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## President's message

### Here comes a new year with the African Youth Games featuring prominently

Dear readers, after 2013, a year that witnessed the election of a new ANOCA Executive Committee, here comes a new year with the promise of hectic events. Following the renewal of the governing bodies of our Association and various elections organised by NOCs of our continent, I can say, on the threshold of 2014, that all is set to tackle the next twelve months, which promise to be

intense both in terms of the number of projects to be developed as well as sporting events to be organised at continental and global levels.

The greatest continental sporting event will of course be the 2nd edition of the African Youth Games. Scheduled to be celebrated from 22 to 31 May in Gaborone, this event is expected to be a huge success both in terms of organisation and participation. We will have to confirm to the world that this event is central to our aspiration, that of ensuring the continuity of sport on the continent. The message of these Games must sound clearly to our young people: "Inspiring a joyful generation."

Outside the continent, we should equally be concerned with Africa's participation in major sports events organised across the world. We are bound to participate in





great numbers with outstanding performances in order to earn ourselves exposure and respect. Prominent amongst these events are the 22nd Winter Olympics going on in Sochi (7 to 23 February 2014), and in which athletes from Morocco, Togo and Zimbabwe are participating.

The other major event in which representatives of the African continent will be participating this year is the 2nd edition of the Youth Olympic Games to be hosted by the city of Nanjing from 16 to 28 August. The maiden edition, which took place from 14 to 26 August 2010 in Singapore, afforded African athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents and exhibit their fair play spirit. The 2012 Olympic champion, Chad Le Clos, who is a household name today, counts among this generation of young athletes who, by their feats, did the entire Continent proud.

The 20th edition of the FIFA World Cup scheduled to run from 12 June to 13 July will also be one of our major challenges. With five nations of the Continent competing alongside 27 others, we are duty bound to rise to the occasion with a befitting performance.

Dear readers, the organisation of the second African Youth Games and our participation in all the major events mentioned above must be done in the Olympic spirit. I thus urge the concerned athletes, team officials and sports administrators to do their utmost to inspire respect for the opponent and promote fair play. In a nutshell, they should get a good grasp of the values of Olympism.

On behalf of ANOCA, I wish that our athletes, our 54 member NOCs and the entire African Olympic family will, this year, pursue and achieve their dreams while upholding Olympic values.

Dear readers, I avail myself of this opportunity to once more extend to you my best wishes for the year 2014. May it bring you good health, prosperity, long life and, above all, success in all your undertakings and endeavours that showcase the African Olympic Movement.

Happy and prosperous New Year 2014!

Intendant General Lassana Palenfo,  
President of ANOCA



# African NOC News

## CNO-CIV: Intendant General Lassana Palenfo gets another term

**Intendant General Lassana Palenfo** has again been elected as President of NOC Cote d'Ivoire (CNO-CIV). This was during the General Assembly of that body on 21 December 2013, which brought together 18 Presidents of member national sports federations. All the 18 presidents cast their votes in favour of **Lassana Palenfo**, thus giving him certificate for his management during the 2009-2012 Olympiad.

Quite satisfied with this renewal of confidence, the newly elected president told his peers: **"I count on you to succeed during this tenure. Without you, there will be no NOC. We need strong presidents to man strong NOCs. We should thus strive to be strong."**

Moreover, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo has also, since 2005, been the president of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA.

### CNO-CIV New Bureau

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## CNO zambien : Miriam Moyo réélu Président



**Miriam Moyo** a été réélu le 7 décembre 2014 pour un troisième mandat à la tête du Comité National Olympique de la Zambie. C'était au cours d'une session électorale de l'Assemblée générale de cette institution. Il avait pour principal rival **Josab Changa**, directeur du marketing et des communications de la Fédération zambienne de handball.

**Moyo**, comptable de formation a été élu pour la première fois en tant que Président de ce CNO. En 2009, les membres de l'Assemblée générale lui ont renouvelé leur confiance.

