National Women's Basketball Team to the Olympic quarter-finals, a first for an African team in the sport. Her innovative approach and leadership have been hailed as a model for the development of women's basketball on the continent. "*We have proven that Africa has its place among the world's basketball elite,*" she said.

AFRICA'S RECOGNITION TROPHY: THOMAS BACH (GERMANY)

The now former IOC President received a special distinction for his unswerving support for the African Olympic Movement. Under his stewardship, Africa has benefited from several initiatives, including a significant increase in Olympic Solidarity funding and the organisation of the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. In his Thank-You speech, Thomas BACH reaffirmed his commitment: "*the future of the Olympic movement definitely lies with Africa, a continent of extraordinary youth and talent.*"

PAN-AFRICAN CULTURAL SHOW

The award ceremony also featured artistic performances displayed between each award, illustrating the continent's cultural wealth. The





audience was treated to traditional Algerian dances performed by the national troupe, as well as paintings representing the different regions of Africa.

The highlight of these interludes was a powerful demonstration of the unity in diversity that characterises the spirit of the African Olympic Awards.

CONTINENTAL MEDIA COVERAGE

For the first time in its history, the African Olympic Awards ceremony was broadcast live in over 35 African countries, thanks to a partnership with the coordinated national public broadcasters. Social networks were not left out, with over 3 million connections to the official livestream and a hashtag #AfricanOlympicAwards2024 that trended worldwide for several hours.

As a sign of the growing importance of this event, several international media sent special teams to cover the ceremony, helping to raise the profile of African champions beyond the continent.

COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE

At the end of this memorable evening, ANOCA announced the creation of a special support fund for

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budding African talents identified during continental competitions. With an initial budget of $2 million, this programme aims to offer training and education scholarships to future champions who will represent Africa at the next Olympic Games.

"*The champions we are celebrating today have proven that Africa can shine at the highest world level. Our duty is to prepare the new generation to go even further*," concluded Mustapha BERRAF before inviting all the winners on stage for a final group photograph that will remain a symbol of the 2024 African sports excellence awards.





PRESIDENT TEBBOUNE DECORATED WITH THE HIGHEST ANOCA

DISTINCTION IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN SPORT

In a solemn moment that will go down in the annals of African sport, the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune, was awarded the African Olympic and Sports Merit Medal in Gold, the highest ANOCA distinction to a Head of State. The highly colourful ceremony, which took place on 16 March 2025 at the El Mouradia Presidential Palace in Algiers, on the sidelines of the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly, testifies to President Tebboune's remarkable commitment to sport development on the continent.





SOLEMN CEREMONY FOR A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The ANOCA delegation, led by the newly re-elected President, Mustapha BERRAF, was welcomed with all due honours at the Presidential Palace. It comprised members of the newly elected Executive Committee, as well as a number of high-profile African and international sports dignitaries. Among them were ANOCA Secretary General, Engr Ahmed Abou Elgasim HASHIM, the Chairman of Nigeria's National Sports Council, Mallam Shehu Dikko, the President of NOC Algeria, Mr Abderrahmane Hammad, ANOCA First Vice President, Mr Joao Da Costa Alegre Afonso, ANOCA Treasurer General, Engr Habu Ahmed Gumel, and Dr Sam Ramsamy, Chairman of the ANOCA Ethics Commission and an iconic figure of the African and Global Olympic Movements.

During the solemn ceremony, ANOCA handed President TEBBOUNE a case containing the African Olympic and Sports Merit Medal in Gold, together with a symbolic gift representing a Pan-African work of art. This is considered to be the highest distinction that ANOCA can award to a political figure for their contribution to the continental Olympic Movement.

"This distinction testifies to the African Olympic Movement's unanimous recognition of your personal commitment and that of Algeria to sport and youth development in Africa," Mustapha Berraf said, underscoring *"the leading role played by Algeria in promoting Olympic values on our continent."*

TRIBUTE TO CONCRETE INITIATIVES FOR AFRICAN SPORT

Speaking on the occasion, ANOCA Secretary General, Engr Ahmed Abou Elgasim, explained the significance of this distinction, which he said has been awarded in recognition of the special attention that the President of the Republic of Algeria, H.E. Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, pays to youth and sport. He further opined that the award also comes in consideration of the President's commitment to Algeria's contribution to Africa's emergence and the development of its youth and sportsmen and women, both at national level and in international and regional forums and gatherings.

This recognition is buttressed by concrete actions implemented under the impetus of President TEBBOUNE, including:

- Organisation of the Mediterranean Games Oran 2022, unanimously acclaimed as one of the most successful editions in the history of this competition;
- Launching of the '*Sports Infrastructure 2030*' programme, aimed at providing every Algerian Wilaya with modern, accessible sports facilities;
- Significantly increasing support for elite Algerian athletes, in particular through the national 'Elite' programme, which contributed to the Olympic success at Paris 2024;

> ***I receive this distinction that you have honoured me with today in the name and on behalf of all the people of Algeria including its youths. It encourages me to continue our joint efforts to make sport an instrument of development, peace and unity for our continent.***

- Hosting of numerous continental competitions in Algeria in recent years, including the African Handball Championship and the Arab Athletics Championships;
- Initiation of a scholarship programme for young African athletes wishing to train in Algerian sports facilities;
- Provision of infrastructure and resources for the organisation of the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly in Algiers;
- Organisation of the maiden African School Games in Algeria from 26 July to 5 August 2025.





Algeria will provide all the necessary resources to host the African School Games, scheduled for next July.

The Chairman of the Nigerian National Sports Council, Mallam SHEHU DIKKO, who attended the ceremony, lauded the sound advice given by President TEBBOUNE during their discussions, while extending the Nigerian President's warmest regards to his Algerian counterpart.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN SPORT

In his acceptance speech, President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE reaffirmed his commitment to Olympic values and his belief that sport is a key vector for youth development in Africa.

"*I receive this distinction that you have honoured me with today in the name and on behalf of all the people of Algeria including its youths. It encourages me to continue our joint efforts to make sport an instrument of development, peace and unity for our continent,*" declared the Algerian Head of State.

The President then announced a major commitment for the future of African sport: "*Algeria will provide all the necessary resources to host the African School Games, scheduled for next July.*" This innovative competition, initiated by ANOCA at the behest of Mustapha BERRAF, aims to become a regular fixture on the continental sports calendar, and will help to consolidate unity among young Africans and to identify the talents of tomorrow.

"*Our ambition is for these School Games to become a tradition and to be organised on a regular basis in all African countries. They will be a breeding ground for a new generation of great African sportsmen and women, capable of flying our continent's colours on the international stage,*" President TEBBOUNE added.



