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HISTORIC OLYMPIC DAY

NEW MOMENTUM FOR AFRICA AND THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

Dear friends,

Dear partners and members of the great African Olympic family,

23 June 2025 will forever be etched in the memory of the Olympic Movement, be it in Africa or in world sport history. It was an exceptional Olympic Day, a day of hope, transition and change. Allow me to share with you, in three key points, what comes to mind at this singular moment: the deep meaning of Olympic Day, the symbolic milestone of the first 100 days of my renewed mandate, and the historic handover of the key to the IOC presidency.

Olympic Day: more than a celebration, a breath of fresh air for Africa

Every year, on 23 June, the whole world comes together to celebrate Olympic values. However, the 2025 edition was of very special significance to Africa. Olympic Day is more than just a commemoration: for our communities and youths, it bears a message of unity and inspires confidence in the future.

Across the continent, thousands of young people took part in activities, races and workshops on education and sport. This unprecedented mobilisation reflects the vitality of the African Olympic Movement and our desire to leverage the power of sport for education, health, inclusion and peace.

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In Africa, sport is a powerful tool for social transformation and cohesion, but also a dream for a generation eager for opportunities.

I hereby welcome the commitment of African NOCs, sports federations and confederations, instructors and all the volunteers who, through their daily actions, promote Olympic values. May this day also encourage every young African to cultivate excellence, respect and friendship, and to believe in their own abilities!

100 days of a renewed mandate: commitment, situation report and prospects

This year's Olympic Day coincided with the first 100 days of my new term as ANOCA President, which mandate was renewed at the 22nd ANOCA General Assembly in Algiers.

This is not just a symbolic milestone: it is a time to take stock; it is, above all, a time to push ahead with renewed momentum, together.

In one hundred days we have, together taken strong actions:

- Setting up a new Executive Committee focused on the future, with more streamlined and transparent governance.
- Adopting a forward-looking and realistic Strategic Plan for 2025-2028.
- Taking first steps to strengthen ANOCA, provide athlete support, consider sustainable development challenges and modernise our organisation.
- Successful organisation of the 5th Continental Athletes' Forum in

Namibia, proving that athletes are our key priority.

- Increased strategic partnerships with Olympic Solidarity, FIFA, the UN, Asia and IFs to offer more resources, training and opportunities to our NOCs and youths.
- Direct support for the organisation of the Maiden African School Games and the 4th African Youth Games, real showcases for African talent.
- Tangible actions to build modern and functional headquarters for each NOC, as was the case recently in Chad.

The sole aim of this collective effort is to ensure that Africa lives up to its ambitions, guarantees the dignity and success of its athletes, and makes sport a cornerstone of sustainable development on our continent. My heartfelt thanks to each NOC, each partner and all those who are working with ANOCA on this project. Although we still have a long way to go, our determination and solidarity are our greatest assets.

Historic handover: Africa at the heart of the Olympic Movement

23 June 2025 will also be remembered as the day when Olympic history took on a new face. Olympic House in Lausanne witnessed an unprecedented event: President Thomas BACH officially gave the mantle to Mrs Kirsty COVENTRY, the first woman and first African to be elected IOC President.

I would like to pay tribute to Thomas BACH for his leadership, vision and unflinching support for African sport. He championed progress in the governance, solidarity and openness of the Olympic Movement.

Welcoming an iconic figure as inspiring as Kirsty COVENTRY as the new IOC President is a source of great pride for all of Africa. As an Olympic champion and a woman of conviction, she embodies change, boldness, and commitment to youth and inclusion. Her election is a milestone on the Olympic Movement's path to greater equity,



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diversity and representation. I wish to assure her of ANOCA's full support and Africa's commitment to working together to promote the values of Olympism worldwide.

New horizons, together

On 23 June 2025, a day that was symbolic on two counts, I urged all African sports stakeholders to sustain this momentum for unity, innovation and excellence. Together, we have the opportunity to build an African Olympic and Sports Movement that is stronger, more united and more influential than ever.

To all those who have contributed to the success of these first 100 days, to all those who work tirelessly for youth and sport, to our partners and to the new IOC President, I express my gratitude and trust in you. Let's all continue to join forces to offer African youths the best opportunities to develop themselves through sport.

Long live ANOCA!

Long live the African Olympic Movement!

Long live Africa!

Fraternally.

Mustapha Berraf

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

HANDOVER CEREMONY

THOMAS BACH HANDS KEY TO OLYMPIC HOUSE TO KIRSTY COVENTRY

On 24 June 2025, Olympic history was written following a highly symbolic and emotional ceremony at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland, during which Kirsty COVENTRY took over from Thomas BACH as IOC President.



SIDENT
R CEREMONY



On Olympic Day, celebrated every 23 June to commemorate the founding of the modern Olympic Games in 1894 at the initiative of Baron Pierre de COUBERTIN, the key to Olympic House changed hands from one Olympic champion to another one, a moment that was highly symbolic and historically charged.

Crafted by Spanish artist André RICARD, who also designed the torch of the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992 and the cauldron of the Olympic flame at the Olympic Museum, the key was first handed by Juan Antonio Samaranch to Jacques ROGGE in 2001.

More than 700 guests – including IOC Members, athletes, Olympic Movement representatives, delegates from international organisations, political leaders and IOC staff – witnessed the emotion-packed ceremony. After the key was handed, the audience gave a standing ovation.

The audience once again erupted into applause, standing, when Kirsty COVENTRY handed the Olympic Order in Gold to Thomas BACH. The Olympic Order is the highest IOC accolade to individuals who have rendered service through their outstanding contribution to the Olympic Movement.

Speaking on the occasion, Thomas BACH, who was elected IOC Honorary President for Life during the 144th IOC Session in March, said:



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"Today is a day of gratitude. Today is a day of confidence. Today is a day of joy. There are many emotions I feel in this moment - but most of all, I feel gratitude. Gratitude, above all, to our beloved founder Pierre de COUBERTIN – whose body rests just a stone's throw from here, and whose heart lies in Ancient Olympia. To him we owe everything. I am sure he is watching us today from his Olympic heights, with that familiar smile, and that he feels content to see his - and our - Olympic Movement flourishing, true to his vision and more relevant than ever."

Thomas BACH expressed gratitude to his fellow IOC Members for the support he received during his tenure: *"I have never walked this path alone. We have reformed, we have renewed, we have united around the values that define our Olympic Movement."*

To the Olympic Community, Thomas Bach continued: *"To everyone who brings our Olympic community to life - the athletes, the National Olympic*



Committees and International Federations, our TOP Partners and Media Rights-Holders, and our devoted IOC staff, guided by our Director General - each of you has shaped this, our shared Olympic journey, in your own way. Your belief in our mission, your unwavering support - I have felt it every step. In difficult moments, it was your support that helped us to navigate forward. Without all of you, the Olympic Movement would not be where it is today."

Addressing the assembled audience, Thomas BACH reminded them that his decision not to continue as IOC President beyond his tenure was rooted in his belief that "*new times call for new leadership ... At our last Session in Greece, you - my fellow IOC Members - elected this new leader. You have placed your trust in someone whose life story is deeply rooted in the Olympic Movement. As an Olympian, she knows what it means to live the Olympic values. She knows how to lead with courage.*



She is driven by a desire to give back to our Olympic Movement that has shaped her life. Now she makes history: Mrs Kirsty COVENTRY."

"With her election, you have also sent a powerful message to the world: the IOC continues to evolve. As the first female and first African to hold this position - and indeed the youngest IOC President since Pierre de COUBERTIN - she reflects the truly global nature and the youthful, forward-looking spirit of our Olympic community," he further stated.