Au cours du scrutin, **Hazel Kennedy** a également été réélue comme Secrétaire général de ce CNO pour la troisième fois consécutive.

## MOC: IOC recognises Chief Justice Richard Banda

The "2013 IOC Trophy - 150 Years **Pierre de Coubertin...**" was awarded to Chief Justice **Richard Banda**, honorary member of the Malawi Olympic Committee (MOC). The award ceremony took place on 26 November 2013, at the Kamuzu Palace. The trophy was handed by the Vice President of NOC Malawi, **Flora Mwandira**, with the entire MOC Executive Board members in attendance.



Chief Justice Richard Banda received another distinction on that occasion, the Olympic Wreath, which was awarded to him at the closing of the recent mini Olympic Games. The latter event was an utter success to which the recipient fully



contributed as is his wont. During that ceremony, the Chief Justice, who said he was quite honoured to receive both distinctions made a donation of one million kwacha, the local currency, as support to the mini games. MOC officials promised to use the donation to offset pending bills occasioned by the mini games.

Both distinctions were awarded in recognition of the illustrious dignitary's efforts in the furtherance of sport and Olympism in Malawi.

## NOC Guinea: Alpha Ibrahim Diallo receives IOC award



**N**OC Guinea on 21 December 2013 organised a ceremony during which **Alpha Ibrahim Diallo**, honorary IOC member, received the 2013 IOC Trophy – 150 years **Pierre de Coubertin**... He received the trophy during a function at the People's Palace in Conakry, which was presided at by the Minister for International Cooperation, **Koutoubou Sanoh**, representing the Prime Minister. The ceremony was graced by several other dignitaries like current and former members of Government, a former speaker of the National Assembly, and several presidents of member sports federations.

Successive speakers dwelled on **Alpha Ibrahim Diallo's** merits, describing him as a man who has devoted all his life to defend Olympism and the values of sport. Besides, he had held several positions within the African Olympic and Sporting Movement, and was President of ANOCA from 2001 to 2005. In his address

presented on the occasion, **Alpha Ibrahim Diallo** heartily thanked NOC Guinea and lauded the IOC to whom, he said, he owed everything.





## Senegal organises sport evaluation Seminar



**A**t the initiative of NOC Senegal and the country's Ministry of Sports, a seminar was organised on 25 November 2013 to evaluate sport nationwide. The organisers thus availed themselves of this opportunity to reflect on the need to define competitions and disciplines, and identify elite sportsmen and women.

In his opening remarks, the Director of Elite Competition, **Souleymane Boun Daouda Diop**, outlined the stakes involved and defined the conditions for the grooming of a **"2020 generation"** to prepare for upcoming major events.

According to him, **"Positive results in international competitions contribute significantly in consolidating social cohesion, asserting national identity and polishing the country's image. Poor performances spark off diplomatic tensions, social unrest and even crises within governments."**

Besides, the Director of Elite Competition is of the opinion that any sportsman or woman who is at the elite level by virtue of their performance can play the role of ambassador. There is thus need today to grant them a status and provide them with conducive conditions; they will as such be **"worthy"** ambassadors of their countries in international competitions. **"Their behaviour, declarations and attitude may impact their country's image either positively or negatively,"** Souleymane Boun Daouda Diop enthused.

## Rio 2016: South Africa chooses training site



**A**head of the forthcoming summer Olympic Games billed for Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, the Republic of South Africa recently chose its training centre located in Gemona, Italy. The centre shall thus be the training ground for

Team SA prior to the planetary event for which the rainbow nation has made its intentions very clear, that is, bettering its London 2012 performance.





## CNOT: Seminar for officials of national Technical Departments



Assisted by Olympic Solidarity and ANOCA, NOC Tunisia from 9 to 12 December 2013 organised a seminar for some 60 representatives of national technical departments, who received training and refresher courses on the role of NTDs. Talking on the occasion, CNOT President, **Mehrez Boussayene**, underscored that the technical director is the catalyst of the

federation's action, be it in developing the practice of the activity he conducts or in matters pertaining to elite sport. In his opinion, the NTD should be a real manager in his discipline. **Mehrez Boussayene** further pointed out to participants that his NOC will spare no efforts in backing the action of federations, notably in strengthening the administrative setup, training cadres and assisting elite athletes.

