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Sports cooperation agreement

ANOCA AND OCA RENEW LONGSTANDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Guided by a shared vision of intercontinental solidarity, ANOCA and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), officially renewed their cooperation agreement on 22 October 2022 in Manama, Bahrain. The renewed Memorandum of Understanding, spanning 2024-2032, strengthens the partnership commitments of both bodies in sports development, education and innovation, while ushering in a new era of collaboration with the incorporation of artificial intelligence-driven projects.

The signing ceremony, which was attended by many prominent figures from the African and Asian Olympic Movements, was presided at by ANOCA President and IOC Member, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, assisted by 17 members of the ANOCA Executive Committee on the African side, and OCA Interim President, who doubles as First Vice President, Timothy FOK on the Asian side. It afforded an opportunity to reaffirm the shared values that unite the two continents through sport.

"***The partnership between our two continents is as old as humanity itself. Sport, which has also***





existed since the dawn of time, unites us through a collective experience," said the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, praising the human and universal dimension of the collaboration between Asia and Africa.

Priority thrust areas of this new cooperation include: training sports executives and leaders through joint seminars, internships and skills exchanges between the two continents; sports infrastructure development in Africa, drawing inspiration from Asian management, technological innovation and sustainability models;

Other thrust areas include enhanced preparation of African and Asian athletes for major international competitions, with particular focus on the Olympic Games and Intercontinental Games, and incorporating digital technologies and artificial intelligence into talent identification, performance monitoring and sports governance.

"***This wonderful partnership will help us to better train our senior managers and prepare our athletes to face the major challenges ahead***," the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF furthered.

In this era of rapid social change, sports is emerging as an essential vehicle for peace, education and social inclusion. The ANOCA-OCA partnership is therefore intended to be a laboratory for South-South collaboration, at the forefront of new solutions adapted to the realities of developing countries.

Welcoming the renewed agreement, Mr Timothy FOK reaffirmed OCA's commitment to sustain this momentum: "***Africa and Asia share the values of fraternity, resilience and innovation. Together, we can build strong bridges between our***

respective youth and pave the way for a new sports humanism."

Focused on youth and peace, the renewed partnership will also build on joint ongoing initiatives, notably the African Youth Games, the Asian Games, educational forums, and digital platforms promoting youth participation and gender equality.

At a time when sport is emerging as a strategic lever for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ANOCA and OCA want to lead by example with concrete action, particularly with respect to environmental responsibility, good governance and sports diplomacy.

In conclusion, the ANOCA President made a passionate appeal to the youth of Africa and Asia: "***This initiative makes us more hopeful for the future, that our upcoming generations can face the great upheavals of our century.***"

Already marked by decades of achievements, the fruitful ANOCA-OCA partnership is thus turning a new page dedicated to innovation, active cooperation and excellence, in the purest Olympic tradition. A renewed sense of trust and friendship that the ANOCA President extols: "***Dear friends of Africa, you will remain forever in our hearts. You are part of us, and we are part of you!***"

As a reminder, OCA is one of the most dynamic structures within the global Olympic Movement, representing 45 countries on the Asian continent.



Sports diplomacy

ANOCA AND HUNGARY SIGN STRATEGIC ELITE SPORTS AGREEMENT





ANOCA, led by its President, the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, signed a landmark elite sports cooperation agreement on 13 October 2025, at Budapest, Hungary, with the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, H.E. Peter SZIJJÁRTÓ, who was accompanied on the occasion by Sports Minister, H.E. Adam SCHMIDT, the NOC President Zsolt GYULAY, and IOC member, Balázs FÜRJES.

Also present at the signing ceremony on the ANOCA side were the following EXCO members: Mrs Filomena FORTES, Second Vice-President; Mr Alfred FOLOKO, Third Vice-President; Engr Habu Ahmed GUMEL, Treasurer General; and Mr Abderrahmane HAMMAD, ANOCA Zone 1 Representative. Speaking on the occasion, the Hungarian Foreign Minister expressed his country's willingness to support ANOCA and African sports in general.

This landmark agreement is a historic milestone, unlocking promising opportunities for both parties to develop and enhance sports excellence in Africa. The groundbreaking partnership is based on two key cornerstones: training elite athletes and building the capacities of African sports leaders.

The agreement provides for:

- **Hosting of African athletes in Hungarian centres of excellence;**
- **Organisation of technical training courses;**
- **Training cycles for NOC executives, in collaboration with renowned Hungarian institutions.**

This collaboration between ANOCA and Hungary exemplifies strategic intelligent sports diplomacy. It strengthens Hungary's international



influence through sport, while for Africa, it presents a unique opportunity to speed up its development by harnessing the potential of sports as a catalyst for human, economic and diplomatic growth.

For Mustapha BERRAF, who has consistently advocated for fair and innovative North-South cooperation, this agreement makes the African Olympic project more credible: "***African sport deserves to be supported with respect, ambition and rigour. This agreement is a victory for vision, dialogue and the will to move forward together,***" he said.

Furthermore, the Budapest agreement is more than just a goodwill pact: it is a strategic instrument for shaping the future of African sports. It aims to fill a recurring gap: the lack of infrastructure for ongoing training of African sports leaders and executives. By building the technical and managerial capacities of NOC leaders, ANOCA is going down to the roots of long-term performance.

It equally has huge benefits for athletes: access to modern facilities, high-level scientific coaching and competitive European environments will help to refine the already immense potential of African talents.

It will also be an opportunity to initiate a new generation of athlete-architects, trained in the dual culture of sports and governance.

This agreement is fully in line with ANOCA's 2036 development strategy, which aims, among other things, to position an African country as a potential host for the Olympic Games.

This dream, which IOC Honorary President for Life Thomas BACH himself has encouraged, can only become a reality if the



continent consolidates its sports, human and organisational foundations.

At a time when the world is celebrating the values of peace, unity and personal achievement through sports, the ANOCA-Hungary agreement stands as a model of solidarity and visionary cooperation.

It shows that Africa is not just asking for help, but for structured partnerships based on mutual respect and excellence.

African sport is therefore entering a new era, and Budapest could well be one of its founding milestones.