And then concluded: "*She brings her own unique style and her own dynamic perspective. She has a new voice that resonates with the young generation. This is why I say, full of confidence: from tomorrow on,*



with Kirsty COVENTRY, the Olympic Movement will be in the best of hands. This is why, I am at peace. This is why, my heart is full of gratitude, full of confidence and full of joy. In this spirit of gratitude, confidence and joy, I hand over the keys to Olympic House to Mrs Kirsty COVENTRY, the 10th President of the International Olympic Committee."



GRATITUDE

KIRSTY COVENTRY PAYS FITTING TRIBUTE TO THOMAS BACH

IOC President Kirsty COVENTRY commends legacies bequeathed by President BACH at the end of his 12-year tenure at the helm of global Olympic Movement.





In her address, Kirsty COVENTRY thanked Thomas BACH for all his work, stating: "*President BACH, the Movement has been served by you, as you just mentioned, with pure passion and purpose for 12 years. You have kept us united through some of the most turbulent times, and you've led us to an incredible Paris Olympic Games, which I hope was one of the best ways we could all say thank you.*"

Continuing her address, the IOC President said: "*We look forward to making you proud in the future. You've left us with many legacies. One of those being: 'together'. And that's something that I hope we all feel today. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart for leading us with all that passion and that purpose for so many years, and never wavering once from our values. It means a lot, especially in today's world.*"

She reminisced about her first meeting with President BACH as a new IOC Athletes' Commission member, noting what the then IOC President told the newly-elected Commission members: '*Even though you'll be at the very back of the room, I want to see your hands raised, and I want to hear you.' And that stuck with us as athletes. And it made a huge difference, because from the very first moment, you set the tone.*"

Acknowledging her family, COVENTRY said: "*To my husband, Ty, Ella, and her little sister, Lily, you guys are my rocks, my inspiration. You make me a better person. You make me a better mum and a better wife.*"



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She said that her children constantly remind her why the work for the Olympic Movement is so meaningful: "*You are a constant reminder of why this Movement is relevant, why it needs to change, why we need to embrace the new ways, and you'll be a constant reminder for many years to come on the decisions that we all take together.*"

She then thanked her parents who have stood with her all the way: "*To my mum and dad who are here today, who would have thought so many cake sales and selling of burgers would ever have led to this moment? There were many, many hundreds of cakes and thousands of hamburgers sold so that they could sacrifice sending me and my teammates on our next adventure. And I'm so grateful to both of you for everything that you've done.*"

The IOC President did not fail to thank the millions of parents around the world for the endless sacrifices made to help their children achieve their dreams, noting that the Olympic Movement is creating a platform for future generations to pursue their dreams: "*It's amazing. It's incredible. And I can't believe that, in 1992, when I had the dream of going to the Olympic Games and winning a gold medal for Zimbabwe, that I'd be standing here with all of you getting to make those dreams come true for more young people around the world.*"





"IOC Members are the guardians of this Movement," she said. "As the Olympic Movement, as Federations, as NOCs, as our sponsors and our partners, we are the guardians of this incredible platform. And it's not just about a multi-sport event. It's a platform to inspire. It's a platform to change lives. And it's a platform to bring hope. These are not things taken lightly, and I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you to make sure that we continue to inspire, continue to change lives, and in our divided world today, continue to be a beacon of hope."

She compared the Olympic Movement to a spider's web, which is complex, strong and resilient: "*But if one tiny little piece of that spider's web breaks, it automatically becomes weakened. Our Movement, each and every single one of you, is that spiderweb. It's complex, it's beautiful, and it's strong. But it only works if we work together, and if we remain united. Every single one of you plays a very significant role in our very important ecosystem. Working together over these next few years and consistently finding ways to strengthen and keep united our Movement will ensure and will allow for all of us that we could wake up daily and continue to inspire the next generation, to continue to change lives, and most importantly, to make dreams come true.*"

She concluded: "*I am really honoured that I get to walk this journey with you, and I cannot wait for anything that lies ahead, because I know I have the best team to support me, and our Movement in these next eight years.*"



KIRSTY COVENTRY

ZIMBABWE'S ICONIC SWIMMER AT THE HELM OF THE IOC

Elected IOC President on 20 March 2025, Mrs COVENTRY officially takes over from Thomas BACH for an 8-year term. She brings fresh blood into the institution, in which she patiently worked her way up to become the Boss of the world's most powerful sports organisation.


OVENTRY



Kirsty Coventry's moment has finally come. The little girl from Harare who, at age 9, sitting in front of her TV screen, dreamt of emulating the Zimbabwean divers in Barcelona in 1992. Seven Olympic medals and, later on, twelve years climbing the Olympus step by step, Kirsty COVENTRY takes over the helm of the IOC from Thomas BACH. She is making history in her own unique way: as the first woman and first African to occupy this position: *"I am very proud to be African and to come from Zimbabwe, but for me as a president, I need to be able to remain neutral." "After I was elected my husband started giggling at the breakfast table and he looked at me and he goes: 'Do you realise you're the most powerful person in sport? "And I was like: 'What are you talking about?' For me, it's not about the title. It wasn't about power. Sometimes those things get in the way and they make you focus on maybe the wrong things. It's just not who I am,"* the former swimmer stated humbly.

COVENTRY seeks to defend Olympism in an unstable world, stay in touch with youths, and always



prioritise offering better opportunities to underprivileged young athletes, with the resolve of a leader, who never forgets where she comes from: "*That's where I see one of my strengthens, coming from a much smaller National Olympic Committee and to see the challenges that their athletes go through. And how are we going to be able to really ensure that athletes from all walks of life have equal opportunities to get access to sport? Those are really going to be important facets for me to follow through.*"

Suffice it to note that Thomas BACH, an Olympic champion in fencing for Germany at the Olympic Games Montréal 1976, ran the institution for 12 years following his election as the 9th IOC President in 2013.

Kirsty COVENTRY, Zimbabwe's two-time Olympic champion in swimming (2004, 2008), was elected as the 10th IOC President during the 144th IOC Session in Olympia, Greece, in March 2025. As the first woman and first African to hold the top position in the IOC, she was elected for an 8-year term.



AGENDA

ANOCA PRESIDENT'S TIGHT SCHEDULE IN LAUSANNE

On the sidelines of the handover ceremony at the helm of the IOC, Mustapha BERRAF had a full plate. He attended the ANOC Executive Board meeting, participated in the ceremony to award Thomas BACH the African Recognition Trophy and signed a memorandum of understanding with ANOC.


PRESIDENT
HANDOVER CEREMONY



A day before the handover ceremony, a special dinner was organised and graced by the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, the IOC Honorary President for Life, Dr Thomas BACH, the IOC President-Elect, Mrs Kirsty COVENTRY and other IOC Members. On this occasion, President BACH received the African Recognition Trophy from President BERRAF and IOC Honorary Members, Sam RAMSAMY and Habu GUMEL.

President BERRAF seized the moment to express his heartfelt congratulations to the IOC Honorary President for Life, Dr Thomas BACH, applauding his great work and hailing him as "*principled man of action, whose vision of sport as a vehicle for peace, social cohesion and human development has opened up new prospects for Africa's young generations. This award symbolises not only our recognition, but also our hope that, together, we can continue*



this wonderful Olympic journey with ever greater ambition and solidarity."

Attending the ANOC Executive Board meeting on 21 June 2025 in his capacity as Vice President, President BERRAF presented the ANOCA Progress Report from Novembre 2024 to May 2025.

He highlighted Mrs COVENTRY's election as the IOC President, saying that it is a source of great pride and joy, a historic milestone for the continent and the global Olympic Movement. She is the first African and first woman to occupy this prestigious and highly influential position. Her election is not just a personal success, but a defining moment for Africa and women in sport worldwide.