INTERNATIONAL BODIES COMMEND SUPPORT

The award to the Algerian President is part of a tradition established by ANOCA, which regularly recognises African Heads of State for their contribution to sport development on the continent. It also underscores Algeria's increasingly important role in African and international sports diplomacy.

In a message addressed to President TEBBOUNE on this occasion, IOC President Thomas BACH, hailed "*Algeria's remarkable commitment to sport and Olympic values*," adding that "*under your leadership, Algeria is asserting itself as a key partner of the Olympic Movement in Africa and beyond*."

President BERRAF also emphasised that this award testifies to President TEBBOUNE's "*efforts and growing interest*" "*in young people in Algeria and Africa*", *expressing his wish for "even greater success for Algeria and Africa in the world of sport.*"

IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL SPORTS RECORD

President TEBBOUNE's award comes at a particularly favourable time for Algerian sport, which has enjoyed remarkable success in recent years. At the Olympic Games Paris 2024, Algeria made a name for itself with several historic medals, including gold for Kaylia NEMOUR on the uneven bars, a first in the history of African gymnastics, and another gold for Imane KHELIF in boxing.

These performances are in line with a national sport development policy initiated by President TEBBOUNE when he came to power. The significant increase in the budget allocated to the sports sector (35%



increase between 2020 and 2025) and the reform of training structures have led to the emergence of a new generation of high-performance athletes in various disciplines.

In terms of infrastructure, the country is pursuing an ambitious programme to modernise and build new sports facilities. In addition to the facilities inherited from the Mediterranean Games Oran 2022, several large-scale projects have been launched. These include the new Olympic complex in Algiers and the renovation of the Stade du 5 juillet 1962.

CONSOLIDATED SPORTS COOPERATION WITH THE CONTINENT

Over and above his national achievements, President TEBBOUNE's commitment is illustrated by his determination to consolidate inter-African sports cooperation. Algeria has signed an increasing number of bilateral sports cooperation agreements with a number of African countries, particularly in the training of managers and hosting of athletes.

Thanks to the '*Talents of Africa*' programme, launched in 2023 at the initiative of President TEBBOUNE, some one hundred young sportsmen and women from various African nations benefit from advanced training courses supervised by international experts in Algeria every year.

The successful organisation of the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly in Algiers, under the most distinguished patronage of the Head of State, also illustrates Algeria's determination to become a key player in the continental sports movement.



HISTORIC DISTINCTION

The award of the African Olympic and Sports Merit Medal in Gold to President TEBBOUNE is part of an ANOCA tradition of honour. Several other African Heads of State have received this distinction in the past.

The award ceremony was attended by a number of high-profile dignitaries, including Director of Cabinet at the Presidency of the Republic, Boualem BOUALEM, and the Sports Minister, Walid SADI. The latter played a crucial role in preparing and organising the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly in Algiers.

"*This medal is not an end in itself, but rather an encouragement to continue our commitment to African sport*," concluded President TEBBOUNE, stressing that "*the real success will lie in the ability of our young athletes to achieve their dreams and fly the colours of our continent on the international stage*."

SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

In concluding this historic ceremony, Mustapha BERRAF underlined the shared vision of ANOCA and President TEBBOUNE: "*We share the conviction that sport is much more than just a physical activity; it is a powerful vehicle for education, social inclusion and economic development for our continent*."

This award, beyond its ceremonial significance, marks a renewed commitment by Africa's highest political and sports authorities to leverage sport for development and continental unity. It also testifies to the strategic position that Algeria now occupies in the African sports ecosystem, under the stewardship of its President.

The forthcoming African School Games which, it has been confirmed, will be hosted by Algeria, will be the first tangible expression of this shared vision for the future of continental sport.

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GUSTAVO CONCEIÇÃO AND SERGIO MANÉ DECORATED FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Presidents of NOCs Angola and Guinea-Bissau were awarded the ANOCA Order of Merit for their outstanding contributions to the African Olympic and Sports Movement. This distinction is an eloquent testimony to their devotion and commitment to sport development in Africa.



WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

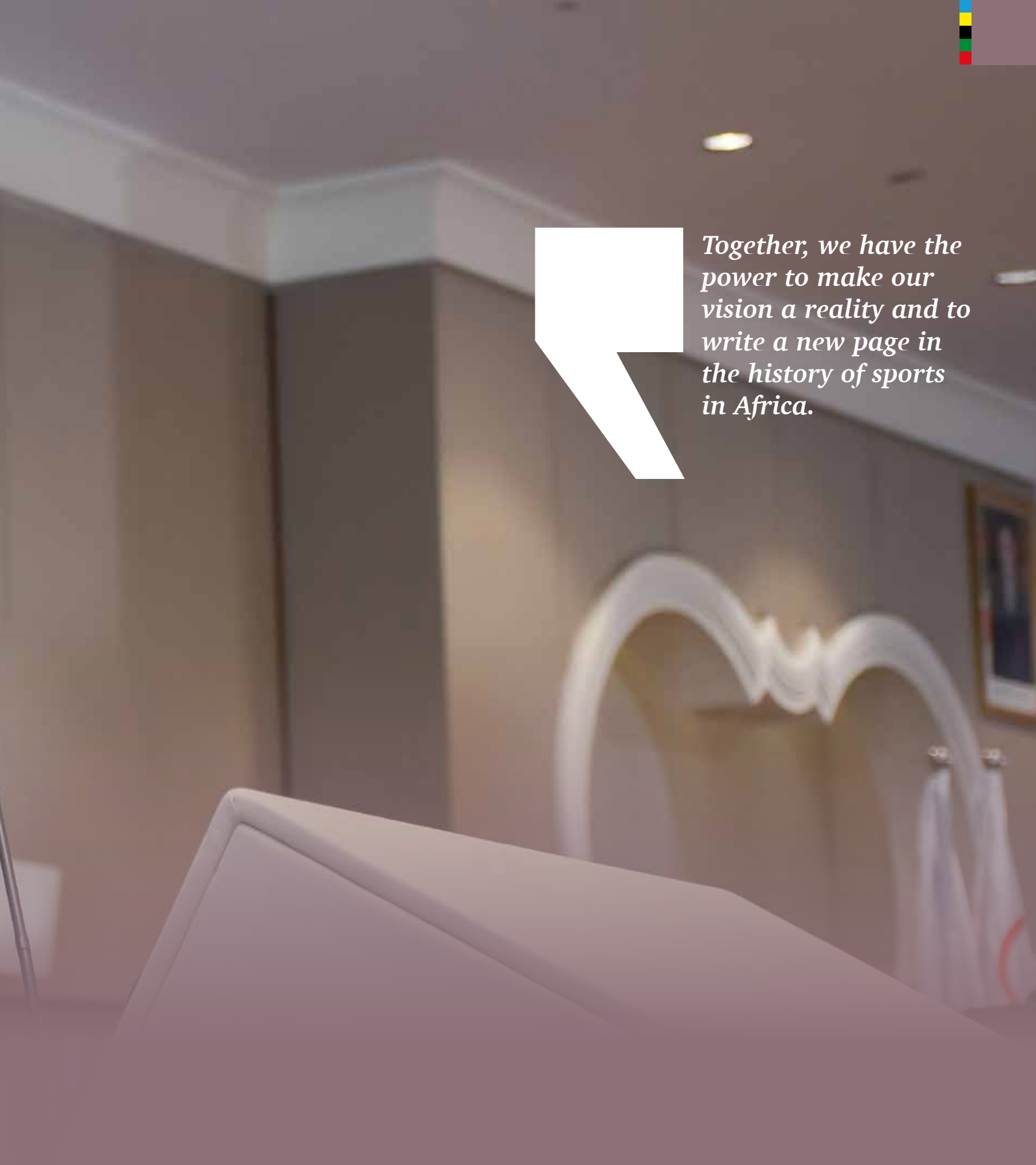
The ANOCA Order of Merit is a prestigious distinction that is awarded to personalities who have made a significant contribution to the development of the African Sports and Olympic Movement. Gustavo CONCEIÇÃO and Sergio MANÉ are examples of passionate and dedicated leaders who have worked tirelessly to promote sport in their countries and Africa.