The Tunis seminar was facilitated by **Philippe Fleurance**, international expert and conference speaker at INSEP Paris.

## NOC Mali to prioritise Institutional Communication and Olympic Culture in 2014



Pursuant to article 21 of its constitution, NOC Mali recently organised an annual General Assembly in Bamako. Chaired by **Habib Sissoko**, the meeting brought together delegates from 20 federations of the Electoral College. The main thrust was to assess the implementation of the General Assembly's recommendations in 2012 and scrutinise the progress and financial reports.

After calling for a minute of silence in memory of all the victims of terrorist attacks in the three northern regions of Mali in recent years, CNOSM President, **Habib Sissoko**, said that the Executive Committee strove to implement Olympic Solidarity programmes and the CNOSM programme. In this regard, he said that his institution "succeeded in managing Mali's participation in the London Olympics in 2012. It stepped up capacity building through national training courses for sports administrators and advanced sport management courses." He then lauded the performances of certain fede-







rations, citing the Eagles of Mali, who were ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations, athletics during the Solidarity Tournament as well as the participation of the tennis and volleyball federations in sub-regional competitions.

Participants further reviewed the recommendations of the last General Assembly. These included the development of sport at the base by organising youth competitions, difficulties encountered by the Committee during its four-year tenure, construction of the Olympic Museum and the Olympic Academy.

In the words of the CNOSM Secretary-General, **Mohamed Oumar Traoré**, the construction of the Olympic Museum, the Olympic Academy as well as the revival of the website shall feature amongst CNOSM priorities this year.

Institutional communication shall thus be strengthened by the opening of an online information portal. Olympic culture shall also be developed through the museum, where all information concerning the history of Olympism in Mali shall be made available, especially the country's participation in various Olympic Games. The Olympic Academy shall help in disseminating the values of Olympism.



## CNOSM: moving on with training programme for sports administrators



The forward looking training programme for Malian sports administrators continued in Sikasso region with the organisation from 9 to 12 November 2013 of a sports administration seminar dubbed **“National Olympic and Sports Courses.”** Such seminars had earlier been organised in the Kayes, Koulikoro, Ségou and Mopti regions. The Sikasso rendez vous brought together 26 participants and was facilitated by three CNOSM experts: **Tidiani Niambélé, Oumarou Tamboura** and **Alassane Mariko**. The opening ceremony was presided at by the Administrative and Legal Affairs Adviser to the Governor of the Region, and attended by the National Youth and Sports Director and the President of the Regional Olympic and Sports Committee.

Among the issues discussed on the occasion were sports management through marketing, leadership, good governance and planning. The seminar also dwelled on the history of the Olympic Movement from antiquity to date and the revival of the Olympic Games by **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**.

In the words of one of the expert, Tidiani Niambele, **“For four days,”** he underscored, **“we discovered together, with joy, the Olympic Movement, the Olympic value of fair play, culture, Olympic education, sport and the environment, sport and peace. Yet the knowledge we have acquired during this training will serve no purpose if we cannot apply it in our daily lives. I believe that none of us has the right to disappoint our NOC and by extension tarnish the memory of Baron de Coubertin, who is the solid foundation on which is built the gargantuan, living and evolving edifice we call Olympism,”** the expert concluded.

The National Olympic and Sports Courses are part of a training programme initiated by CNOSM to build the capacities of sports administrators. The programme seeks to improve on their analytical, persuasive and management skills in the running of sports leagues and associations.



## NOCs sign agreement with French Regional Olympic and Sports Committee

A protocol agreement that concluded the Olympic Movement's first Euro-Mediterranean forum was signed in Marseille, France, on 22 November 2013 between NOC representatives from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco and the Regional Olympic and Sports Committee of the Alps Province (CROS). The document was signed by the following persons on behalf of their respective bodies : **Amar Bouras** (1st Vice President of NOC Algeria), **Mahmoud Hammami** (Secretary-General NOC Tunisia), **Mustapha Zekri** (1st Vice President NOC Morocco) and **Pierre Mariné** (CROS President).