On the 22nd ANOCA Elective General Assembly, which took place on 14 and 15 March 2025, at the Abdellatif Rahal International Conference Centre in Algiers, Algeria, he noted that the highpoint of that meeting was his re-election as ANOCA President for the 2025-2028 Olympiad. Other activities included the 5th Continental Athletes' Forum, held on 5 to 6 April 2025 in Windhoek, Namibia, and which brought together some 100 athletes' representatives from all 54 African NOCs, including President Kirsty COVENTRY.

Talking about the 2025-2028 Action Plan, President BERRAF noted that it had been adopted by the General Assembly, and that it mainly focused on the Athletes' Support Programme for Los Angeles 2028. USD 2,000,000 was allocated to this effect. Prior to this, a USD 52,000,000 Budget had been approved by the General Assembly for the 2025-2028 quadrennial. He further mentioned various Zone activities, the ANOCA activity programme, support received by ANOCA and upcoming Games such as the Maiden African School Games in Algiers scheduled to take



place from 26 July to 5 August and the African Youth Games Angola 2025 to be hosted from 10 to 20 December. On a positive note, he concluded:

"*We dare believe that this report gives a general view of our activities. We will continue to make the necessary efforts to promote the development of sport in Africa. We will remain unrelenting in our commitment to putting athletes at the centre of our programmes and projects.*"

The ANOCA Boss also signed the memorandum of understanding with ANOC to launch a new ANOCA OTT platform on ANOC.tv. The agreement marks a decisive step for the African Olympic Movement, giving its NOCs and athletes greater exposure. The signing ceremony took place at the ANOC headquarters in Lausanne



in the presence of ANOC President Robin MITCHELL and ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF. Under the agreement, ANOCA will own an exclusive digital platform to promote African sport, its member NOCs, sports federations and athletes.

Expressing his full satisfaction with this historic milestone, President BERRAF stated:

"I am delighted to be entering into a long-term partnership with ANOC and to offer our African NOCs further opportunities in digital communication. I know that several of our NOCs used the ANOC.tv studio in Paris to create content and extend their reach, and I look forward to seeing this continue in Luanda, Cairo and at all future major sports events."

IOC

FILES AWAITING PRESIDENT KIRSTY COVENTRY

Elected in March 2025 having run against six other contenders, Kirsty COVENTRY (Zimbabwe) became the first woman and African to head the IOC. At only 41, she succeeds Thomas BACH (Germany).







The seven-time Olympic medallist in swimming and the youngest president since its founder, Pierre de COUBERTIN, will lead the IOC for an initial eight-year term, with the possibility of seeking re-election for another four-year term. Her rise to the top of world sport, a reflection of the growing political influence of former athletes, "*greatly reinvigorates the IOC and strengthens its legitimacy,*" Jean-Loup CHAPPELET, an Olympic specialist at the University of Lausanne, told AFP.

This is a powerful symbol for an organisation that has long been described as an aristocrats' den, run for 131 years by Western men – eight Europeans and one American – but has now become more international and feminised under the stewardship of Thomas BACH. Beyond this image, IOC members chose Kirsty COVENTRY "*for her professional and human qualities, which are at least as important*," as 71-year-old Thomas BACH acknowledges. The new IOC President, who the general public will soon get to know, joined the Athletes' Commission in 2013. Well known within the Olympic Movement, she is a member of the powerful Executive Board and Chair of IOC Coordination Commission for the Olympic Games Brisbane 2032.

Her tenure at the helm of the IOC bears much promise, as Thomas BACH is said to have been grooming the former champion behind the scenes, involving her in all his

meetings since March, and promising not to play the "*old man*" who hangs around for too long.

At the end of his 12-year tenure, the former Olympic foil champion leaves a prosperous House, which has named host countries for the Olympic Games up to 2034 and has secured a broadcasting agreement with the American channel, NBC Universal, up to 2036, a crucial move for its finances.

Kirsty COVENTRY will, however, need to quickly make her own mark, having run a discreet campaign - during which she limited her travels and gave birth to her second daughter - without putting forward any concrete proposals. Upon taking office, the former queen of the 200m backstroke consulted the hundred or so IOC members to define "*a new roadmap*", before chairing the two-day Executive Board meeting. Her long-awaited stance on re-introducing gender chromosomal testing for athletes competing in the female category, initially instigated by World Athletics in March and then by the new World Boxing organisation at the end of May, was unequivocal.



COVENTRY has kept the promise she made in March to protect female athletes, by creating, as promised, a task force to reach a joint decision on the admission or exclusion of transgender or intersex athletes.

Less than a year to go until the winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milan/Cortina 2026, the new President will also have to decide on the fate of Russian and Belarusian athletes. Unless there is lasting peace in Ukraine, limited participation in individual events - under a neutral flag and strict conditions, as at the 2024 Olympics in Paris - seems to be the most likely course of action.

On diplomacy, COVENTRY will also have to forge a relationship with US President Donald TRUMP, host of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028. "*I have been dealing with, let's say, difficult men in high positions since I was 20 years old. What I've learnt is that communication will be key, and that's something that has to happen early,*" the IOC President said last March.



IOC

KIRSTY COVENTRY'S FIRST TWO PROJECTS

As soon as she took office, the new IOC President revealed her main priorities: clarifying the criteria for female athlete participation in competitions and improving the Olympic host selection process.


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No slack time for the IOC President. Immediately after taking office, Kirsty COVENTRY set the tone for her tenure at the helm of the global Olympic Movement. She tackled her first two tasks: clarifying the criteria for female athlete participation in competitions and improving the Olympic host selection process.

The first woman and first African to head world sport, the seven-time Olympic swimming medallist took advantage of the official handover in Lausanne, organised by her predecessor Thomas BACH, to consult the hundred or so IOC members for a day and a half.

As expected, given that the subject had caused such a stir at the Paris 2024 boxing tournament, "*there was overwhelming support that we should protect the female category*", said the former champion.

Since late 2021, the Olympic governing body has allowed International Federations to set



their own eligibility rules, however, "*it was agreed by the members that the IOC should take a leading role in this*," said COVENTRY. As a result, the organisation will be setting up a task force with experts and representatives of International Federations, confirmed the new President, who declared this intention following her election on 20 March.

Concerning the timing of the award of Olympic Games, IOC members asked for a pause in the current selection process of Olympic host cities until the 2034 Games in Salt Lake City, explained COVENTRY.

She added that they want to be more involved in the process, rather than simply ratifying a decision made by a dedicated committee, which holds confidential discussions with interested parties before selecting just one.

Above all, this second task force will have to look for the right moment to name future hosts, which for a long time was set seven years before the edition in question, but no longer obeys any rules.

However, the time given to organisers to prepare, a colossal task, logistics and policy wise, now varies by almost twice as much. Case in point: Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 were selected eleven years before the deadline, but the French Alps were awarded the 2030 Games only last July.

For Kirsty COVENTRY, the challenge is to determine "*the best timing*" to avoid overburdening the parties involved, from the host itself to the International Federations responsible for overseeing the preparation of the events.

The next Olympic Games to be awarded are the Summer Games 2036, with bidders more or less scrambling for the award, from India to South Africa, to Turkey, Hungary, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.



IOC PRESIDENT'S HANDOVER STATEMENT

KIRSTY COVENTRY CALLS FOR UNITY IN THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

In her statement, the IOC President called for the contribution of all and sundry over the next eight years, likening the Olympic Movement to an ecosystem, a beautiful and strong spider's web, which only works if everyone works together, in unity.