"*We warmly congratulate Gustavo CONCEIÇÃO and Sergio MANÉ for this prestigious distinction. We strongly believe that their leadership and commitment will continue to inspire future generations of African athletes and leaders*," declared Honourable Mustapha BERRAF after the award ceremony.





ANOCA PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS



Together, we have the power to make our vision a reality and to write a new page in the history of sports in Africa.

- **Your Excellency, the Minister of Sports, Your Excellencies, Dear Ministers,**
- **Distinguished Members of the Olympic Movement,**
- **Dear Colleagues and Fellow IOC Members,**
- **Dear Presidents and Secretaries General of African NOCs,**
- **Dear Guests,**
- **Dear friends from the media,**

Let me start by wishing you a warm welcome and a pleasant stay in Algeria.

It is a great honour and a pleasure to welcome you today to the 22nd ANOCA Ordinary General Assembly, a major event for the African Olympic Movement. Your presence in such numbers and your involvement testify to the importance of this meeting for the future of sport on our continent. They also reflect our shared commitment to the values of Olympism and solidarity among nations, and the aspiration for African sport and Olympism to shine on the international stage.

This Assembly is an important milestone in the life of our organisation. Today, we have the responsibility to choose officials who will lead ANOCA for the next four years. The election of the President and the Executive Committee is a key democratic, fundamental and solemn moment that sets our institution on a path of renewal and progress. However, our mission goes beyond this election. This General Assembly is an opportunity to draw up a strategic roadmap that will guide the organisation's initiatives during the 2025-2028 quadrennial.

We must outline a clear, forward-looking, and realistic roadmap that meets the expectations of our athletes, addresses the needs of our NOCs, and fulfils the requirements of global sports.





Our commitment rests on four essential pillars:

- **Strengthening and modernising our institution through enhanced governance and efficiency;**
- **Supporting and empowering our athletes by providing optimal conditions for their training and performance;**
- **Making sport and Olympism a real catalyst for development by promoting its social, economic and educational role on our continent;**

Ladies and gentlemen, Dear friends and colleagues, I would also want to humbly recall the importance of:

- **Fully considering the challenges of sustainable development and environmental protection because the future of sport and Olympism in Africa also depends on preserving our resources and ecosystem.**

Dear friends and colleagues,

There are many challenges ahead of us, but I am convinced that our unity, dedication, and passion for sports and Olympism will empower us to rise to them successfully. Together, we have the power to make our vision a reality and to write a new page in the history of sports in Africa.

I would like to convey my profound gratitude to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Algeria, for his distinguished patronage and support for African sport. Through its commitment and hospitality, Algeria has once again proven its commitment to Olympic values and solidarity among African nations.

Finally, this General Assembly is of paramount importance. It will, on the sidelines, host the African Sports Awards, an extraordinary celebration during which we will pay tribute to top Algerian





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sportspersons, coaches and officials. This event highlights sports excellence and vibrancy on our continent. And, I am happy that we can honour these inspiring figures who will shine and make Africa shine on the international stage. Let's all fully commit to our deliberations with seriousness, ambition, fraternity and, above all, transparency. In all humility, I urge you to feel free to express all your concerns on all the issues that are on your mind or that seem important to you, because we need each other, we need us all to move forward.

I thank you and would also like to seize this opportunity once again to thank World Aquatics and its President, Mr Husain AL MUSALLAM, who is here with us today (please, give him a round of applause), for providing Africa with 4 (four) Olympic swimming pools and for further reviewing this issue in the future to ensure that other countries can benefit from these facilities.

Long live ANOCA!

Long live the African Olympic and Sports Movement!

Long live Africa!

Thank you for your kind attention and I wish us every success in our deliberations.



ADDRESS BY IOC PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH


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- **Dear ANOCA President, my dear colleague and friend, Mustapha BERRAF,**
- **Dear President of NOC Algeria, Abderrahmane HAMMAD,**
- **Dear colleagues and friends, IOC Members,**
- **Dear NOC Presidents and Secretaries General,**
- **My dear friends,**

I wish to begin by expressing my warmest congratulations to your athletes on their outstanding performances at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. These athletes and their sporting achievements, notably their historic medals, brought so much pride and joy to the entire African continent. The 39 Olympic medals they earned are a perfect illustration of your great success. We are all very happy and proud that we were able to bring together athletes from the territories of all 206 NOCs and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team in Paris. They competed fiercely with each other. At the same time, they lived peacefully together under one roof in the Olympic Village, even if some of their countries are at war. They created a culture of peace, sending a powerful message across the globe. A message of togetherness, of joie de vivre, a message of peace. This is what people all around the world were longing for.

Together, the best athletes of the world showed us that the Olympic Games are about sport and so much more than sport. The Olympic Games Paris 2024 were the youngest, most urban, most inclusive, and most sustainable ever. The very first Olympic Games with full gender parity. The first Olympic Games fully in line with our Olympic Agenda from start to finish. For all these reasons, we can truly say: the Olympic Games Paris 2024, truly, were Olympic Games of a new era.

With the great sporting achievements of your athletes, the success of Paris 2024 is also your success, my dear African friends. Everyone - ANOCA, all NOCs and your







athletes - you all played an essential role in writing this new chapter of Olympic history. For this, you can rightly be very proud forever.