The officials also sought, through this agreement, to harness their efforts and share experiences within a **"Euro-Mediterranean Network."** The newly created forum also seeks to initiate discussions, notably with a view to rationalising sports governance modes, professionalising activities, structures and stakeholders, as well as optimising human, financial and material resources. It thus aims at sport development and encourages youth encounters.

## NOC Algeria holds Extraordinary General Assembly

**An extraordinary session of the General Assembly of NOC Algeria (COA) was recently convened in Algiers, capital city of Algeria**

The meeting was attended by 50 members, amongst them 19 representatives of Olympic federations and dignitaries of Algerian sport and was graced by the Minister of Youth and Sports, **Mr Mohamed Tahmi**.

The COA session focused on a few amendments on the constitution and rules of procedure of that body. The constitutional amendments bore on the change of the official appellation of the Olympic body, which shall henceforth be called **"the Algerian Olympic and Sports Committee"** but shall maintain the abbreviation COA. Participants discussed other issues, notably articles relating to doping control and violence in sports, as well as national representation within international sports governing bodies. Participants further voted against the limitation of the tenure of office of the COA President and Executive Committee members. Another noticeable innovation is the setting up of a COA Court of Arbitration that will have jurisdiction over sports disputes between sports organisation bodies and their members.

COA President, **Mustapha Berraf**, expressed satisfaction with the quality of the deliberations: **"I wish to thank members of the general Assembly for unanimously voting the new COA constitution and rules of procedure which are in keeping with the provisions of the new sports law, the**







### Olympic Charter and management model that should be upheld within an Olympic body.”

On his part, the Minister of youth and Sports, **Mohamed Tahmi**, dwelled on the autonomy of the Algerian Sports Movement that must henceforth comply with Algerian law; he underscored that public authorities will henceforth have no free hand or meddle with sports issues.

It should be noted that these amendments are sequel to the major COA guidelines outlined in 2013 during the election of a new Executive Committee headed by **Mustapha Berraf**.

## 84 athletes to represent Algeria at the 2nd African Youth Games



**A**lgeria shall be represented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Youth Games billed for Gaborone from 22 to 31 May 2014 by a powerful delegation of 84 athletes who will be participating in the following disciplines : **athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, golf, judo, karate, swimming, tennis, table tennis, taekwondo, weightlifting and basketball (3X3).**

The Gaborone jamboree will bring together 2,500 athletes from 54 countries of the continent, with 20 disciplines on schedule, to be staged at 14 competition venues.

According to COA President, **Mustapha Berraf**, who granted a news conference in this regard: **“federations, which are the only bodies empowered to make a pronouncement on this issue, are expected prepare and make projections. They are also those to select their athletes for the YOGs.”**



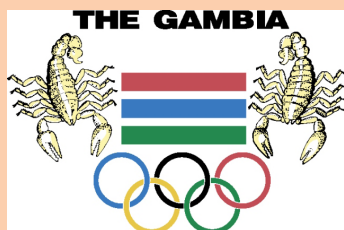
## GOC organises seminar for sports journalists



The Ghana Olympic Committee (GOC) in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) recently organised a two-day seminar for sports journalists in Ghana. The seminar brought together 40 journalists from radio, television, as well as the print and cybernetic press. The courses aimed mainly at providing the sports press with necessary knowledge, information and skills to upgrade their reports during the Olympic Games and other international events. It also sought to build their capacities to enable them use their positions as information relays to handle information gathered with discretion, equity and objectivity.

