



# ANOCA

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Update

## President's message

### Welcome to Abidjan!

Dear readers,  
ANOCA is highly honoured that it will bring together, on 12 and 13 July this year, delegates to its 15th ordinary General Assembly. This is always a unique platform that affords representatives of various African NOCs the opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to the Continental Olympic Movement. Of course, this General Assembly will be the most important for our Association on the threshold of this new quadrennial. Beyond the usual warmth of the reunion, we shall have to discuss the future of our movement and renew its governing organs through democratic



elections as is the case every four years.

We shall thus converge on Abidjan, the famous hospitable and cosmopolitan city of Côte d'Ivoire, which for the very first time will be hosting this major consultative come together of our continental NOC administrators. NOC Côte d'Ivoire, which I head, is singularly proud to host various participants at this grand assembly of African Olympism. Our NOC hopes to live up to its billing as host of this General Assembly by providing the best conditions for successful deliberations and treating all participants with its traditional hospitality.

Dear readers, by 31 May 2013, the ANOCA Secretariat General had received files from several candidates vying for various positions within our governing organs; our discussions should thus go on in a convivial atmosphere, in keeping with the Olympic spirit. Election results should be considered, not as a victory for one or many individuals, but as the triumph for Olympism. In fact, above and beyond personal passion and ambition, we are at the service of Olympism. We have taken moral commitments to foster its ideals and serve our youths; this must prevail.

There is no gainsaying that the 15th ANOCA General Assembly billed for Abidjan shall consolidate unity and help improve the management of the African Olympic Movement; it shall, by the same token, help define and coordinate our joint efforts during the quadrennial just beginning so that we can offer the youths of our Continent the best platform to display their sporting talents.

It will be my utmost pleasure to host you in Abidjan and I call on all of you to take active part in the discussions and contribute with all your experience and expertise to take decisions that will be most beneficial to African sportsmen and women, NOCs and our Olympic Movement as a whole, wherein they are frontline players.

*Intendant General Lassana Palenfo,  
ANOCA President*

## NOC Togo reaches out to some twenty primary schools

**N**OC Togo recently handed a huge consignment of sports equipment to some twenty primary schools in the country, during a ceremony that took place at the Agoe Government Primary School, and which was witnessed by the representative of the Minister of Sports and Recreation and Youth and Sports Inspectors of the Maritime Region. It is an initiative of the National Olympic Academy of Togo, as part of its Olympic Values Education Project (PEVO), and run in partnership with the NGO Mi Lé Novissi. It aims at instituting a sports tradition based on Olympic values education in schools. Each of the selected schools received 15 volleyballs, two handballs and a set of jerseys. According to Kélani Bayor, representative of the President of NOC Togo, **«The enthusiasm displayed by the children is quite touching. Those who practise sport are advocates of non-violence and tolerance. Our hope is that the children too will imbibe these values through sports education,»**

Charles Panou, Director of the National Olympic Academy, had this to say : **«We have made this donation so that the children can develop sports values: tolerance, non-violence and forgiveness. Sport at the base is quite important for, after a few years, we can identify talents and that is what we look forward to. It is thus necessary to promote sports practice in schools by passing on to the teachers the necessary know-how,»**

## NOC Benin: capacity building seminar for table tennis coaches

**N**OC Benin (CNOSB), recently backed the organisation of a capacity building course for table tennis coaches from 2 to 12 June 2013. Twenty table tennis coaches took part in the training, which was facilitated by the Algerian expert, Karima Tellaa and at the end of which the coaches received participation certificates. Speaking to participants during the end-of-training ceremony CNOSB president, Julien Minavoia, said: “Your real challenge is on the field. You are thus beginning from scratch. As such, you are expected to start on a better footing that will help you progress gradually as seasoned technicians who are fit and ready to guide youths and players in accordance with standard rules...” According to him, the national training course for level 1 trainers is an opportunity that CNOSB

should always avail itself of to serve its sporting youths.

The CNOSB President lauded the generosity, the spirit of sacrifice and the knowhow of the course facilitator, the Algerian expert, Karima Tellaa. The course was conducted in two phases, with the assistance of the International Table Tennis Federation which heeded Olympic Solidarity's request. The first phase was the training course for coaches from 2 to 7 June, followed by a training camp for national team players which ran from 8 to 12 June.