In Paris, your athletes showed us why Africa is a continent on the rise. Building on this great success, you can already look forward to the next sporting highlight for Africa very soon: the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. We all know what these Youth Olympic Games represent: the first-ever Olympic event organised on African soil. An event for Africa, by Africa that will welcome the youth of the world in Dakar. An event that unites the entire African continent, with all your energy, creativity and commitment. An event that will unite the youth of the world under the motto: "*Africa welcomes, Dakar celebrates*."

Africa is the continent of youth. Africa represents the future. This is why we have chosen Africa to host these Youth Olympic Games: to give Africa the opportunity to shine as it deserves through these Games, with all its dynamic youth, its passion for sport and its great champions. It is also proof of the commitment of the entire Olympic Movement to Africa.

This Olympic project is also a reflection that Africa is on the rise. This is why I would like to congratulate all of you, my dear African friends, under the great leadership of your President, my dear colleague and friend, Mustapha BERRAF. Thank you for all the important work you are doing to support your athletes and to promote sport and its values across Africa.



Through your great commitment, you have shown what Africa can achieve when you are united. I have seen this unity during all my visits to Africa and especially during the last one in October. I have witnessed your remarkable progress in promoting the power of sport in all your countries and communities.

Beyond your great support for athletes and elite sport, your initiatives to put sport at the service of society are exemplary in areas such as education, health, gender parity or supporting refugees. All these, and so many more initiatives, make it crystal clear: Africa, you are leading by example.

In all my meetings with your political leaders, the great commitment of the African community to promoting the role of sport is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. I have never seen such a reaction from leaders before. I can even tell you that this power of sport in Africa, a direct result of your unity, is now resonating at the global level, where Africa is playing an ever more important role, and all this, at a time when a new world order is taking shape. That is why I am even more grateful for all your support for our many initiatives.

The unity of Africa has always played a vital role in contributing to the mission of our Olympic Movement: to bring the world together in peaceful competition as we did in Paris. You all have been a great and effective partner from the very beginning. For this, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dear friends, Africa always has and always will have a special place in my heart. This is why it is very emotional for me to address you with this last message to you as IOC President. Together, we have written new chapters in Olympic history. We could do so because we stood together. We were united, united by our shared Olympic values of solidarity and peace.

For all these wonderful moments that we could share together, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your solidarity. Thank you for your love and friendship. Thank you for having stood with me throughout my presidency. We all share our commitment and passion for our beloved Olympic Movement. We all want to see it shining even brighter in the future. This is why I ask you to offer to my successor the same spirit of unity, solidarity and friendship that I was so fortunate to enjoy all the many years.

My dear African friends, today, I do not say adieu. Today, I say au revoir. Our friendship goes far beyond our functions and responsibilities. That is why I am already looking forward to continuing to share our friendship even more in the future, when I will have a little more free time.

Au revoir my dear friends!



ADDRESS BY WALID SADI, MINISTER OF SPORTS: “SPORT IS ONE OF THE STATE’S PRIORITY SECTORS”



"I wish first and foremost to begin by welcoming participants to this 22nd ANOCA General Assembly. I would also like to thank you for all your efforts aimed at developing African sport, and for your commitment to instilling Olympic values in sports circles in your various countries. My presence here today is a sign of my commitment to and support for your efforts to promote the Olympic Charter, with all the values enshrined therein, on our continent. Thanks to your efforts, African sport has risen to the challenge, distinguishing itself at various international events, and carving out a respectable place for itself at the global stage.

The achievements of the continent's athletes at the recent Summer Olympics in Paris are proof of this. As far as Algeria is concerned, the government's policy and commitment to developing national sports and providing effective support to elite athletes have borne their fruit, with considerable performances in international competitions. In line with the guidelines laid down by the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, sport is now one of the priority sectors to receive special attention."



ADDRESS BY PEDRO NGUEMA NDONG REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY TRAINING AND SPORTS (EQUATORIAL GUINEA)


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- **Greetings dear Presidents, ANOCA Executive Committee Members,**
- **Mr Mustapha BERRAF, ANOCA President,**
- **Distinguished Ministers here present,**
- **Distinguished ANOCA Executive Committee Members,**
- **Honourable Presidents of various NOCs,**
- **Dear General Assembly Members and Participants,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I stand before you today to represent the Minister of State for Education, University Training and Sports of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, H.E Clemente Engonga NGUEMA ONGUENE, in response to the kind invitation extended to him by ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF.

I would like to begin by conveying to this Assembly the gratitude of the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for this warm gesture that will allow us to share with you the key items on our agenda.

My presence as Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports attests to the importance that our government attaches to the Olympic Movement and the organisations representing it such as ANOCA. We would like our presence here, today, to contribute towards strengthening our government's commitment to the organisation of the 3rd African Beach Games 2027, which will take place in our country. This is an event that has already been approved by the President of the Republic, H.E. Teodoro OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO, a Pan-Africanist who wishes to further contribute to the development of sports on the African continent.

Equatorial Guinea has already gained experience in organising major African and world events in all sectors, including two editions of the Africa Cup of Nations for both the men's and women's football events, an African Basketball Club Championship, and an African Taekwondo competition, among others. All these sports events show the organisational skills already built by Equatorial Guinea, a country with high-end sports and hotel facilities.

The Government of Equatorial Guinea is working with ANOCA to organise the 3rd African Beach Games in 2027. It is for this reason that we are inviting an ANOCA delegation to our country to assess our current progress and suggest areas for improvement where necessary. It seems to me that NOC Equatorial Guinea had presented a paper on the country's potential and measures put in place to welcome an event of this magnitude. We assure you that after coming to Equatorial Guinea, you will leave with unforgettable memories of the beauty of its landscape and the hospitality of its people.