2025 UCI World Road Championships

THE FIRST-EVER ORGANISED ON AFRICAN SOIL WAS A HISTORIC SUCCESS



The 2025 UCI World Road Championships, held in Kigali from September 21 to 28, marked a historic milestone as the first-ever edition in Africa, and it was a resounding success. The city welcomed the cream of world cyclists, including Slovenia's Tadej Pogačar, a two-time world road champion and four-time Tour de France winner, for a thrilling week of competition.

The meticulously designed course showcased the region's challenging terrain, featuring steep climbs, technical descents, and gruelling straights, including the iconic Mount Kigali and the Kigali Wall. The men's elite race spanned 267.5 km with 5,475 meters of elevation gain, while the women's elite event covered 164.6 km with 3,350 meters of elevation gain.

"***The organisation is excellent, everywhere is safe, the roads are magnificent and the enthusiasm is palpable***", remarked UCI President David Lappartient, visibly impressed after the first pedal strokes. He later hailed the championships as a «*real success*,» praising the quality of the organisation.





The competition featured stunning performances from two outstanding cyclists: Tadej Pogačar won the men's elite road race, while Remco Evenepoel dominated the time trial. The event was a true showcase for Rwanda and Africa, highlighting the continent's ability to host elite sports events, and showcasing Rwanda's natural beauty and hospitality.



The 2025 UCI World Road Championships will most certainly have a lasting impact on cycling in Africa and Rwanda, inspiring a new generation of cyclists and contributing to the development of the country's cycling infrastructure. Rwanda is now poised to host other international cycling events and leverage cycling as a tool for economic and social development.

On behalf of ANOCA, President Mustapha BERRAF hailed the resounding success of these first-ever UCI World Road Championships in Africa, while extending his warm congratulations to the Rwandan Head of State, H.E. Paul KAGAME.





2025 UCI World Road Championships

ANOCA PRESIDENT WARMLY CONGRATULATES RWANDAN HEAD OF STATE, COMMENDS HIS LEADERSHIP AND ENLIGHTENED VISION

ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf extended his warmest congratulations to the President of the Republic of Rwanda, H.E. Paul Kagame, for his personal involvement in the seamless organisation and resounding success of the 2025 UCI World Road Championships held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 21 to 28 September.

Berraf praised President Kagame's leadership and vision for sports development in Africa, highlighting his commitment to elevating the continent's profile in international sports: "***Please accept our warm congratulations on the successful organisation of the UCI World Road Championships in Kigali, Rwanda. This historic event was a resounding success and did credit to the entire African continent,***" wrote Mustapha BERRAF.

He also hailed the Rwandan Head of State for his dynamism: "***Your leadership and vision for sports development in Africa have been decisive. At the end of the competition, the African Olympic and Sports Movement is proud of the seamless organisation of the championships.***"



He acknowledged the prominent role played by the President of Rwanda in the success of the event, and thanked him for his personal involvement: "***We are most grateful to you for the key role you played in the success of this event. Your presence and support were instrumental... We are confident that this event will help promote cycling in Africa and inspire a new generation of African athletes.***"

Finally, the ANOCA President expressed his wish for a successful outcome to upcoming sports events, both in Rwanda and across Africa: "***We wish you every success for future sports events to be held in Rwanda and Africa.***"

Paying tribute to the athletes who took part in the competition and hailing their performance, he said that they had given "***their best by putting on an extraordinary show through their sports performance***", much to the delight of the spectators who "***enjoyed these moments to the fullest.***"



Favouritism, cheating, age fraud...

ANOCA PRESIDENT CASTIGATES UNETHICAL PRACTICES WITHIN THE AFRICAN OLYMPIC AND SPORTS MOVEMENT



In a memo addressed to NOC presidents, Olympic Movement leaders, athletes, coaches, technical officials and African sports development partners, Mustapha BERRAF calls for collective action and makes a heartfelt appeal to protect Africa's young athletes.

Addressing all African Olympic Movement stakeholders, President Berraf raised the alarm and called for greater awareness of the need for clean competitions and fair, unmanipulated sports. "African sport is penning a new chapter of its history. I bring to each and every one of you a message of commitment, responsibility and hope. ANOCA, in collaboration with NOCs and Continental Federations, has been working tirelessly to build an African sport that is fair, transparent and inspiring. Our young athletes - our future hope - deserve clean competitions, equal opportunities and an environment that celebrates merit, talent and integrity. For sports to be fair and free from manipulation, we can no longer turn a blind eye to practices that tarnish the image of our African sports: competition





manipulation, favouritism, cheating and especially age fraud in youth competitions,» he strongly condemned.

While downplaying the magnitude of these ills, which to him are minimal, President BERRAF, nonetheless, sounded a cautionary note, recommending continued vigilance to prevent all forms of cheating and forgery: "***these practices, though marginal,***' he noted, «***undermine the credibility of our sports institutions and erode public trust, that of our partners and even that young people themselves. It is therefore our shared responsibility to say no to all forms of cheating, forgery and manipulation. Fair play is not an option: it is the very essence of Olympic sports, the foundation of dignity in sports. With strong initiatives and a lasting commitment, ANOCA has reached a historic milestone with the Maiden African School Games in Algeria, marking a key moment in the training and coaching of young African talents***,» he wrote.

He appealed for enhanced monitoring, training and awareness-raising mechanisms, to ensure fairness and integrity in all competitions. This is particularly significant, given the charged continental Olympic calendar with several continental and intercontinental sports events in the pipeline: "***We are now gearing up to the 4th African Youth Games in Angola,***" he reminded them, "another moment for us to gather and unite around Olympic values. And very soon, the entire continent will once again vibrate to the rhythm of the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, the first-ever to be organised on African soil and a powerful symbol of trust, rebirth and hope. I therefore urge all NOCs, federations and technical managers to strengthen control, training and awareness-raising





mechanisms to ensure fairness and integrity in every competition. Let's all protect our youths from the pressure of cheating! Let's encourage them to embrace truth, honour and excellence! African sport is worthy of respect, admiration and support. No success, however resounding, is of any value if achieved unfairly. Africa can build credible and respected sports, in which each victory is truly synonymous with merit and honour,» stressed President BERRAF.