Our Olympic Movement as federations, as NOCs, our sponsors and our partners, we are the guardians of this incredible platform. And it is not just about a multisport event, it's a platform to inspire, it's a platform to change lives, and it's a platform to bring hope. These are not things taken lightly, and I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you, to make sure that we continue to inspire, continue to change lives and in our divided world today, continue to be a beacon of hope.

My six-year-old Ella the other day, pointed out a spider web in the garden. And she was pointing out how this spider web is made, and how strong it is and how resilient it is against the bad weather, against the other little creatures. But if one tiny little piece of that spider web breaks, it automatically becomes weakened. Our Movement, each and every single one of you, is that spider web. It's complex, it's beautiful, and it's strong, but it only works if we work together, and if we remain united.

Every single one of you plays a very significant role in our very important ecosystem. Working together over these next few years and consistently finding ways to strengthen and keep united our Movement, will ensure and will allow for all of us that, we could wake up daily and continue to inspire the next generation, to continue to change lives, and most importantly to make dreams come true.

I'm really honoured that I get to walk this journey with you, and cannot wait for anything that lies ahead, because I know I have the best team to support me and our Movement in these next eight years.

Thank you so much for being here with all of us today, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for the next eight years as we take on this journey.

Thank you.



RECOGNITION

ANOCA AWARDS THE AFRICAN RECOGNITION TROPHY TO PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH

A glowing tribute was paid to the IOC Honorary President for Life, a strategic ally and honorary figure of African sport, for his sincere commitment to the continent.





ANOCA was indeed pleased to award the African Recognition Trophy to former IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, in recognition of his unwavering commitment, enlightened leadership and wholehearted support to sport development in Africa.

Through this prestigious distinction, ANOCA paid tribute to a dignitary whose influence goes beyond the spheres of international sport to fundamental human, social and cultural issues. Following his election as IOC President in 2013, President BACH paid keen attention to the African continent, convinced that



Africa has huge potential to showcase on the world Olympic stage.

Under his stewardship, the IOC, in collaboration with ANOCA and African NOCs, stepped up its initiatives for Africa. From Olympic Solidarity to funding of sports infrastructure, training support for coaches and officials, to helping young athletes on their path to excellence, Thomas BACH's involvement was always practical, constructive and forward-looking.

He also ensured that Africa had a voice in international decision-making through greater inclusion of African executives in world Olympic bodies. He was a staunch advocate of equality, inclusion and universality, the core principles of the Olympic Movement.

Awarded to a very select few by ANOCA, the African Recognition Trophy embodies the continent's gratitude towards notable figures who have made substantial contributions to sport development in Africa. It seeks to not only recognise tangible actions, but also to highlight a vision, a commitment and the political will to forge equal partnerships with African sports stakeholders.

In President BACH's case, this recognition was justified by his proactive actions, practical experience of African realities and deep respect for the continent's cultural diversity, social inclusion and sporting youths.

The highly symbolic award comes at a time when African sport is gaining unprecedented momentum. Thanks to close collaboration between the IOC and ANOCA, several programmes were initiated, thanks to which African athletes soared at the highest international levels.

All of sporting Africa has, by this accolade, paid tribute to a true partner, an architect of development and a driver of change. President BACH thus becomes an honorary icon of African sport, a respected ally who is henceforth symbolically etched in the heart of the continent.

ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF expressed his warmest congratulations to President Thomas BACH, commending:

"*A principled man of action, whose vision of sport as a vehicle for peace, social cohesion and human development has opened up new prospects for Africa's young generations.*"

"*This award symbolises not only our recognition, but also our hope that, together, we can continue this wonderful Olympic journey with ever greater ambition and solidarity,*" he added.

On this occasion, ANOCA reaffirmed its desire to strengthen cooperation with the IOC to consolidate gains, open up new horizons for African athletes, and continue to make sport a major lever for social transformation on the continent.

The African Recognition Trophy awarded to President Thomas BACH marked a symbolic and strategic turning point in this exemplary collaboration. It was a message of unity, trust and mutual respect between the African continent and the global Olympic Movement.





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RECOGNITION

THOMAS BACH ELECTED HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE IOC

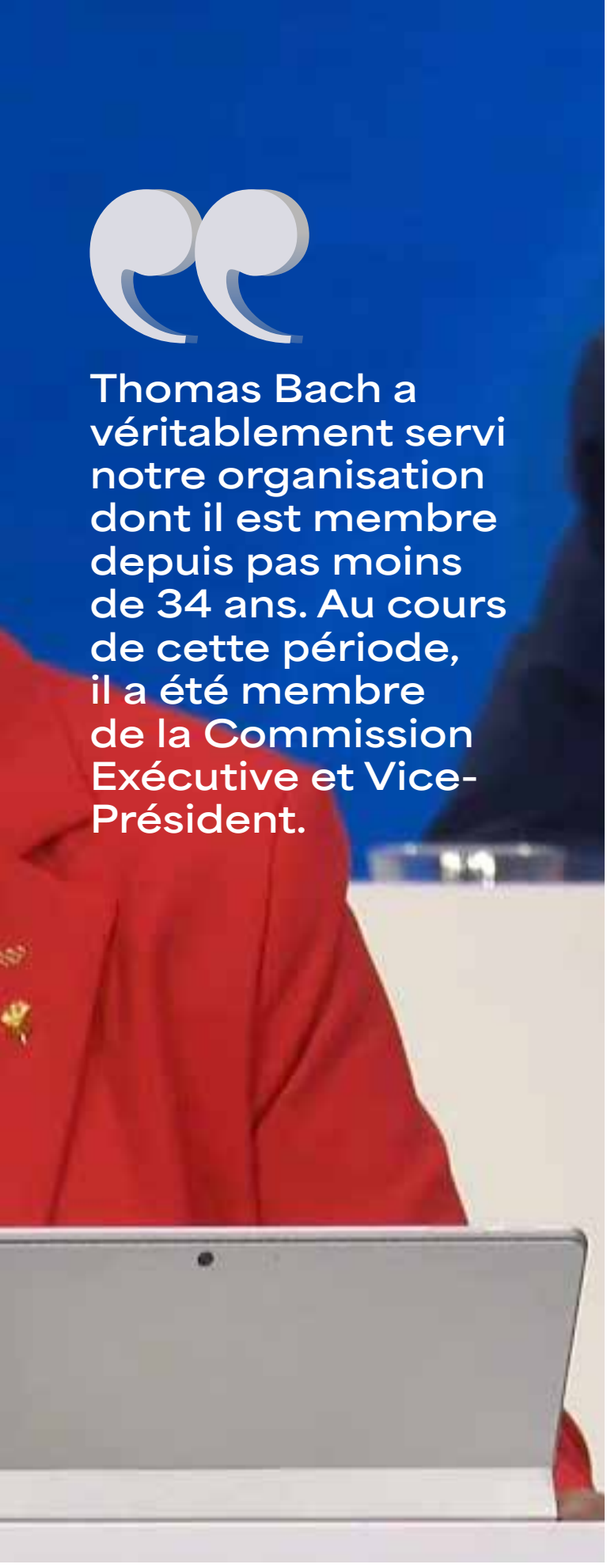


Members of the 144th Session unanimously hailed the election of the outgoing IOC President to this prestigious position as they gave him a standing ovation, in recognition of his commitment to the IOC, of which he has been a member for 34 years and headed for 12 years. He is now acting in this new capacity since his term of office as IOC President ended on 23 June 2025.

Thomas BACH was elected IOC Honorary President for Life on 19 March 2025. IOC Members accepted the proposal unanimously with a standing ovation after it was tabled to the 144th IOC Session by IOC First Vice President Nicole HOEVERTSZ on behalf of the IOC Executive Board in Olympia (Costa Navarino), Greece. Just before that, the IOC Session was treated to a presentation on the tremendous success of Olympic Agenda reforms, which defined the presidency of Thomas BACH.