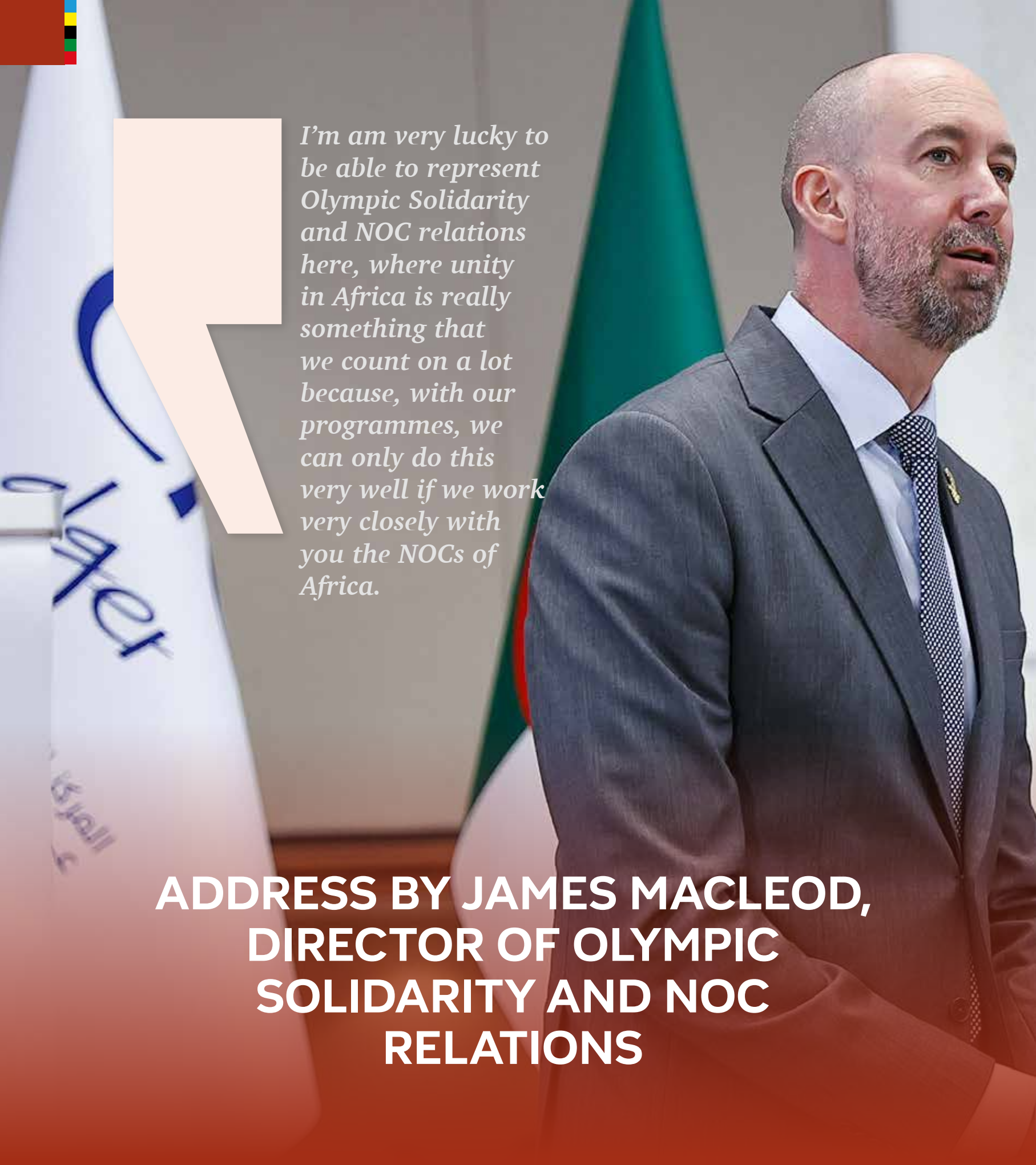
I wish to inform you that the government has set up a Local Organising Committee that is constantly in contact with ANOCA to give our support to NOC Equatorial Guinea, as part of a future meeting with this great association to present our work progress report.

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We hope that this General Assembly will be a success and we would like to thank Algerian authorities and ANOCA for the warm welcome accorded us upon arrival and during our stay in this beautiful country, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Mr President, I am pleased to hand give you the commitment letter of Equatorial Guinea to organise the 3rd Edition of the African Beach Games, which will take place in the urban district of Hacienda Marcos Obiang Nguema Nsue in Riaba.

Thank you very much!



I'm am very lucky to be able to represent Olympic Solidarity and NOC relations here, where unity in Africa is really something that we count on a lot because, with our programmes, we can only do this very well if we work very closely with you the NOCs of Africa.

ADDRESS BY JAMES MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY AND NOC RELATIONS

Thank you very much President and good morning to you all.

I just wanted to pass on a big hello and greetings from our team from Olympic Solidarity and NOC relations. You've had many speeches before, including one from the IOC President, who talked very much about African unity and I'm am very lucky to be able to represent Olympic Solidarity and NOC relations here, where unity in Africa is really something that we count on a lot because, with our programmes, we can only do this very well if we work very closely with you the NOCs of Africa.

I think the memorandum of understanding that has just been signed between World Aquatics, the IOC and ANOCA is a show of that unity. We are here to work on your behalf and make sure that Africa shines as best it can. So thank you very much to ANOCA.

Thank you, Mr Minister, for hosting us.

Thank you to NOC Algeria for hosting us.

But also, thank you always to ANOCA for being so close and friends with us and our team.

I wish you well in your deliberations. You will hear more from us and the team later on.

Thank you very much Mr President!





ADDRESS BY MR HUSSAIN AL MUSALLAM, PRESIDENT OF WORLD AQUATICS



My dear friends and colleagues, good morning!

I would like to thank you on behalf of World Aquatics and thank ANOCA, Africa and the President, Mr Mustapha BERRAF, for this important day for the development of aquatic sports in Africa. This cooperation between World Aquatics, the IOC and ANOCA confirms the positive vision and mission of World Aquatics.

We talk all the time about training athletes to reach the world podium. Millions of athletes train around the world in different sports, few of them reach the podium. But the new vision of World Aquatics is to give priority to athletes during their career life and after their retirement, and the most important thing, the educational part.

I am happy to report to you that Africa currently has 43 scholarships from World Aquatics. They are training now in three different sports: swimming, water polo and diving in World Aquatics high-level training centres around the world in France, Hungary, Thailand and Australia. And this year, we will have another 30 athletes at the top of these 43 athletes in the high-level training centre in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This training is combined with education and education is very important for your athletes when they come back to be positive persons in your society. This year, 7 athletes enrolled in the medical university. We have 5 in engineering, law and business. So they will come back to your countries and you will get benefits. National Olympic Committees are always important for World Aquatics.

Today, we are signing this development agreement but I need your support, your support to your national federations.

This year, we have 4 pool projects in Uganda, Rwanda, Cape Verde and Lesotho. And next year, another 4 pool projects. But without your help to your national federations and athletes, this project will not succeed. So I urge you to give your full support to your national aquatic federations and I am sure with the potential in Africa, already Africa achieved good results in the Olympic Games gold medals and the World Championships, 4 medals already being achieved.

Thank you very much for hosting us today and I am very happy to see all my old friends from Africa in Algeria.

Thank you.