He further contemplated the future of the Olympic Movement as a tool for development and peace in Africa, for a fairer sporting



future based on the values of excellence, friendship and respect. «***Together, united under the banner of Olympism, let's all make our stadiums, schools and sports centres places where the truth triumphs over fraud, effort over merit, and passion over cheating. This, he concluded, is the price that sporting Africa must pay to continue to grow in strength, be worthy and respected. Together, let's make sports a peace and development tool in Africa, drawing on our shared values of excellence, friendship and respect; let's all build a fairer, cleaner and more inspiring future for African sport.***»



NOC Côte d'Ivoire (CNO-CIV)

EMPOWERING SPORTS MEDICINE PROFESSIONALS FOR EXCELLENCE



A two-day capacity-building seminar on sports medicine was held on 15 and 16 October 2025, at the CNO-CIV headquarters, bringing together some thirty sports doctors from various national federations. Organised under the theme «Injury Prevention and Sustainable Athlete Performance,» the seminar aimed to equip medical professionals with the necessary tools and knowledge to support athletes in their pursuit of excellence.

For two days, participants engaged in in-depth discussions on key topics, including lower-limb injury prevention, sickle-cell anaemia screening, sports medicine responsibilities, sports nutrition, and return-to-training protocols. The intensive training course provided a valuable opportunity for participants to enhance their skills and knowledge to help them better support their athletes.

Speaking on behalf of participants, Dr ZAROUR of the Ivorian Badminton Federation could not contain his satisfaction: «***This seminar is an innovative and essential initiative. We're going home with enhanced***

knowledge that we can put at the service of our federations. Ivorian athletes will henceforth be in good hands.»

Taking the floor, CNO-CIV President, Georges N'GOAN, expressed his delight in the success of this initiative, pointing out that: «sports doctors play a decisive role in building champions. We are proud to see that Côte d'Ivoire now has such high-level local medical talents.» He also hailed the support of Olympic Solidarity, a key partner in this initiative: "Olympic Solidarity supported us, convinced that every federation must count on trained and competent doctors."





Representing the Directorate General for Sports and Federation Affairs (DGSVF), Lydie GNINKIBO, Assistant Director for Federation Affairs and Elite Sports, underscored the crucial importance of health in sports performance: «Without healthy athletes, there can be no medals. You, sports doctors, are the silent custodians of the victories we celebrate. Thank you for your commitment and the quality of your discussions!"

Under the scientific supervision of Professor DAH Cyrille, this training session also drew from the expertise of Dr N'Da AMANI, Dr Éric ALLANGBA and Dr Kassim TRAORÉ. Together, they blended academic rigour and practical experience to deliver a training programme with high added value.

This capacity-building seminar marked an important milestone in the professionalisation of sports medicine in Côte d'Ivoire. This CNO-CIV initiative, supported by Olympic Solidarity, enabled doctors to go home better equipped to protect, treat and optimise the performance of African athletes.

NOC Senegal (CNOSS)

DAKAR FORUM

DISCUSSES THE CREATION OF ATHLETES' COMMISSIONS WITHIN CNOSS AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS





On 18 October 2025, the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Senegal (CNOSS) organised an Athletes' Forum at the Léopold Sédar Senghor stadium, Dakar, bringing together athletes, officials, and other stakeholders to discuss ways to enhance athlete representation and participation in national federations.

The meeting, attended by CNOSS Vice President Ibrahima Wade, Secretary General Seydina Oumar Diagne, and Athletes' Representative Balla Dièye, focused on key issues such as athlete representation in governing bodies, career transition preparation, and opportunities offered by Olympic Solidarity and the Athletes365 platform.

Participants made concrete proposals for establishing the CNOSS Athletes' Commission, a framework aimed at amplifying athletes' voices in Senegalese sports governance. CNOSS Secretary General Seydina Oumar Diagne praised the initiative, highlighting its alignment with the Olympic Committee's commitment to promoting athlete empowerment and development within the national sports movement."

















NOC MALI

6TH ATHLETES' FORUM FOCUSES ON BETTER SPORTS POLICIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ATHLETES



Malian Athletes gathered for their sixth Forum on 3 and 4 November 2025 in Bamako at the Modibo Keita Memorial, under the theme: "***Understanding Olympic Solidarity mechanisms and preparing for life as an athlete***."

The Athletes' Commission (AC) availed itself of this opportunity to launch a passionate appeal for unity and improved national sports policies. The deliberations brought together 150 athletes from some 40 sports federations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Athletes' Commission Chair, Djénébou Danté, told participants that this high number of attendees reflects:

"***a shared commitment to building a more united, stronger and responsible Malian sports Movement that heeds the voices of athletes***."
She underscored that this Forum is a special opportunity to listen, learn, share and build together.
"***It offers a platform for expression where every athlete is called upon to better understand their role on and off the field.***"



Over two days, participants addressed key topics such as integrity, leadership and civic engagement; mental health and well-being of athletes; doping prevention; career transition; promoting the Olympic legacy; and the role of athlete representatives in the governance of the Olympic Movement.

"***These issues reflect present-day challenges, but also the deep aspirations of Malian athletes to become responsible leaders whose voices count and who are useful to the community. As the AC Chair, I am acutely aware of our responsibility to be the voice of Malian athletes, to defend their rights, promote their values and support them every step of the way, from their first training session to their professional transition,***" said Djénébou Danté, gold medallist at the Eighth Francophonie Games.

She then recalled the missions of the Athletes' Commission and how it has developed in Mali:

"***Established in 2016, it had only 12 sports federations, represented by two people (one man and one woman). This Forum brings together 150 athletes from some 40 sports federations. Today, we have reached a historic milestone: 42 sports federations are represented, each by two athletes.***"

This development, she further said, demonstrates the vitality of their Movement and the trust placed in athletes.