While tabling the motion to elect Thomas BACH as Honorary President for Life, Nicole HOEVERTSZ recalled Thomas BACH's commitment to the Olympic Movement. In her speech to the assembled IOC members at the 144th Session in Costa Navarino, Greece, she said: "*Under President Thomas BACH's visionary leadership, the Olympic Agenda was successfully implemented over the years, which certainly has not been a small feat. By doing so, we could say that, in essence, President Thomas BACH has*





Thomas Bach a véritablement servi notre organisation dont il est membre depuis pas moins de 34 ans. Au cours de cette période, il a été membre de la Commission Exécutive et Vice-Président.

played a crucial role in modernising the Olympic Movement and ensuring its relevance in the 21st century. Mr President and Executive Board colleagues, please allow me to direct myself to the IOC members who are present at this 144th Session."

Mrs HOEVERTSZ continued: "*Thomas BACH has truly served our organisation, and he has done so as a member for no less than 34 years. During this period of membership, he served as a member of the Executive Board and as Vice-President. He was a member of several important commissions and is credited as being a member of the first IOC Athletes' Commission when it was created at the Session in Baden-Baden in 1981. For the past 12 years, President Thomas BACH has successfully navigated the complex landscape of global sports with remarkable resilience and foresight. He championed the Olympic Agenda 2020 and 2020+5, and the Olympic AI Agenda, driving crucial reforms that have shaped the future of the Games and of the Olympic Movement. His leadership was instrumental in facing challenging geopolitical situations, promoting gender equality, advancing sustainability initiatives, dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthening the fight against doping.*"

Mrs HOEVERTSZ added: "*His work to promote e-sports and the further digitalisation of the Olympic Games must be recognised. He*



demonstrated a commitment to athlete well-being and the safeguarding of athletes. President BACH frequently emphasises the enduring relevance of Pierre de COUBERTIN's vision and draws clear inspiration from the founder of the modern Olympic Games. He consistently highlights COUBERTIN's belief that sport transcends national boundaries and serves as a powerful instrument for fostering harmony among people. His dedication to the Olympic values has inspired generations of athletes and instilled a sense of hope and possibility in communities around the world. He leaves an indelible mark on the Olympic Movement, strengthening its foundation for generations to come."

Mrs HOEVERTSZ explained: "*I am confident that I speak on behalf of you all, and the entire Olympic community, when I express our deepest gratitude for President Thomas BACH's tireless dedication and unwavering commitment. His passion for sport and his genuine concern for the well-being of athletes have been evident in every single decision he made. His ability to bring people together, even in times of conflict, is a testament to his exceptional leadership. As President BACH embarks on a new chapter in his life, we wish him all the best in all the new and exciting experiences that lie on his path. May the spirit of the Olympic gods continue to bless and guide you, dear President, and may your legacy*

inspire us all to strive for excellence and embrace the power of sport to unite the world. Thank you, President BACH, for the extraordinary services rendered to our organisation."

Following this proposal, several IOC Members lavished praise on Thomas BACH and his monumental achievements as the IOC President:

Lavishing praises, Anant SINGH, IOC Member in South Africa, said: "*We've talked a lot about leadership over the years and I've been honoured to have been under your leadership. If there's a leader we both have great admiration for, it is Nelson Mandela. You adopted many of his ideals and goals and I've seen this in the seven years I have been here. Working under your leadership has been a great source of inspiration for me.*"

"*I would also like to say that I was there when your term started in Buenos Aires. I know the difficulties having to stage Olympic Winter Games only six months after your election in Buenos Aires. Later on, you set the goals and milestones of what we needed to do with the Olympic Agendas, and that was always based on values, something that we so needed in our organisation. You did a lot, always keeping in mind that, at the heart of the Games, there is sport; and also giving the athletes more authority and helping them to do more. Then, of course, for the organisers trying to reduce the cost of the Games,*" said Spyros CAPRALOS, IOC member in Greece and President of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), with nostalgia.

"*I admire many things in you, and am grateful for many things. Those of us who are presidents of Continental Associations and NOCs value the closeness of their relationship with you. You always made me feel incredibly welcome. You were always there at the Pan American Games, you made us feel relevant. There are lots of things one looks for in a great leader. Your efforts and conviction were so important. During the pandemic, athletes who had been preparing for more than four years could have had their dreams destroyed, but thanks to your conviction and efforts, they were able to compete in Tokyo and Beijing. You have had to defend values; even when there could have been consequences for you, you always defended our values and did what you thought was right. Our organisation fought for these convictions. On behalf of my continent, thank you for your leadership. We hope that whatever you go on to do, you will be successful,*" said Neven ILIC, IOC Member in Chile and Panam Sports President, with admiration.

"*I would like to draw the attention of all my colleagues to another dimension: your diplomatic skills that I have had the privilege of seeing with my own eyes. Having spent a good part of my life in multilateral institutions, it is not easy to reach a consensus on ideas. I saw how you were able to listen. At*



the end of the day, diplomacy is about building bridges where there are none. It reminds me of what GANDHI said: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, and finally you win." Mr President, you have won for all of us. Thank you very much," said Luis Alberto MORENO, IOC Member in Colombia, with admiration.

Mustapha BERRAF, IOC member in Algeria and ANOCA President, humbly expressed his satisfaction, saying: "It's a bit difficult after what has just *been said, and it's with deep emotion that I speak to you today. I am deeply moved. On behalf of all our African colleagues, we made this proposal, and I'm very pleased that it has come to fruition today. We wish to*



sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Mr Thomas BACH, for all your efforts in favour of Africa, our continent, and for the invaluable support you have given us. Today, we can assume that the situation has been addressed. The athletes are in good hands and, on behalf of the entire African Olympic and Sports Movement, I would like to express our deepest gratitude and most sincere wishes for your happiness. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you very much."

Accepting his appointment, Thomas BACH, who was visibly moved said: *"Dear friends and colleagues, I was elected as President 12 years ago, my first words were 'phew", and the situation is almost the same today. I am truly overwhelmed and, of course, very grateful for all the kind words you have addressed to me and for the great honour you have bestowed on me by electing me to be your Honorary President. I am deeply humbled, to say the least, for two reasons. First of all, as I've always said in the past, what we've seen here is not the work of one man. It's the work and achievements of all of us, every single one of us. Each and every one of you has contributed in your own way to this success. Each and every one of you has contributed to the unity we have finally achieved, and without which nothing would have been possible."*

President Thomas BACH went on to say: *"If we were not united in our commitment to our values, God alone knows where we would have been today. That's why I could return all the words you have addressed to me. As I return them to you with such gratitude, I'm also saying at the same time that we should never forget that this Olympic Movement is bigger, I mean so much bigger than us. We should be grateful,*



and I have always been grateful for the privilege of working within the Olympic Movement. As some of you have mentioned, these 12 years have been so difficult, and you have made sacrifices. As far as I'm concerned, I haven't made a single sacrifice in those 12 years."

He added:"I *am grateful that, after my career as an athlete, I have been able to continue to live my passion for sport. I am grateful to you for allowing me to give back to sport what I received from the Olympic Movement. My gold medal changed my life and, with this mandate as IOC President, I had the opportunity to help others change theirs. That's why you're looking at a very happy man, even if he is not in form at the moment. You are seeing a very happy man because I'm grateful for giving others this opportunity. I'm also grateful to say that I have given to this Olympic Movement all I could give."*

He concluded saying, *"It is now time to put a new leadership in place, and it is up to you to choose this new*



President so that he/she can make the Olympic Movement shine even brighter than it does today, because we are in sport, and yesterday's successes can only be the base for tomorrow's successes. I wish us all every success. If the next President needs advice or support, he or she can call me, even at midnight. I'd be delighted to answer the call. But I can't guarantee that I'll answer at that time. You know, I like my eight hours of sleep and I also sleep in the morning, but I'll be ready at any time if someone wants to ask for my point of view. If not, I won't impose my opinion. I consider your vote as an honour, but there are more important things in life than honours. Friendship is one of them. Thank you very much."