ADDRESS BY MR BORIS VAN DER VORST, PRESIDENT OF WORLD BOXING INTERNATIONAL



- **Dear President BERRAF,**
- **Dear delegates,**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of World Boxing. Olympic boxing has received several "*eight counts*" and knockdowns, but like real boxers and fighter, we are climbing up from the canvas and here we are. And now we need your support to ensure a sustainable future for our sport. Africa has a great potential and Olympic boxing is very important for Africa. Boxing can change lives and the social impact is important. I have visited many boxing gyms also in Egypt and in Nigeria, where young boys and young girls were training hard to achieve their ultimate goal: to become Olympians and to represent their countries. It is our task to keep that Olympic dream alive for every boxer and every gym in the world because they are still at risk, dear delegates.

Dear Delegates,

Next year we will have the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar in Senegal and the Commonwealth Games in Scotland, where it's also important that many African boxers can participate.

Without national federation affiliation to World Boxing, the participation of your boxers in these events is unlikely. And while we see that the rest of world is now fighting to join World Boxing, the number of African applications at World Boxing is still concerning. Two and a half weeks ago, the IOC granted provisional recognition to World Boxing as the international federation responsible for Olympic boxing. This milestone is a confirmation of the hard work and commitment of our entire organisation. The IOC has recognised the progress we have made in governance, sporting integrity and financial management.



But of course, we want to grow the number of our members in Africa and expand our competitive opportunities. Olympic boxing is vital for Africa.

It is also of great importance that there is an African confederation for World Boxing and that everyone is involved in connection to new national federations (NFs). This not only makes our foundation and representation strong but also allows an African confederation to fully join World Boxing. World Boxing is growing but needs inputs from all regions. Growing in Asia, Europe, Oceania and the Americas. We now have 84 approved NFs covering 5 continents and many other NFs are in the application process.

We have an attractive event calendar with World Boxing Cups. The next one is in Brazil at the end of this month. And in September, we have the first-ever World Championships, men and women elite in Liverpool, England.

We've also secured a partnership with EXCEED BOXING that has the potential to elevate our sport. The agreement guarantees financial security for our organisation and opens up new commercial opportunities in the nearest future. This agreement also brings a multi-million-dollar investment into our competitions, allowing NFs to host major events without financial risks.

So, we are now moving to continental level competitions to help development in each region. We are organising international training camps and competitions in Algeria at the end of this year, the first country to join World Boxing. The relationship between Africa and World Boxing needs to grow. We have made several visits to explain the application process and workshops with NOCs, including in Malawi and we would like to support NOCs and NFs with what is needed to become members of World

Africa has a great potential and Olympic boxing is very important for Africa. Boxing can change lives and the social impact is important.



Boxing. We are planning a workshop for world boxing federations in Zones 5 and 6 in Zambia to take place in April. We are happy to engage with other Zones to host similar workshops.

My colleagues Chris CUGLIARI and Alimzhan AKAYEV who will come later, are also here to support you. Please, contact them. This is important for more participation and global representation. There are currently 7 African NFs and there are 54 NOCs here. The number of African NFs within World Boxing needs to grow. We have to be united to unify the boxing world. World Boxing guarantees the voice of all continents in the Board, Committees and Commissions. World Boxing wants each continent to select and elect their own regional representatives for World Boxing. This would result in African partners in World Boxing leading boxing in the African Games and African Olympic Qualifiers for LA28.

Our mission is clear:

- Building a solution for Olympic boxing and having Africa as a central part of this;
- Building fair and sustainable competitions and development programmes for African boxers;
- Having African voices elected by African federations;
- Engaging AI and modern technologies to ensure fair and transparent belt results; and last but not the least;
- Giving your African boxers more possibilities to access the Olympic ring.

Dear delegates, we also need your support to make this happen in the short-term. Together, ensemble, we can keep boxing Olympic. Together, ensemble we can build a future for Olympic boxing and also for boxing in Africa.

My colleagues are also here, of course, to answer questions and give support. It's all about teamwork. So let us embrace the challenges ahead and all achieve our shared Olympic mission together.

Thank you.



MUSTAPHA BERRAF
ANOCA PRESIDENT

"WE ARE GOING TO MEET OUR SET TARGETS"

ANOCA MAGAZINE: You were re-elected by acclamation at the helm of the continental sports body for the 2025-2028 Olympiad, during the 22nd Ordinary Session of the ANOCA General Assembly. What are your new aspirations for the African Olympic and Sports Movement?

Mustapha BERRAF: The aim is to continue to build African Olympic Solidarity, which is based on joint actions, for a united sporting Africa for the benefit of the continent's youth. This undertaking must be stepped up. We are going to continue to implement this through the mentoring of young African sportsmen and women. Olympafrica Centres will be strengthened to this end. We are going to organise major sports competitions and give African athletes all the technical and institutional resources they need to achieve the performance targets that will put African sport on the world map in every discipline. To achieve this, the 54 NOCs will be called upon to build their capacities, in terms of commitment and efficiency, as in the past. I would also like to thank all NOC Presidents, ANOCA EXCO members, athletes and all the people of Africa for the trust bestowed on my humble self. Together, we are going to achieve our set goals.

I would also like to thank the IOC, whose former President, Dr Thomas BACH, backed sport development and the growth of the Olympic Movement in Africa. My sister, Kirsty COVENTRY, who is now the first woman and first African to head the IOC, will also be a great support for Africa, her continent. We are all extremely proud of her.

What are the conclusions and recommendations of the 22nd Ordinary General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA)?

We have all agreed on an action plan - for 2025-2029 - to consolidate and strengthen ANOCA, support and promote African athletes, leverage sport for development and take into account the challenges of sustainable development. We must also encourage the promotion of budding talents and, above all, stop the talent drain to other climes.

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What are the organisation's new strategic guidelines for the next four years?

We are going to continue focusing on results-based management. Each ANOCA Zone will be an even more productive sector, in terms of talent and technical resources. Building NOC administrative capacities is imperative for the quality of sport governance in Africa. Sports and Olympic competitions in Africa are platforms for promoting Olympic values, and



should kindle passion for sports practice among young Africans. This will be the case for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, a major event for our continent, which will enable us to build a futuristic vision of the continent's capacity to organise world-class competitions. We will also be working together to prepare for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028. These Games, like the previous ones, will sum up our participation through our performance. We will ensure that all the NOCs have the infrastructure and human resources necessary for them to function and develop in line with their objectives. The fight against doping and the health of athletes are a constant concern. So too are the promotion of gender equality and keeping pace with digital technology and artificial intelligence.

What are ANOCA's key achievements under your stewardship as president?

In my humble opinion, I am not very well placed to talk about our many achievements, but I could mention the main ones, which include the:

Headquarters construction project thanks to which several NOCs now have modern infrastructure;

African Beach Games;

African School Games, the maiden edition of which is scheduled for Algeria in 2025;

Successful bid to host the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar;

Extension of Olympafrica Centres;

Holding of the African Athletes' Forum regularly;

ANOCA scholarships for African athletes, etc.