"***Today, the Commission is a democratic and consultative forum where athletes' experiences become valuable resources for improving sports policies. Our mission is clear: to represent athletes within the Olympic Movement and help them succeed in their careers, both on and off the field of play. We have a responsibility to get them more involved in decision-making. To achieve this, we seek to ensure that all athlete representatives are supported by an effective network of athlete***



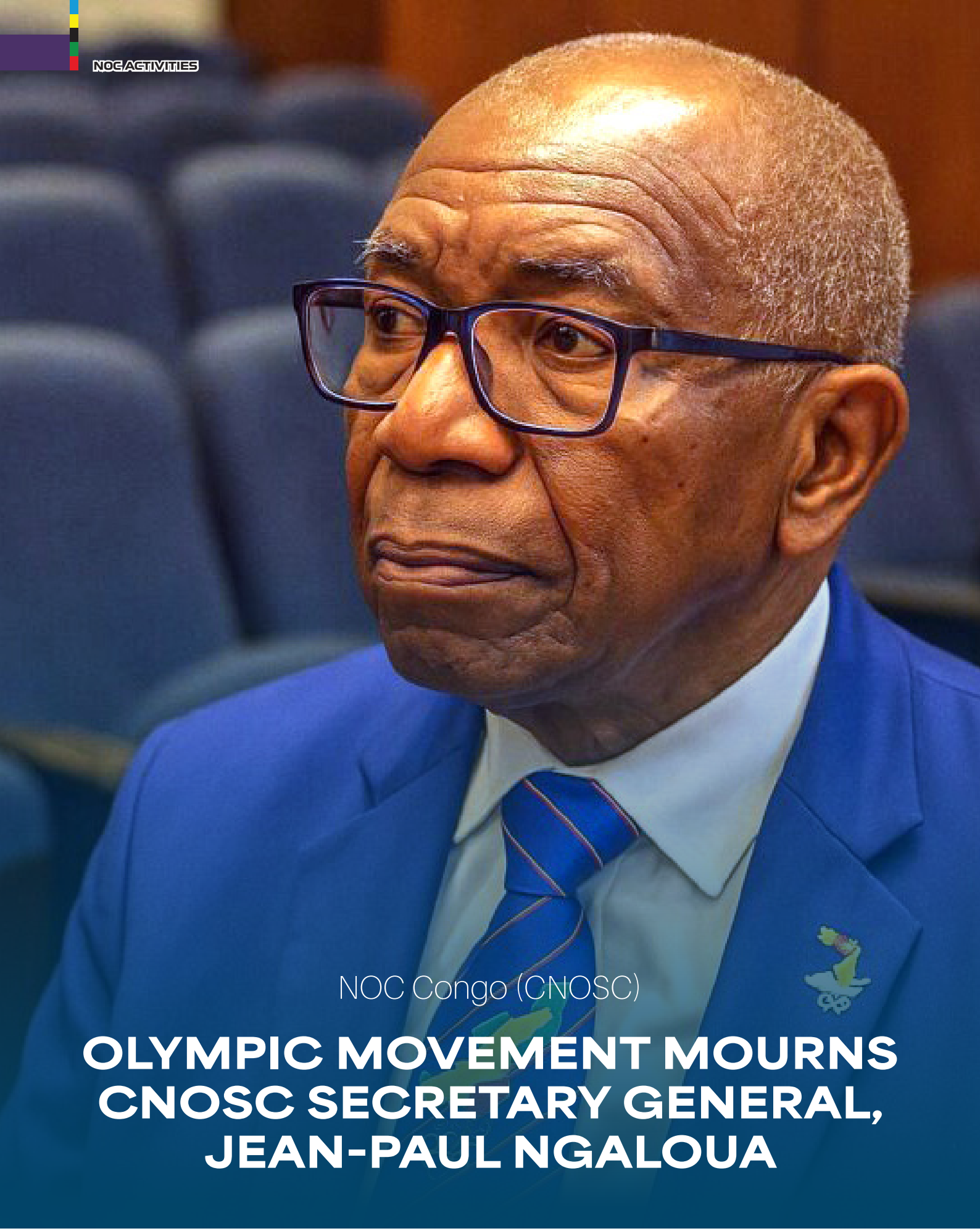
commissions... We are also preparing a trainers training programme for athlete leaders, to build their capacities for a more positive influence within the sports movement. All this is possible with the technical and financial support of the NOC and Olympic Solidarity, thanks to which every athlete can benefit from the opportunities offered by the IOC's international programmes."

Also speaking on the occasion, the NOC president's representative, Tidiani Niambélé, noted that this forum also aims to place athletes in their true context, considering the challenges of the moment:

"***For us, athletes are no longer neutral persons and should no longer be just any individuals. They must be responsible and committed to their society, their group and their country. This forum will contribute in grooming such athletes.***"

Presiding at the opening ceremony, the representative of the Ministry of Sport, Djibril Diarra, welcomed this initiative, which, according to him, has established itself over the years as "***a privileged forum for discussion, brainstorming and promotion of the role of athletes in national sport development.***" A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of a computer and accessories to the Athletes' Commission. The kind gesture by the NOC President, Habib Sissoko, was accompanied by the allocation of an office to the Commission at the NOC headquarters.





NOC Congo (CNOSC)

OLYMPIC MOVEMENT MOURNS CNOSC SECRETARY GENERAL, JEAN-PAUL NGALOUA



The African Olympic and Sports Movement is in mourning following the passing of CNOSC Secretary General, Jean-Paul NGALOUA, on October 10, 2025, at the Brazzaville University Teaching Hospital after a prolonged illness. The news of his demise sent shockwaves across the Congolese sporting community and beyond, with the ANOCA President and Executive Committee paying a heartfelt tribute to his legacy.

As a dedicated servant of Congolese sports, NGALOUA served as CNOSC Secretary General from 2009 to 2025, leaving an indelible mark on the country's Olympic movement. His tireless efforts in coordinating federations, preparing Olympic files, monitoring elite athletes and overseeing talent identification in popular neighbourhoods earned him widespread respect.

The digital outpouring of condolences and tributes from athletes, coaches, and officials is a testament to his enduring impact. The Congolese sporting diaspora and national community alike are united in grief, with many paying tribute to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NGALOUA's commitment, patience, and advocacy for fair play. As one tribute aptly put it, «*Union*» will be the best way to honour his memory and continue his legacy.