### **NOC Algeria and Alliance Insurance officialise partnership**



**T**he President of the Algerian Olympic Committee (COA), Mustapha Berraf, and the Managing Director of Alliance Insurance, Hassen Khelifati, recently signed a partnership agreement linking the two bodies. The signing ceremony took place at the NOC headquarters, where Hassen Khelifati observed that Alliance Insurance is, by this official and exclusive partnership with the National Olympic Committee, confirming its commitment to the service of sport: "We shall be available to assist the NOC during

national and international sporting events, especially the Mediterranean Games which will hold in the days ahead in Mersin, Turkey, and the 2016 Olympic Games billed for Rio, Brazil," he said. "The partnership with the Olympic Committee is also an opportunity for us to assert our ambition to become the preferred insurance company of Algerians, by sharing in the thrilling moments of major sports events with sportsmen and women and the wide public."

On his part, Mustapha Berraf observed that "this agreement fosters the sport and competition spirit; it is yet another of the insurance company's commitments in the area of sport where we are deeply involved; it beefs up the image of the Algerian Olympic Committee and Alliance Insurance whose spirit of competitiveness is clearly asserted by its modus operandi."

## Côte d'Ivoire to host 5th Conference of African Sports Ministers



**A**bidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, will from 22 to 26 July 2013 play host to the 5th Conference of African Sports Ministers under the theme "Exploiting the power of sport to contribute to broad-based government development programmes." The Conference shall discuss concrete measures and stages for the implementation of a new African sport structure.

Delegates from across the continent will equally brainstorm the ways and means of using the power of sport to foster national and international strategies for development and peace, how to work for inclusive, participatory development in sport and the contribution of women and persons with special needs in sports events and sports administration. Preparations for the 15th All Africa Games will also feature on the agenda of the Abidjan rendezvous which, besides African government representatives, will also bring together representatives of international and continental sports organisations and experts.

It should be recalled that the 4th Conference of African Sports Ministers took place in October 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme: "Consolidating Africa's renaissance through sport."

## Lydia Nsekera: First woman to be elected as FIFA Executive Board member

**L** Lydia Nsekera has once more made history as the first woman ever to be elected into the FIFA Executive Board for a four-year tenure. This was during the 63rd Congress of the football governing body in the Mauritius Island, where two other women, Moya Dodd and Sonia Bien-Aime, were also co-opted for one year.

Last year, during the 62nd Congress in Budapest, Lydia Nsekera was the first woman to be co-opted into the Executive Board for a period of one year. This time, she was overwhelmingly elected with 95 votes, in the election pitting female candidates. The election followed the proposal of the FIFA President, which received the backing of current Executive Board members, and which aims at involving more women in the management of world football. The 209 member associations strongly approved (by 99%) a reform of the 2013 FIFA constitution and most especially article 24 paragraph 3 which provides for a candidate for the post of female Executive Board member.

Lydia Nsekera, current President of the Burundi Football Federation, will thus be the 25th Executive Board member. The mandate, validated by the FIFA Congress, will run for four years.



## Marrakech to host the 19th edition of the African athletics championships



The 19th edition of the African athletics championships will take place in Marrakech from 10 to 14 June 2014. An agreement was thus signed in that respect between the President of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA), Hamad Kalkaba Malboum, and the President the Morocco Royal Athletics Federation, Abdeslam Ahizoun. The signing ceremony, which took place in the presence of Hosni Benslimane, President of NOC Morocco (CNOM), was organised on the sidelines of the Mohammed VI athletics meeting in Rabat. The President of the Morocco Royal Federation has promised an event worthy of the continent, citing the Mohammed VI meeting, which is increasingly becoming popular and today stands as a major and most regular meeting

on the continent. In the same vein, the CAA President expressed satisfaction with the quality of the work and the expertise of Moroccans. According to him, the success of the forthcoming African athletics championships should be an open gateway for Africa to join the Diamond League, after becoming part of the World Challenge.

## ANOC holds extraordinary General Assembly



The Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) recently held an extraordinary General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland. The highly successful meeting brought together some 800 delegates from across the planet, with 201 out of 204 recognised NOCs in attendance. Chaired by ANOC President, H.E Cheick Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, the meeting unanimously adopted the new ANOC constitution.

The General Assembly delegates also welcomed Jacques Rogge for the last time as IOC President and awarded him the ANOC Order of Merit, a distinction he was receiving for the second time. Speaking on the occasion, the IOC president wished his ANOC counterpart the best of success in his "innovative and ambitious projects."

19 reports were also presented during the General Assembly, amongst them that of the 2012 Olympics in London, and forthcoming events like Sochi 2014 Rio 2016 and Pyeongchang 2018, as well as the Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014 and Lillehammer 2016.