Thomas BACH's election as the IOC President for Life crowns a 34-year career at the IOC, a position he held since 2013, when he was elected as the 9th IOC President at the 125th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served his first eight-year term, before being re-elected, unchallenged, for a second four-year term in March 2021.



ATHLETES' COMMUNITY BIDS FAREWELL TO THOMAS BACH

The 12th International Athletes' Forum, held on 11 and 12 June 2025 in Switzerland, paid a glowing tribute to the now IOC Honorary President for Life.

It was in an emotion-filled atmosphere that the athletes' community bid farewell to President Thomas BACH, who had been a member of the first IOC Athletes' Commission in 1981. The event took place on 12 June 2025 in Lausanne, Switzerland, on the sidelines of the International Athletes' Forum, and featured the projection of a very emotional film in which many athletes thanked him for his work. Participants in the hall echoed these expressions of thanks, as they all, like one man, gave a well-deserved tribute with standing ovation in honour of the IOC President, Thomas BACH, with President-Elect Kirsty COVENTRY beside him.

Together, they welcomed participants to the Olympic capital, with over 400 athletes' representatives attending the 12th International



Athletes' Forum. Organised by the IOC Athletes' Commission, the event brought together representatives from 200 NOCs, 54 International Sports Federations (IFs), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the Organising Committees of forthcoming Olympic Games (COJO), continental NOC associations, including ANOCA, as well as members of the Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration Steering Committee to address some of the most pressing issues concerning them.

«*We live in an increasingly divided world, both within and between societies. Sport is a symbol of unity and solidarity. And solidarity goes far beyond mere respect: it means respecting each other, but also helping each other. We stand up against hatred, rifts and growing inequality. We advocate for solidarity, peace and mutual aid. That is why we must redouble our determination, speak out and be consistent in everything we do,*» declared Olympic fencing champion Thomas BACH, during his last participation in the forum as IOC President. As in previous editions, athletes asked the President questions on issues close to their hearts, without taboos, during a question-and-answer session.

To conclude, he said: «*We must defend these values with absolute determination and show, through sport and in sport, that it is possible to compete against each other in a peaceful manner, while respecting the rules. You, athletes, are living proof of this, and you are the best ambassadors out there. What you demonstrate on the pitches carries more weight than words can ever do. You witnessed this in Paris, where athletes from countries at war were all there, together.*»

Taking the floor, IOC President-Elect Kirsty COVENTRY, double Olympic champion in swimming and former IOC Athletes' Commission Chair, recalled the role that athletes have to play within the Olympic Movement and in society, before declaring: «*We have an important role to play, whether on the international stage, at home or in our communities. As athletes, we are all ambassadors.*

We are all role models... If we want to continue to inspire the younger generation, we have to ensure that we continue to make the right decisions for athletes, offer them all the opportunity to succeed on this incredible stage which is the Olympic Games, so that they can make the best out of it for themselves, their communities and their sport."

And she added: «*As athletes, we must ensure to disseminate the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect. These are the three values that unite us.*»

The 12th forum afforded athletes the opportunity to discuss the challenges they face and to learn more about the IOC's support for their personal development and the growth of their Athletes' Commission.

Emma TERHO, IOC Athletes' Commission Chair, recalled that: «*This forum has been a huge source of inspiration for all of us. It is a unique opportunity for the IOC Athletes' Commission to encourage dialogue. That is why we are thanking the 400 participants for taking out time to come to Lausanne. It is very important to meet in person every two years and listen to what participants have to say and what they need. This year, the importance of the support given to athletes - both individually and at committee level - and the resources put at their disposal, to help them use their platforms to defend social causes close to their hearts, are the key takeaways.*»




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TESTIMONIES

PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH RECEIVES FITTING TRIBUTE

Dignitaries of the Olympic Movement celebrate the tremendous achievements of the outgoing IOC President, notably the impact of reforms initiated under the Olympic Agenda.



Hon. Mustapha Berraf

ANOCA President
IOC member

"Thomas BACH is a friend in whom I have deep trust and high esteem. He made major contributions in modernising the International Olympic Committee and the African Olympic Movement in particular and the global Olympic Movement in general. He served Olympism as an athlete, then as a professional, lawyer and IOC President. I have a high esteem and respect for him. The IOC was very fortunate to have him at its helm over the years, and he was absolutely right in seeking to modernise and change the IOC. Thanks to him, athletes from the African continent have received great support in preparation for major international competitions like the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024. He presented himself as an unstinting friend of the African Olympic Movement. His sincerity moved us, and in return, we are paying him a glowing tribute. Gender equality, climate and sustainable development, gaming, e-sport, artificial intelligence and digital technology were his key areas of focus. We have integrated this vision into our various strategies and we are now driving a more inclusive and results-oriented management approach. My friend, Thomas BACH, is a man of unmatched wisdom. With him, Africa has written an important page of its history. His words have been a true source of inspiration. He was instrumental in getting a woman, and an African woman at that, to head the IOC. It is this legacy that speaks for him in the exceptional relationship he has forged with the African Olympic and Sport Movement. He visited Africa on several occasions. He experienced with the fervour of the continent's youth, and was able to appreciate the warmth of our hospitality and the talent of our athletes. He made sure that our countries had cutting-edge sports infrastructure. He always advocated for an African bid to host the Olympic Games. Throughout his term of office, President BACH instilled Olympism in all areas, thanks to his unflagging dedication to the Olympic Movement and his desire to push through the reforms that are essential to its future. In all regards, I am truly grateful."



Mrs Gaby Ahrens

WADA Athletes' Council Vice Chair and
ANOCA Athletes' Commission Chair

"I am delighted to have participated in the gender-equal Olympic Games... Coming from Africa, I personally saw how Thomas BACH supported our continent, empowered women and worked hard to place them in positions of responsibility. I am deeply grateful to him for that. I think we need many more leaders like him in the world. As an Olympian from Africa, I have seen firsthand how your mission to give underrepresented regions a stronger voice has made the Olympic Movement more inclusive and truly global. Even with your many responsibilities, I felt seen and appreciated by you-and that meant more than you know. Your legacy will be felt by generations to come. Thank you for everything."

Mr Mehrez Boussayene

IOC Member and
President of NOC Tunisia

"Devoted like a tireless soldier serving a noble cause, and enduring like a champion in an ongoing quest for victory, Thomas BACH, elected IOC Honorary President for Life after twelve wonderful years at the helm of our organisation, is leaving us, but not for good, bequeathing a precious and unforgettable legacy to the international sporting and Olympic community and all of Humanity. With his unshakeable faith in the unique power of sport and the unequalled nobility of Olympic values, Thomas BACH honoured with admiration the IOC's iconic symbol of the five interlocking rings linking the five continents. For him, this symbol would only have real meaning if it is translated into action on the ground, and if the five continents regain the right to host both the Olympic Games and world's athletes on an equal basis."





Engr. Habu Ahmed Gume

Honorary IOC Member and
ANOCA Treasurer General

"As an African sports administrator who has served the Olympic Movement for several decades, I would like to express my deep gratitude to President Thomas BACH for his exceptional commitment to sport development in Africa. During his tenure, the IOC consolidated its ties with Africa, notably through increased Olympic Solidarity funding, which supported a great deal of African athletes and sports projects... On a personal note, I am honoured to have worked with President Bach and to have witnessed firsthand the positive changes and giant strides made by African sport under his tenure. I sincerely thank him for his dedication and unwavering support to sport development in Africa, for which he will always be remembered."