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Tribute

ANOCA PRESIDENT EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO NOC CONGO, PAYS HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO LATE JEAN-PAUL NGALOUA



Following the passing of CNOSC Secretary General Jean-Paul NGALOUA, on behalf of the ANOCA Executive Committee, ANOCA President, Honourable Mustapha BERRAF, extended his deepest condolences to the President of NOC Congo Brazzaville. This great loss has plunged the African Olympic and Sports Movement into mourning, and the ANOCA family stands in solidarity with NOC Congo during this difficult time:

"***It is with profound sorrow that we received the news of the passing of our beloved brother, friend, and colleague, Jean Paul NGALOUA, Secretary General of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Congo Brazzaville,***" wrote Mustapha BERRAF. "***His untimely departure leaves us speechless, and the entire African Olympic and sports community is deeply shocked and saddened by this irreparable loss. Please accept my sincere condolences and those of the entire ANOCA Executive Committee. The African Olympic and Sports Movement stands in solidarity with you during this difficult time.***"


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The ANOCA President paid a deserved tribute to the departed icon, a major African sports actor who ran NOC Congo's Secretariat General from 2009 until his demise, while offering his support to deceased's biological family: "***Kindly convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and the people of Congo Brazzaville. Jean Paul NGALOUA was a dedicated and influential figure in sports and the African Olympic Movement. May his soul rest in peace!***"

CIRCULAR LETTER

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHEFS DE MISSION MEETING IN LUANDA: KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR NOCs

Ahead of the African Youth Games Angola 2025, scheduled for 10 - 20 December 2025, ANOCA held a crucial Chefs de Mission meeting in Luanda from 19 to 21 September 2025. The meeting shed light on key organisational aspects of the continental event and yielded important conclusions and recommendations for National Olympic Committees (NOCs). These conclusions and recommendations, along with the list of validated sports, are hereby shared with relevant stakeholders to ensure a successful event.

- **NOC Presidents,**
- **NOC Secretaries Genera,**
- **Chefs de Mission for the African Youth Games, Angola 2025.**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**
- **Dear Friends,**

We are deeply delighted and honoured to inform you that all necessary information is now available on the platform and that the Chefs de Mission are aware of the required participation ages, as well as the list of sports included in the programme of the African Youth Games.

In this regard, ANOCA wishes to clarify, and also forwards herewith the conclusions and recommendations of the Chefs de Mission meeting held in Luanda, approved by all the Chefs de Mission present, as well as the list of sports validated during that meeting.

We take this opportunity to inform you that:

- **The Games will take place from 10 to 20 December 2025.**
- **The host cities are Luanda/Bengo and Icolo-Bengo.**
- **The Games Village will open on 8 December and close on December 22.**
- **The competitions will kick off on December 10 and end on 22 December.**
- **The opening ceremony will take place on 13 December 2025.**
- **The age limit for the Games, approved by the Executive Committee and communicated to the Chefs de Mission, is 14-16 years.**
- **The next Chefs de Mission meeting will be held online on 21 October.**

We also wish to inform you that, driven by the desire to promote sports on our continent, the Angolan government authorities, the Organizing Committee, and NOC Angola will provide free accommodation to participants (specifically athletes, coaches, doctors, and physiotherapists) for the entire duration of the Games.

Chefs de Mission Meeting (19, 20, and 21 September)

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Chefs de Mission Manual: currently being translated, but missing information from all chapters must be included as soon as possible. It will be forwarded by email to all participants once completed.

Registration Platform: Registration issues (long list). All platform issues should be resolved as soon as possible. The registration deadline should be extended until October 10 at 11:59 PM. It was noted that there is lack of communication within the Olympic Committees. A link was actually sent to Presidents and Secretaries General, but it was not forwarded to the respective Chefs de Mission.

Sports facilities / Athlete accommodation: The mapping of the relevant sports sites needs to be done quickly for better visibility and to clearly identify the main accommodation locations. Many accommodation sites have been listed, and there is need to clearly define the Games villages.

- **Opening date: 8 December**
- **Closing date: 21 December**

Medical Committee: The medical committee gave a good presentation with all relevant information (other committees should follow their example).

Technical Manual: Awaiting the technical regulations from African confederations. ANOCA must write to CASOL immediately and set the submission deadline for 26 September.

The sports programme features 25 sports:

1. **Athletics (all disciplines except pole vault)**
2. **Rowing**
3. **Badminton**
4. **3x3 Basketball**
5. **Beach volleyball**
6. **Breaking**
7. **Boxing**
8. **Canoe-kayak**
9. **Road cycling and BMX**
10. **Fencing**
11. **Equestrian (endurance riding)**
12. **Beach soccer**
13. **Futsal**
14. **Golf**
15. **Artistic gymnastics**
16. **Beach handball**
17. **Weightlifting**
18. **Karate-do**
19. **Judo**
20. **Beach wrestling**

21. **Swimming (including open water)**
22. **Taekwondo**
23. **Table tennis**
24. **Tennis**
25. **Kiela Orwela (traditional African games)**

Transport: Need to develop a distribution plan by categories (athletes, Chefs de Mission, ANOCA President, IOC President, ANOC President, VIPs, IOC members, ANOCA Executive Committee members, Presidents and Secretaries General, international federations, organising committees, technical officials).

Traffic: Traffic jams, other traffic difficulties. Provide for escorts with at least 3 motorcyclists.

Hotels: List of hotels according to the categories of guests participating in the Games.

Opening and closing ceremonies: No information. The location and participation arrangements will be determined as soon as possible, before the meeting on 20 October. According to IOC guidelines, a boy and a girl should be chosen as flag bearers.

Medal ceremonies: No information regarding the medals to be awarded to athletes (design to be provided for approval by ANOCA EXCO).

Participation certificates for all participants.

Competition schedule: Immediately draft a competition schedule with the technical support of confederations and national federations.

National federations: involve them in organising their competitions.

Catering: Define a plan with all information, locations, and schedules.

Referees: Accommodation, transportation, allowances, and provide them with arrival and departure information 2 (two) days before the competitions, departure one (1) day after.