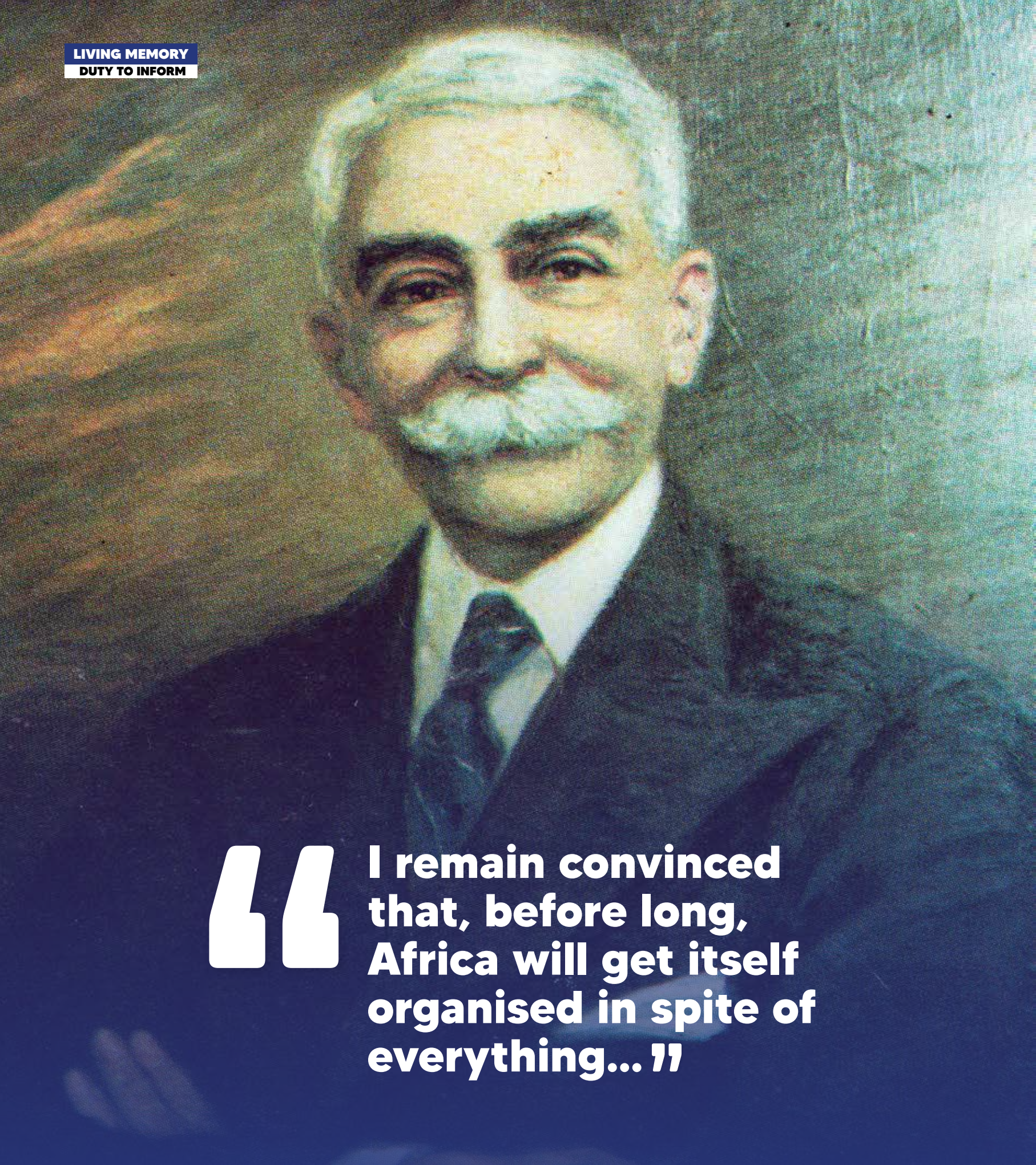
Do you think that women are sufficiently represented in continental bodies?

Yes, women are increasingly integrated into sport governance in Africa. Some are NOC Presidents or ANOCA Executive Committee members while others are Commission Chairs. This is already a very good step in the right direction, which we want and must further consolidate. Women play a central role in the development of Africa, and the same should apply to sport. This is why we encourage their presence in all sports bodies, be they ANOCA, NOCs, continental confederations or national federations. We are calling on African governments to encourage the inclusion of women in decision-making in sport. ANOCA's Gender Equality Commission is doing a very good job of putting forward proposals and suggestions in this regard. This is an effective body on which we can strategically rely.

What do you think needs to be done to restructure African sport?

We just need all the players to work in synergy. Governments that invest huge amounts of money, and we, sports administrators, need to develop sustained cooperation and solidarity. We need to establish a global social contract around sport that will involve Africa's young people, who are our primary target. Mobilising resources and using them rationally is a vital success factor. African sport needs all of us. United, we are stronger and capable of offering our young people everything they need to blossom.





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It was Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, who launched the idea of games for the African continent.

Tribute to

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

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Who revived the Olympic Games, was also the pioneer advocate of the African Games.

As early as 1904, following the Olympic Games in Saint-Louis (USA), he predicted the emergence of great African champions. In his «**Olympic Memoirs**», twenty years after the first failed attempt to organise the African Games, he wrote: "**I remain convinced that, before long, Africa will get itself organised in spite of everything…**"