Mrs Filomena Fortes

IOC Member
ANOCA Second Vice President

"As an IOC individual member, I would like to pay a sincere and heartfelt tribute to President Thomas BACH, an iconic figure who has deeply impacted the global Olympic movement by dint of his unwavering commitment. Under his enlightened leadership, the IOC has not only expanded its reach, it has, above all, been able to focus on essential causes of our time. President BACH has also been a staunch advocate of women's empowerment in sport, promoting equal opportunities and respect for diversity at the highest level. With deep gratitude, I acknowledge the honour he bestowed on me by entrusting me with the responsibility of being an individual IOC member. During successive Olympic Games, and the many activities we were both involved in, it was a privilege to work alongside a visionary leader, a man who is profoundly humane, with a listening ear, and who is faithful to the values of Olympism. Thank you, President Thomas BACH, for your dedication, your trust and your invaluable legacy."





Mrs Felicite Rwemarika

IOC Member

"Thomas BACH, my dear friend, brother, mentor and outgoing IOC President, has been a true champion and the living embodiment of the Olympic spirit. Throughout, he remained steadfast in his belief in sport as a catalyst for development, health, and education, consistently providing unwavering support and guidance to African-led initiatives that foster peace and progress through sport. He celebrated the achievements of African athletes and championed projects like the Olympic Refuge Foundation's "Game Connect", which uses sport to promote mental health, well-being and social inclusion for refugees.

Thomas is a man whose legacy is defined by a steadfast commitment to Olympic values and solidarity. He empowered African sport by expanding opportunities for athletes, strengthening infrastructure and events across the continent, and defending Africa's rightful place within the global Olympic Movement. With his ambitious vision, what once felt like a distant dream is now within our reach - bringing Africa ever closer to its moment of glory on the world's Olympic stage. Thank you for everything, my dear brother and friend Thomas."

Mr Sam Ramsamy

ANOCA Ethics Commission Chair

"His twelve years in office have been most extraordinary. His predecessor, Jacques Rogge, stabilised the Olympic Movement, and Thomas Bach had the challenge to steer the Movement to the next stage. This, he did superbly well, despite unforeseen events like doping issues in Russia, Covid-19 pandemic and Ukraine-Russia conflict. Africa was always a major focus of attention for Thomas Bach. His vision was always clear and ambitious. His support and encouragement have led to the strengthening of the African Sports Movement. The total unity of the African Sports Movement, now established by President Mustapha BERRAF, inspired Thomas Bach to

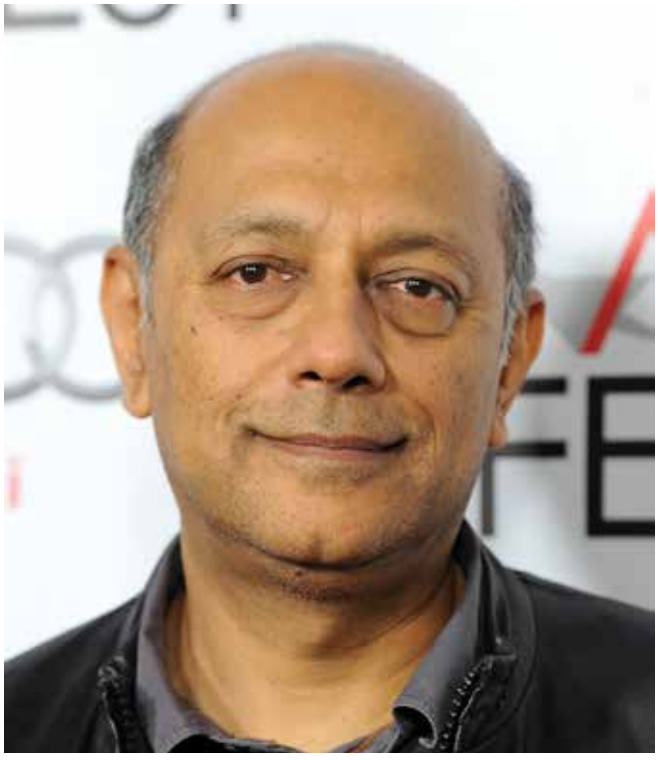


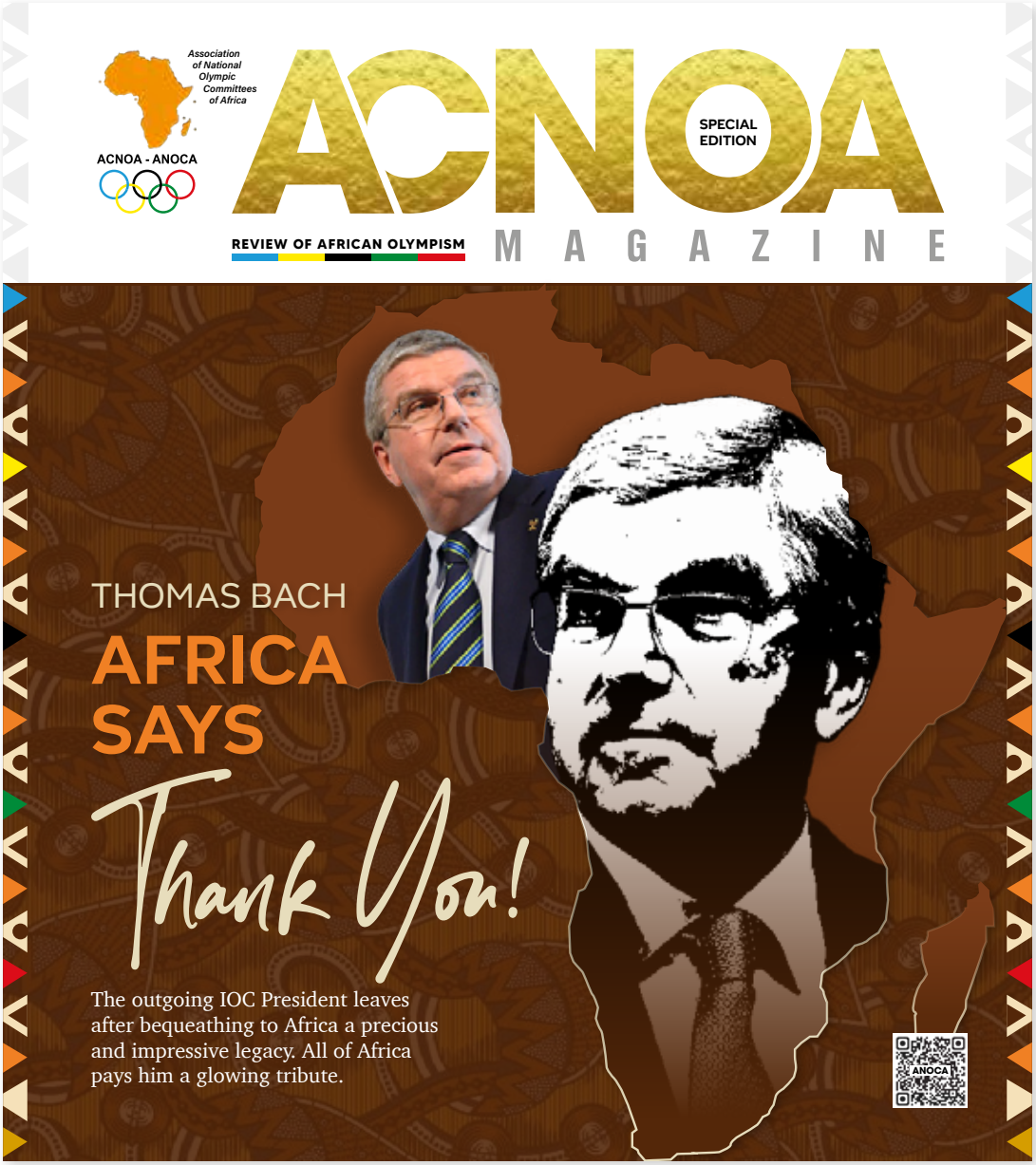
increase support for African athletes and National Olympic Committees in numerous projects under the supervision of ANOCA. Further, the election of Mrs Kirsty COVENTRY as IOC President would, no doubt, continue with the programme for Africa."