Specific equipment: Facilitate transportation, customs for medicines, weapons, bicycles, horses, and journalists' equipment.

Need to send invitations to the Ministers of Sports as soon as possible.

Age limit: 14 - 16 years

Parental authorisation required for all athletes as well as birth certificates.

Health insurance for each athlete covered by their NOC.

Doctors must send their professional practice certificates.

Assignment of volunteers with language skills (French-English).

Share the signal with all participating countries to give the Games greater exposure (possibility of live streaming on social media). Possibility of calling on the ANOC.

Provide spaces to store equipment, a medical area for massage according to the number of athletes per delegation, and a meeting room. This will be done depending on the availability of the assigned spaces.

Next meeting: October 21, online.

ANOCA and the Organizing Committee of the African Youth Games, Angola 2025, particularly the ANOCA Games Coordination Committee team, remain at your disposal for any questions or additional assistance your Chef de Mission may need.

Best regards,

Mustapha Berraf

ANOCA President
IOC Member
Vice President of ANOC


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Zimbabwe Olympic Committee (ZOC)

ATHLETES' COMMISSION MAKES STRONG CASE FOR OLYMPIC VALUES PROMOTION



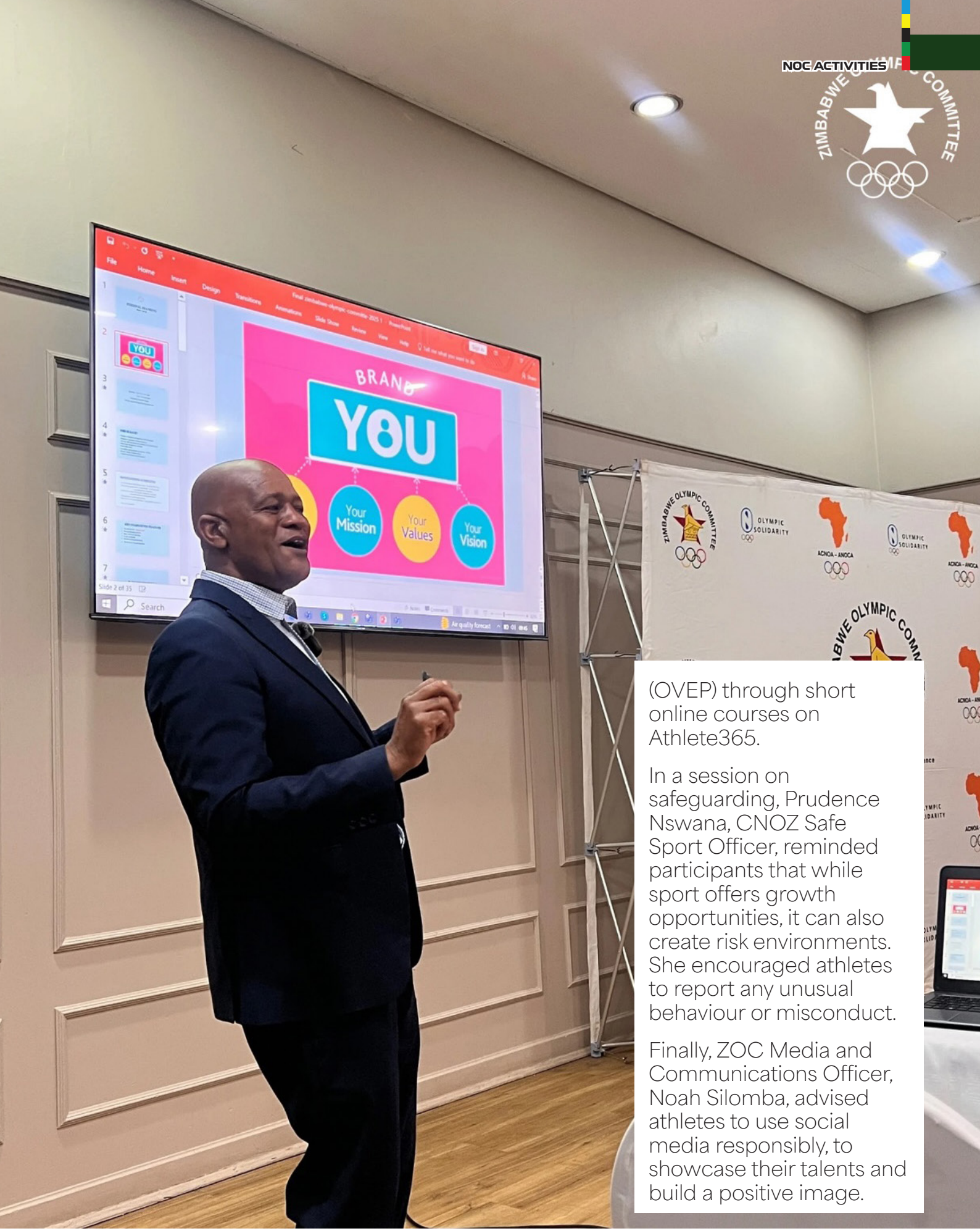
The Athletes' Commission (AC) of the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee recently organised a forum, which concluded after impactful sessions that addressed key issues affecting athletes, including mental health, safeguarding, Olympic values, and responsible social media use.

Speaking on the occasion, psychologist Stephanie Chibwe underscored the importance of prioritising mental well-being, stressing that mental resilience is crucial for athletes' success both on and off the field. She encouraged youths to build self-confidence from within, rather than relying solely on external approval.

Richard Mulenga, AC Board Member, highlighted the Olympic values of friendship, excellence, and respect, emphasising their relevance in both competition and everyday life. He also shared insights into the history of the Olympic Games.

Olympafrica Director, Tinyiko Kamanga, urged athletes to promote Olympic values within their federations and participate in the Olympic Values Education Programme





(OVEP) through short online courses on Athlete365.

In a session on safeguarding, Prudence Nswana, CNOZ Safe Sport Officer, reminded participants that while sport offers growth opportunities, it can also create risk environments. She encouraged athletes to report any unusual behaviour or misconduct.

Finally, ZOC Media and Communications Officer, Noah Silomba, advised athletes to use social media responsibly, to showcase their talents and build a positive image.