As such, the seminar dwelled on a number of themes : Olympism and the Olympic Games, the role of GOC in the development of sport in Ghana; media coverage at the Olympics, issues of reliability, equity and ethics in journalism as well as funding of Sport in the country. Speakers included eminent and experienced dignitaries like honorary GOC member, **Peter Kpordugbe**, GOC Secretary-General, **Richard Akpokavie**, seasoned sports journalist, **Ken Bediako** and GOC President, **Pr Francis Dodoo**.

## GNOC: refresher course for taekwondo coaches



The Gambia National Olympic Committee, in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity and the Gambia Taekwondo Association organised a refresher course for taekwondo coaches from 19 to 30 December 2014.

The course took place at the Independence Stadium and was facilitated by World Taekwondo Federation expert, **Aly Noure Muhammed Taher** from Egypt. During the closing ceremony, Aly Noure Muhammed Taher thanked GNOC, participants and everyone who helped facilitate the course in one way or the other. **"I hope that 2014 will mark a new beginning for taekwondo in Gambia,"** he declared. **Peter Prom**, GNOC Secretary-General who represented the President, thanked the facilitator, saying that his presence was appreciated and that the course will most certainly boost the practice of taekwondo in the country. GNOC also awarded the instructor a certificate for his generosity and love for Gambia.





## NOCK: Kip Keino's rallying call



**A**t a meeting held recently with representatives of national sports federations, the president of NOC Kenya, **Kip Keino**, called for the settlement of all disputes in the interest of sport in the country, which has multiple challenges to rise to this year. The NOC President mentioned notably his country's participation in the 2nd African Youth Games in Gaborone, the 2nd Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing and the Commonwealth Games billed for Glasgow. He insisted that all federations should work hand in glove in the interest of young people.

Suffice it to note that federations like boxing, table tennis, judo and taekwondo have of recent been rocked by internal wrangling.

## MOC trains women in sport management



**T**he Malawi Olympic Committee (MOC) recently organised a capacity building seminar in sport management for women in the Ntcheu district. According to the Vice President of MOC, **Flora Mwandira**, it is primordial to ensure the participation of both genders in sports practice and management. She observed that most women do not take part in sports management and thus hoped that the number of women participating in sports management will increase subsequently. The youth official in the Ntcheu

district, **Mathero Kambalame**, pointed out that women have oftentimes been sidelined in sports management while men were favoured. To her, such a seminar was thus quite timely.

**Mercy Mziya**, a referee and seminar participant, asserted that this training helped her realise what she could do as a woman to develop sport.



## NOC Somalia hopes to reach out to all regions of the country



**D**esirous of extending its development programmes to all regions of the country, NOC Somalia sent a powerful delegation led by its Secretary-General to Jubaland to meet with local sports and political leaders to discuss sport development prospects in the region.

During a meeting held with the press in Kismayo, a city that is famous for sports practice, the Secretary-General, **Duran Farah**, said they came to meet, discuss and inform the sports community in the Juba region on progress made by NOC Somalia since their election in January 2013, observing that they will reach out to other regions of the country.

## COA organises training course for women's volleyball coaches

**T**he Algerian Olympic Committee (COA), in partnership with Olympic Solidarity and the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) organised a coaching course for elite women athletes. The training took place from 4 to 15 December 2013, in Algiers. The aim was to drill the female athletes in skills necessary for the development of joint projects, self improvement and ways of building the



future of sport. It also aimed at integrating the former players professionally and introducing them to the coaching profession. 24 female volleyball players from all generations took the course, which was facilitated by FIVB experts **Messrs Abdelkader OULD AMMAR**, as training director and **Mohamed HACENI** as instructor.