Mr Anant Singh

IOC Member

"We've talked a lot about leadership over the years and I've been honoured to have been under your leadership. If there's a leader we both have great admiration for, it is Nelson Mandela. You adopted many of his ideals and goals and I've seen this in the seven years I have been here. Working under your leadership has been a great source of inspiration for me."





SPECIAL TRIBUTE

ANOCA MAGAZINE HAILS THE TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOMAS BACH

The special feature on the outgoing IOC President gives an overview of the achievements of this great friend of Africa for bequeathing a precious and impressive legacy to the continent.

Titled "**Thomas BACH, Africa Says Thank You**", the Special edition of ANOCA Magazine, pays a heartfelt tribute to the outgoing IOC President, Thomas BACH, for his outstanding work and achievements for Africa over the past twelve years of his tenure. It commends his dedication to the development of the world Olympic movement in general, and his unwavering support for the African Olympic Movement in particular.

This special edition marks a historic moment for the African Olympic Movement as it celebrates the architect, Thomas BACH, at a time when he is handing over the baton to the 10th IOC President, Kirsty COVENTRY from Zimbabwe, the first woman and first IOC President from Africa.

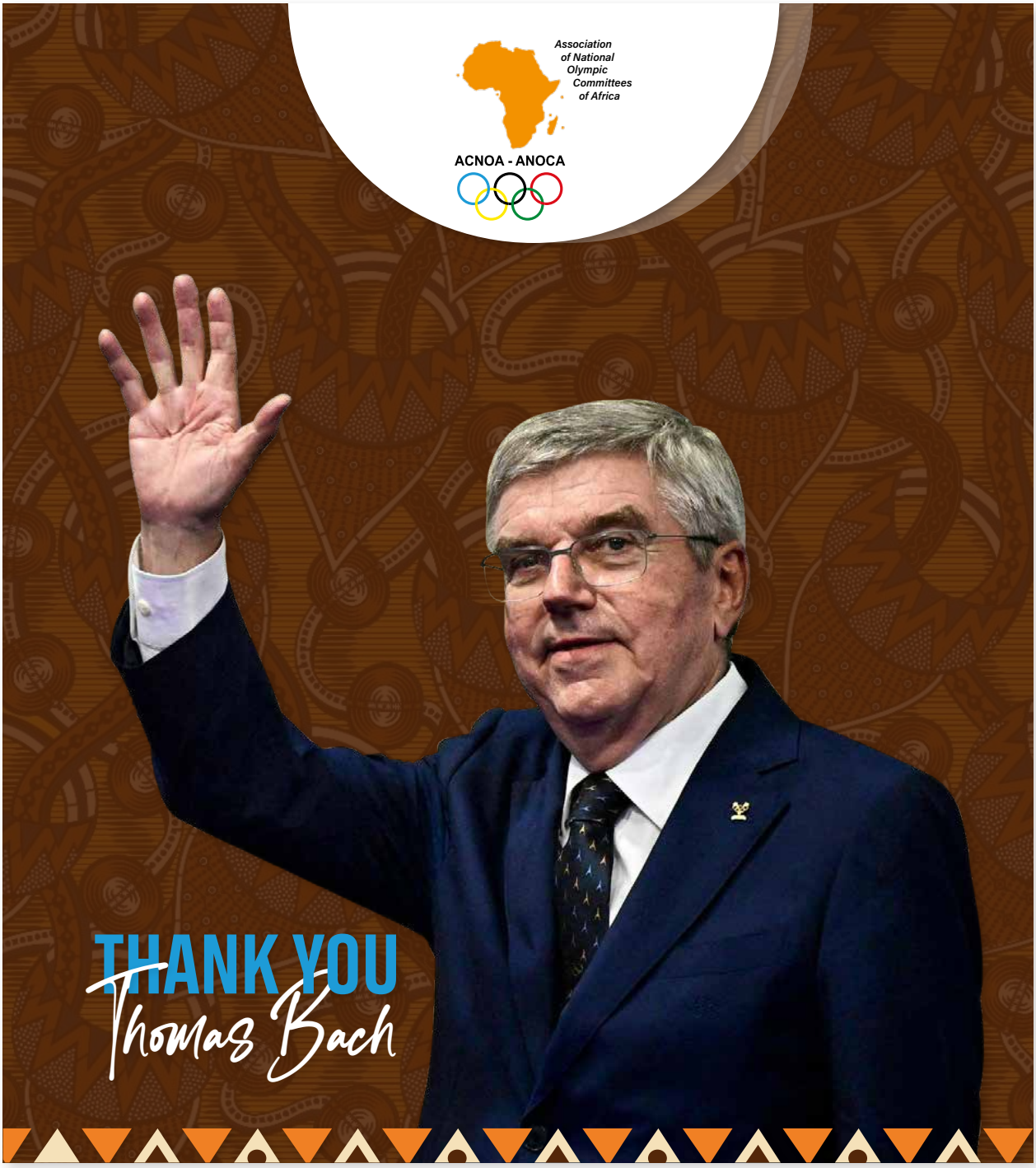
It highlights various testimonies from officials of the continental Olympic movement, who are unanimously thanking the outgoing IOC President for his unflagging commitment to Africa. ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF, in particular, showered praises on his friend Thomas, and set the tone: "Thank you, President Thomas BACH. On behalf of ANOCA, I wish to convey our gratitude and admiration for your leadership and vision, which have contributed to shaping the future of Africa for years to come..... "*We wish to pay a special tribute to President Thomas BACH for his unwavering support to the African Olympic Movement during his 12-years tenure. On behalf of all African NOCs, our athletes, our officials and our hopefuls, we heartily say: Thank you, President Thomas BACH, for believing in Africa and giving her the means to believe in herself. We are honoured by your actions, inspired by your track record, and committed by your legacy.*"

Olympic Africa celebrated visionary leadership through President BACH, who worked hard to promote sport and Olympic values in Africa. His commitment to sport development on the continent was exemplary, and helped drive significant progress. Like a devoted soldier working tireless for a noble cause and hungry for victories, his election as the IOC Honorary President after twelve years as President, is hailed by ANOCA in this special edition.

ANOCA expressed its gratitude for Thomas BACH's unwavering support to NOCs: "*You understood the needs and challenges of our various countries and designed programmes to enhance our development.*"

The Special Magazine celebrates the lasting legacy bequeathed to the African Olympic Movement by Thomas BACH, a visionary leader and tireless builder who worked to strengthen ties between African NOCs and the IOC, and support the participation of African athletes in the Olympic Games.

It further emphasises Thomas BACH's 12 years of support for Africa, a continent to which he is a great friend.



His significant achievements make him one of those iconic figures whose commitments go beyond mandates and whose vision leaves an indelible mark on the history of institutions.

A gallery of beautiful photos of Thomas BACH's farewell tour of the continent and a picture of our iconic President wrap up this special edition of ANOCA Magazine, which ends as it opened with a heartfelt: "**Thank you, Thomas BACH!**"


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