Uganda Olympic Committee (UOC)

NATIONAL ATHLETES' WORKSHOP DISCUSSES ATHLETES' WELL-BEING AND EMPOWERMENT



The Uganda Olympic Committee (UOC) recently organised a two-day national athletes' workshop dubbed 'Your Voice, Your Power,' at Nob View Hotel in Kampala. The workshop brought together athletes, coaches, sports officials, and media professionals to discuss critical issues affecting athletes' well-being and empowerment. Key topics included mental health, safeguarding, competition integrity, and media literacy, with a focus on equipping participants to defend their rights and promote their personal and professional well-being.

Expert presentations were delivered by Patricia Nateza Mbowa on mental health and Cissy Musiime on athlete safeguarding, emphasising the need for safe and inclusive environments.

Interactive sessions covered sports nutrition, competition integrity, and effective media communication. Speakers included Irene Blick, who highlighted the importance of nutrition for performance, Kevin Ayijuka, who discussed the dangers of competition manipulation, and Usher Kyomugisha, who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encouraged athletes to build confidence in media interactions.

The workshop concluded with a message from Dr. Donald Rukare, reminding athletes to respect host country rules and regulations when competing abroad. Certificates of participation and gifts of appreciation were presented to athletes, marking a successful conclusion to the workshop.



NOC Zambia (NOCZ)

INCLUSIVE SPORTS FESTIVAL BRINGS TOGETHER 500 CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THE POWER OF SPORTS AND INCLUSION



The National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) successfully hosted the 2025 edition of the Inclusive Sports Festival on 10 October at NASDEC, bringing together over 500 children with diverse skills to celebrate the power of sports and inclusion.

The festival, themed «***Beyond the Game: Inclusion Today, Leadership Tomorrow,***» provided a platform for children to learn Olympic values such as excellence, friendship, and respect while promoting social inclusion.

NOCZ President Alfred Foloko expressed gratitude to the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) for their unwavering support, highlighting the festival's lasting impact on children's lives.

NIF representative Nchimunya Mweetwa commended the festival's organization, praising its ability to unite children through inclusive sports activities.

Guest of Honor Makasa Mwenya-Fundafunda, Senior Refugee Officer and Representative



of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Zambia, reaffirmed her office's commitment to inclusion, emphasising that societies thrive when every child has the opportunity to participate and shine.

NOCZ Secretary General Boniface Kambikambi lauded partners for their massive support, congratulating them on enabling children to enjoy various sports activities.

The festival was attended by key partners, including the Zambia Judo Association, Sport in Action, Response Network, and NOWSPAR (Women in Sport), as well as representatives from the National Sports Council of Zambia, OYDC Zambia, and the National Paralympic Committee of Zambia.

The 2025 Inclusive Sports Festival demonstrated that sports can be a powerful tool for building inclusive communities where every child can belong, participate, and lead.

Suffice it to note that on 27 August 2025, the Zambia Commonwealth Games Association made history when Vice President Dr. W.K. Mutale NALUMANGO received the first King's Baton Relay under the reign of King Charles III at the Cabinet Office on behalf of President Hakainde HICHILEMA.

Dr NALUMANGO highlighted the significance of the King's Baton Relay, emphasising that it embodies hope and unity within the Commonwealth family and symbolises shared values of solidarity, goodwill, and respect. She encouraged athletes to strive for excellence as they represent Zambia at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.


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NOC Zambia (NOCZ)

IOC-NOCZ MEETING

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT



The President of NOC Zambia (NOCZ), Alfred FOLOKO, accompanied by Secretary General Boniface KAMBIKAMBI, were received in audience by the IOC President Kirsty COVENTRY at the Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland. The meeting sought to strengthen cooperation and expand opportunities for support and development. It also highlighted existing programmes jointly conducted by the IOC and NOCZ, through Olympic Solidarity.

During their visit to the Olympic House, the Zambian flag flew alongside the IOC flag, symbolising the presence of the Zambian delegation. In a gesture of traditional Zambian hospitality, President FOLOKO presented gifts to President COVENTRY to wish her a warm welcome to the Olympic House.

Furthermore, President Alfred FOLOKO and Secretary General Boniface KAMBIKAMBI continued discussions with IOC officials on various topics, including: the Olympic Values Education Programme, AC programmes and development, the IOC's structure and international sports system, ethics and compliance, Olympafrica, Olympism365, and the 2025-2028 programme.





These meetings are part of the ongoing collaboration between the IOC and its NOCs to promote Olympism and address common challenges.



NOC Zambia (NOCZ)

ATHLETES' FORUM ADVOCATES ENHANCED SPORTS GOVERNANCE AND STRONGER ATHLETE INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING



The Athletes' Commission of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) held a two-day forum on 12 and 13 September 2025, at the Mika Hotel in Lusaka, bringing together athletes from various sports associations. NOCZ Board Member Mwape Zulu, representing President Alfred Foloko, officially opened the forum, emphasising that athletes are the heart of the Olympic Movement.

In a speech read on his behalf, President Foloko reaffirmed NOCZ's commitment to translating the forum's outcomes into tangible actions, aimed at improving sports governance through increased athlete involvement in decision-making. He expressed hope that the athletes' inputs would yield positive results, enhance their sports careers and contribute to overall sports development in Zambia.

«***Let's continue to work together, in unity and with determination, so that every athlete has the opportunity to thrive, and sport continues to represent a symbol of excellence, integrity, and inspiration,***» FOLOKO urged. He added that


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the Forum is not just a meeting, but also an essential platform where athletes' voices are heard and valued.

The last day of the Athletes' Commission Forum featured sessions on integrity in sports/ prevention of competition manipulation, sports and religion, a panel discussion with Olympians, and interaction with NOCZ President Alfred FOLOKO and Secretary General Boniface KAMBIKAMBI.