The closing ceremony, which took place on 15 December 2014, was graced by the Minister of Youth and Sports, **Pr Mohamed TAHMI**, COA President, **Mustapha BERRAF** and the Olympians **Hassiba BOULMERKA** and **Abderahmane HAMMAD**. All participants received end-of-course attestations.







its establishment on 16 February 1963. They are: **Ekoue Godfried, Anani Mathia, Gnofame Zoumaro and Poutoyi Nabede.**

## NOC Togo clocks 50

**N**OC Togo (CNOT) has clocked 50. While announcing news of the imminent golden jubilee celebration, the CNOT President, **Auguste Dogbo**, said that much ground has been covered in 50 years: **"our role was to help people understand the benefits of sport, culture and a healthy environment. We suppose that we have done much for sport in Togo by managing our participation in several Olympic Games and assisting sports federations in the discharge of their duties. We have a highly positive balance sheet to show."**

As part of the celebrations, CNOT hopes to construct a Museum of Togolese sports and to create an Olympic course in Lome. Four presidents have headed NOC Togo since

## COA: Si Mohamed Djamel wins IOC Pierre de Coubertin Trophy



**T**he IOC **Pierre de Coubertin** Trophy was awarded to Si **Mohamed Djamel** who has contributed enormously to sports promotion in Algeria. He was President of the School Sports Federation, the National Athletics Federation and member of the International Athletics Federation. The trophy was handed to him by the Minister of Higher Education, **Mohamed Mebarki**. While receiving it, **Si Mohamed Djamel** expressed total satisfaction and said he was ready to continue working for the development of sport in Algeria.

## NOC Uganda: Gabriel Wangara Jaliisa Oloka receives 2013 IOC Trophy



**G**abriel Wangara Jaliisa Oloka is the winner of the 2013 IOC trophy. The IOC trophy is a major award for outstanding contribution to the furtherance of Olympism and its values, as well as the development of athletes in Olympic sports. The recipient, who was born on 1 November 1941, said he was very happy to receive such an honour. He further went on to say that he has worked for 40 years with various sports federations and had no issues with the press. He thanked all pressmen and women (print, electronic and others), for promoting sports activities. He made special mention of **Charles Bwekyaso, Patrick Luwandagga** and a host of many others who, he said, have been doing a first rate job.



# AFRICAN SPORT

## Africa in Sochi 2014

Africa is being represented by a number of athletes at the winter Olympic Games that kicked off in Sochi, Russia, on 7 February. The are from Morocco, Togo and Zimbabwe. The latter two will be participating for the very first time in the winter Olympics.

### Introducing Africa's Representatives

#### - Morocco

This is Morocco's sixth participation after 1968, 1984, 1988, 1992 and 2010. The kingdom is represented this time around by two skiers, one male and one female. The man, 18-year old **Adam Lamhamedi**, came to limelight in 2012 after winning the gold medal (Super-G) at the Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, becoming the first African to pull such a feat.

As for the woman, 17-year old **Kenza Tazi**, she will be participating in slalom and giant slalom.

#### - Togo

Participating for the first time, Togo is represented in Sochi by two athletes. The French-Togolese skier, **Petit jean Amivi**, who trains in the French Alps clinched her ticket and will be competing in the 10km classic event. She will be accompanied by **Alessia Afi Dipol**, who will feature in alpine ski in the slalom events.

#### - Zimbabwe

Like Togo, Zimbabwe is participating for the very first time in the winter Olympics. 20-year old skier, **Luke Steyn**, is the only athlete of the delegation. He will be defending the nation in slalom and giant slalom.



### Sotchi 2014 Opening Ceremony Flagbearers

Zimbabwe **Luke STEYN**

Morocco **Adam LAMHAMEDI**

TOGO **Mathilde Amivi PETIT JEAN**





## Canoe-kayak : Tunisia emerge African champions



Tunisia won the 7th African Canoe-Kayak championships that took place recently on lake Tunis. With a total medal haul of 34 (15 gold, 8 silver and 11 bronze), the host country held full sway over the competition, largely distancing runners-up, South Africa (6 gold and 12 silver medals), and third placed Senegal (5 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals). 15 countries were in the starting blocks, namely Algeria, South Africa, Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Sao Tome and Principe and of course the host country and ultimate winner, Tunisia.