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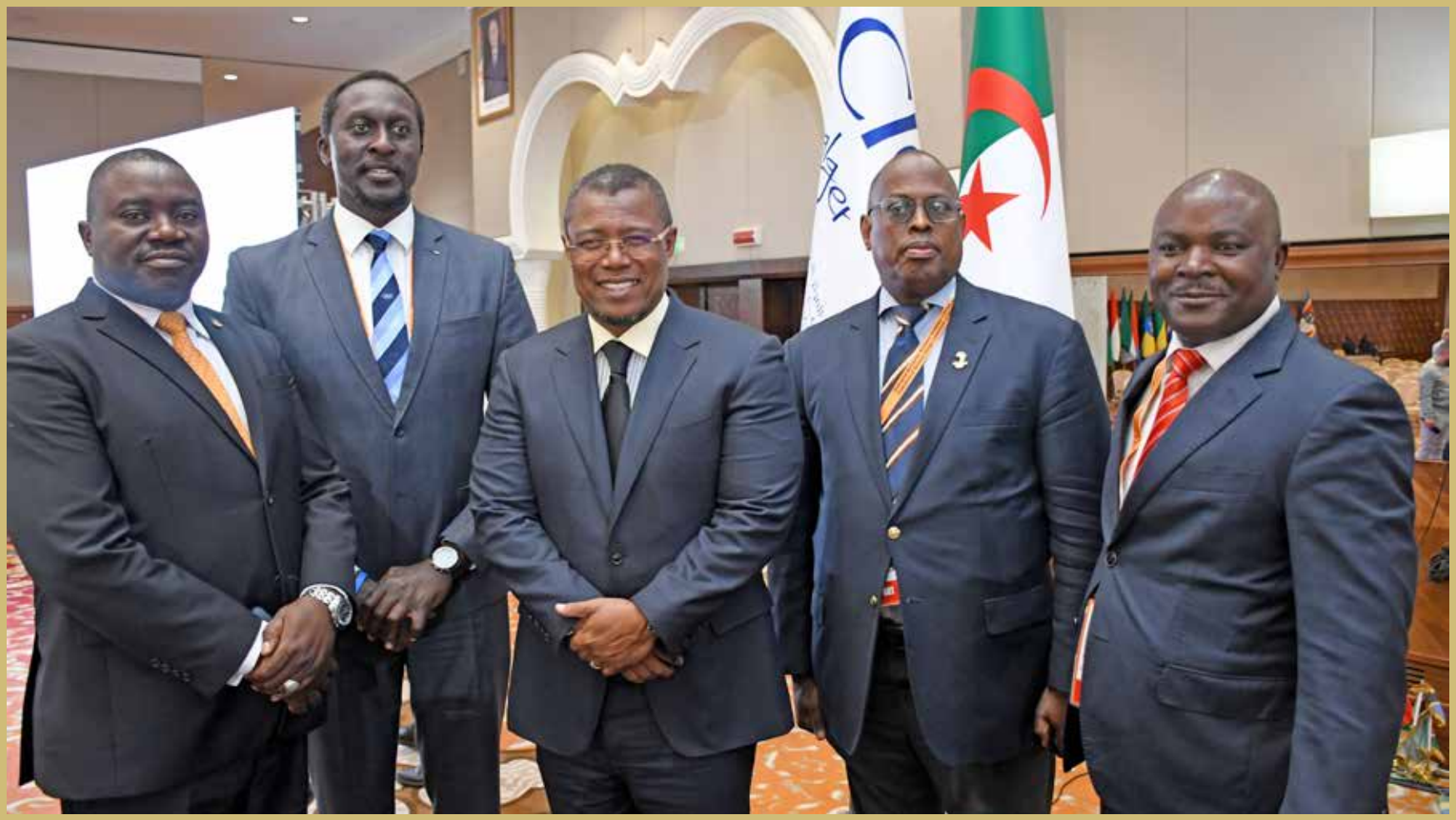



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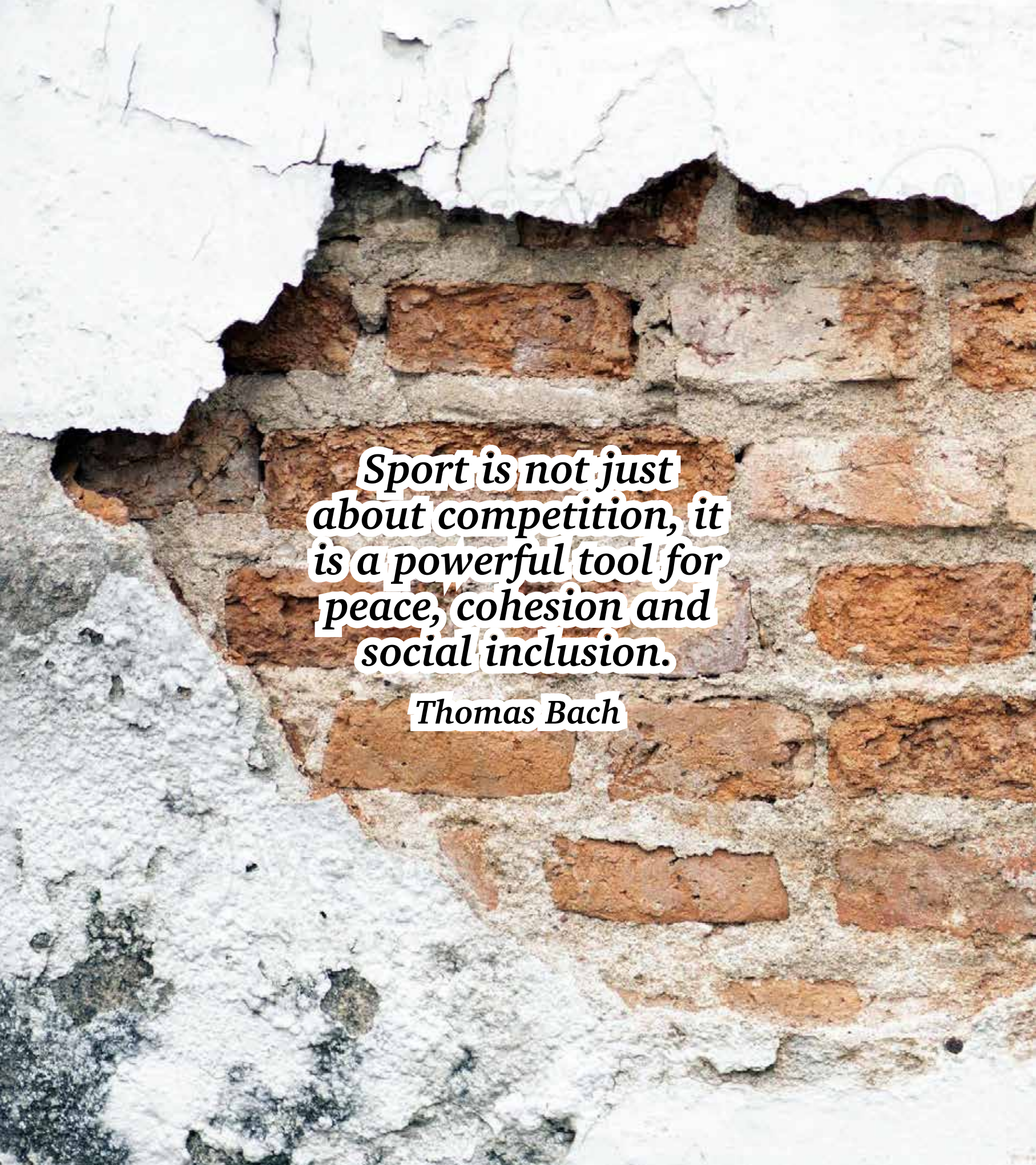





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