Mauritius Olympic Committee (MOC)

ASMC 2025

25 SPORTS MOVEMENT STAKEHOLDERS RECEIVE TRAINING



The Mauritius Olympic Committee (MOC) is pleased to announce the successful completion of the 12th edition of the Advanced Sport Management Course (ASMC), which officially closed on 5 October 2025, with a certificate award ceremony at the MOC headquarters in Trianon. The highlight of this edition was the training of 25 participants of the excellence batch, with a 100% success rate, as part of efforts to build management and leadership skills within the national sports movement.

Implemented under the aegis of Olympic Solidarity, the programme recorded an exceptional success rate, with all 25 registered participants completing the course successfully, setting a new standard of commitment and performance.

The six-month programme, which began in March and ran until September, was led by Programme Director Mr Sanjaye GOBOODUN, with the support of the Coordinator, Ms Vinesha COOCARAM. ASMC is a strategic step in strengthening management and leadership skills within the national sports movement.



The ceremony took place in the presence of Mr Richard PAPIE, First Vice President of MOC, and Executive Committee members Mr Soureindra SEEBALUCK and Mr Rajessen DESSCANN. They both praised participants' exemplary commitment and emphasised the importance of applying acquired skills to drive sports development in Mauritius.



Comprising representatives from various national federations, this cohort



presented applied projects, demonstrating their ability to analyse, plan, and innovate to improve the performance of local sports structures.

ASMC 2025 was a resounding success, marking a significant step forward in the professionalisation of the country's sports sector. MOC is expecting to receive official certificates from Olympic Solidarity soon, leading to international recognition of acquired skills.

The new graduates now represent a strategic resource for sports development in Mauritius, contributing to efficient governance, modern and transparent management, and optimal support for athletes towards excellence.

MOC reaffirmed its commitment to sustainably investing in the training of sports movement stakeholders, thereby consolidating the foundations for a promising future for sport in Mauritius.



NOC Guinea (CNOSG)

TOKYO 2025

CNOSG AWARDS OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY SCHOLARSHIP TO FATOUMATA BALLEY



The National Olympic Committee of Guinea (CNOSG) recently awarded an Olympic Solidarity scholarship to Fatoumata BALLEY, a talented Guinean high jumper who shone at the 2025 Tokyo World Athletics Championships.

This scholarship, a well-deserved reward, is part of the IOC's programme and aims to support BALLEY's technical, physical, and mental preparation as she strives to qualify for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

CNOSG congratulated BALLEY on her remarkable achievement as a finalist in the women's high jump, ranking among the top 12 jumpers in the world and 3rd in Africa. Congratulations were also extended to the Athletics Federation of Guinea, as well as all those who contributed to this performance.

The award demonstrates CNOSG's commitment to promoting sports excellence in Guinea and supporting its talented athletes. The Committee expressed pride in BALLEY's inspiring journey and reaffirmed its unwavering support for her future endeavours.






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ANOCA Zone 3 Games:

BURKINA FASO HOSTS SECOND EDITION



Burkina Faso played host to the 2nd edition the ANOCA Zone 3 Games from 12 to 19 October 2025, a celebration of African unity, sportsmanship, and fraternity.

The event brought together athletes and officials from eight countries of the sub-region: Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Liberia, Niger, Mali, and, of course, the host country, Burkina Faso.

For a week, delegations competed in 11 sports disciplines, including athletics, cycling, volleyball, handball, and weightlifting. Competitions were held mainly at the Stade du 4-Août and in the hall of NOC Burkina Faso (CNOSB) in Ouagadougou.

For CNOSB President Jean Singapinda YAMÉOGO, who also doubles as ANOCA Zone 3 President, the games represent much more than just a competition. «***Our goal is to enable our confederations to compete, to measure up with other federations in the region. This will help us to gauge their level, before aspiring to other international competitions,***» he declared.

He also emphasised that the games aim to strengthen social cohesion, promote sports partnerships, and consolidate fraternal bonds among the nations of the West African sub-region.

Fully committed to promoting a positive image of Burkina Faso, Jean Singapinda YAMÉOGO sees the games as a strategic opportunity to showcase the country on the regional sports scene. His active diplomacy within ANOCA Zone 3 enabled Burkina Faso to secure hosting rights for





this second edition, in a regional context where peace, unity, and youths are major priorities.

First held in Lomé from 5 to 8 December 2023, the games brought together eight countries from Zone 3 in three disciplines: Basketball 3x3, Handball, and Women's Volleyball. The competition saw Côte d'Ivoire emerge victorious in Basketball and Handball, while Nigeria dominated the Volleyball final. It was a successful first edition, which laid the groundwork for a regular event on the regional sports calendar.

Beyond sports performance, the games have a dual purpose: to promote women's sports, still undervalued in several countries in the sub-region, and serve as a preparation platform for Olympic qualifiers. Mr Julien MINAVOA, President of NOC Benin confirmed this mission when he stated that, «***The main objective of the games was to promote women's sports and to prepare athletes for Olympic qualifiers***.»



HISTORY

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa was established on 28 June 1981 in Lomé, 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.

Missions and Role

ANOCA abides by the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and has as missions to:

- **Contribute** to the development, promotion and protection of the Olympic Movement and its autonomy in Africa, in accordance with the Olympic Charter;
- **Serve and promote** the interests of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their relations with third parties on matters of general interest, in collaboration with the IOC and ANOC;
- **Promote** understanding, cooperation and mutual assistance among African NOCs;
- **Assist** African NOCs, in collaboration with the IOC, in promoting, developing and defending Olympic ethics, good governance in sport, financial transparency and sustainability in the actions of NOCs on the African continent;
- **Work** closely with African NOCs to make judicious use of funds made available by Olympic Solidarity and ANOC;
- **Support** the NOCs in organising and coordinating Africa's preparation for and participation in the Olympic Games, Intercontinental Games and Multisport Games;
- **Develop and maintain** cooperation ties between African NOCs, IOC, ANOC and other continental member associations;
- **Organise**, pursuant to the Olympic Charter, continental games in close collaboration with African NOCs and other third-party organisations, with the aim of promoting high performance and sustainable development in sport, and require the organisation of continental games;
- **Collaborate** generally with governmental and non-governmental sports organisations in order to facilitate the development and implementation in Africa of a coherent sports development strategy that translates into operational programmes the right of all to participate in physical and sports activities.


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