## Judo: Ababacar Fall aka Mbaye Boye bows out



**A**babacar Fall aka Mbaye Boye, initiator of the Saint-Louis international judo tournament, one of the most famous judo events in Africa, died recently in Senegal. According to **Souleymane Boune Daouda Diop**, Director of Elite Competition at the Senegalese Ministry of Sports, **"He was bedridden for at least three months. It is a great loss for Senegalese sport in general and judo in particular."** Mbaye Boye, who passed on at the Saint-Louis hospital, was for several years a member of the governing bodies of judo in Senegal. He was also director of the Saint-Louis Sports Institute, which trained a good number of the country's judo practitioners.

Several political, civil and sports dignitaries appealed for the safeguard of the works of the deceased, especially the Saint-Louis international judo tournament, which was included in the international federation's calendar thanks to the deceased.



## CAA designates host cities of next three African championships



During an Executive Bureau meeting of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) held in Dakar, that body designated the hosts of the next three editions of the senior African Nations Championships. The countries are South Africa (2016), Nigeria (2018) and Algeria (2018), while Marrakech, Morocco, will play host to the 2014 edition. According to CAA President,

Hamad Kalkaba Malboun, **"The choice of host countries for the next four editions of our leading competition, the African Championships, will allow for greater transparency and this will induce sponsors to be more committed by our side."**

## Equatorial Guinea holds sports forum

A major recommendation of the sports forum held in Bata, the economic capital, from 17-19 January 2014 was that extensive awareness campaigns be organised to encourage Equatorial Guineans to practice sports, given that just about 5% of them currently do so. It was thus decided that particular emphasis be laid on the creation of sports practice centres to ensure continuity and to have teams comprising nationals contrary to the current situation whereby, as is the case with football for instance, 90% of players are naturalised foreigners. It was also recommended that national teams be set up in disciplines without any, in view of their participation in international competitions. The conference further recommended the setting up of a special fund for sports federations and tax breaks for corporations to enable them sponsor the country's clubs and teams.







## African sports diary

### ► **16 to 25 January 2014** : African nations Handball Cup

The 2014 edition 2014 of the African nations Handball Cup took place in Algeria. It will be an opportunity for the men's team to take its revenge on Tunisia, which beat them in the final of the 2012 edition. In the women's category, the Angolans, who were quite convincing during the 2013 world cup in Serbia will be fighting to maintain their supremacy.

### ► **4 April 2014** : Morocco Cycling Tour

### ► **6 to 12 April 2014** : Cycling

### ► **22 to 31 May 2014** : 2<sup>nd</sup> African Youth Games

The 2<sup>nd</sup> African Youth Games for youths aged 14 to 18 are billed for Gaborone, Botswana. The maiden edition was celebrated from 13 to 17 July 2010 in Rabat, Morocco. For now, 21 disciplines are on schedule and some 2,500 participants are expected to take part in this continental jamboree staged by ANOCA.

### ► **9 to 14 June 2014** : African Nations Rugby Championships (1B) in Tunis, Tunisia, pitting teams from Uganda, Tunisia, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire.

### ► **25 to 29 June 2014** : African Judo Championships in Ghana

### ► **26 June to 6 July 2014** : African Nations Rugby championships (1A)

Antananarivo will play host to the African Nations Rugby championships (1A). The winner of this tournament shall qualify for the 2015 world cup in England. The finalist shall take part in a playoff tournament. Teams in the run include Kenya, Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Namibia.

### ► **28 June 2014** : Athletics

### ► **10 to 14 August 2014** : 19<sup>th</sup> African Athletics Championships, Marrakech

Marrakech will host the 19<sup>th</sup> African athletics championships. In 2012, in Porto Novo, Benin, Nigeria topped the medal charts followed by Kenya and South Africa.

### ► **16 to 28 August 2014** : 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the youth Olympic Games (YOGs) reserved for 14-to-18-year olds will take place in Nanjing, China. The organizers hope to bring together 3,500 athletes in 28 disciplines, amongst them golf and rugby.



# Gaborone 2014

## 2<sup>nd</sup> African Youth Games 2<sup>èmes</sup> Jeux Africains de la Jeunesse

Courage - pride - dignity

Courage - fierté - dignité

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