

**FIRST ANOCA
BEACH GAMES**
14 – 23 JUNE
2019 ISLAND
OF SAL – CAPE
VERDE

**12TH AFRICAN
GAMES**
19 – 31
AUGUST 2019
RABAT AND
CASABLANCA
KINGDOM OF
MOROCCO



ALL ROADS LEAD TO SAL IN CAPE VERDE



The stage is set for the celebration of the 1st African Beach Games in Sal, Cape Verde. Invitations have been extended by the ANOCA President Mr. Mustapha Berraf on behalf of the Executive Committee to stakeholders, friends and partners of the African Olympic Family for their participation in this historic first edition of the Games.

The 1st African Beach Games will be preceded by the 18th Ordinary Session of the ANOCA General Assembly. This is an important statutory meeting during which the Executive Committee will be expected to present a mid-term report of their activities among other items on the agenda. Meetings of some standing commissions have been scheduled ahead of the General Assembly, while the Executive Committee will also meet in an Extraordinary Session. "We are exhilarated for another opportunity to meet and rub minds with our friends and colleagues from across the continent" Mr. Berraf stated while answering questions on his expectations from what will also be the first General Assembly he will be chairing as President of ANOCA since his election on 29 November 2018 in Tokyo, Japan.

All roads currently lead to Sal; the observably charged programme will see Members of the General Assembly exchanging on a wide range of issues while slots have been allocated to Olympic Solidarity, WADA and other partners and stakeholders of ANOCA to make presentations. Participants should thereafter expect to be treated to a beautiful opening ceremony of the Games.



ANOCA SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE OYDC IN ZAMBIA



The ANOCA Secretary General was on an official visit to Lusaka, Zambia from 6 - 8 May 2019. The aim of the visit was to attend the Olympic Youth Development Centre Board of Trustees Meeting and conduct a site evaluation visit so as to ascertain the role which the centre can play at the continental level. The meeting discussed the rehabilitation of the centre and ways in which it could be transformed from a local to a global centre of excellence for the preparations of the continent's Athletes. The visit also included a meeting with the Zambian NOC President Alfred Foloko, Board members and NOC Executive Director at the NOC Headquarters as well as a site visit to the Olympafrica Centre.





Preparations for the 12th African Games are on-going; it is in this perspective that the President of ANOCA met with the African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs Her Excellency Mrs. Amira Elfadil Mohamed Elfadil on Monday April 15, 2019 at the African Union Headquarters in Addi Ababa. The meeting was aimed at addressing pending issues around the organisation of the African Games to be hosted in Rabat, Morocco.



The President of ANOCA, accompanied by the Treasurer General, Mr. Habu Gumel and the President of ANOCA Zone 2, Mr Kamal Lahlou, further met with the Moroccan Minister of Youth and Sports and Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 12th African Games on 24 April 2019. The aim of this crucial meeting was to address issues relating to the production and broadcasting of the Games. The main objective for all the parties involved in the organization of the Rabat 2019 Games is to attract a global audience by achieving optimal media and television coverage. *“Everything has been addressed and we are on course for successful Games”*, hinted Mr. Mustapha Berraf after both meetings which he said were *“very productive”*.

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ANOCA AT THE SERVICE OF ITS NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

The Recruitment of a Technical Director in ANOCA is underway following the notice published on 23 January 2019. The Team saddled with the responsibility of selecting the most suitable candidate for the position of ANOCA Technical Director met at the ANOCA Headquarters in Abuja on 2 May 2019 to finalize the applications' screening process..

Five Short-listed candidates have been invited for interviews, which will mark the end of the task assigned to the recruitment Team by the Executive Committee at their 54th Ordinary Session held in Rabat, Morocco on 25 - 26 February 2019. All things being equal, the new ANOCA Technical Director will be known in a very near future..

The ANOCA Secretariat has continued to provide support to African National Olympic Committees in the utilisation of the NOCs activities and other programs made available to them and their athletes by Olympic Solidarity and the IOC.



Elsewhere, the 3rd meeting of the African Games Coordination Commission (AGCC) held from 28 – 30 April 2019 in Rabat, Morocco. The meeting which was preceded by a meeting of the WADA regional office for Africa and the medical team put in place to provide services within the framework of the 12th African Games, was aimed at following up on recommendations made during the last meeting and assessing the level of implementation of the action plans presented at the last meeting in the lead up to the continental sporting event.



The meeting was attended by Representatives from ANOCA, AASC, COJAR, WADA-Africa and RADO. Salient points from the meeting included a comprehensive presentation of the anti-doping programme for the Games, progress reports/updates from various COJAR Teams on Medical Services,



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Protocol, Security management, Games Village, Venue Master Plan, Cultural and Scientific Programmes, Transportation, Food and Accommodation, Media and Communication, Marketing, Volunteers Management, Accreditation and the Games Torch Relay project. Participants were very satisfied with the level of progress realized since the last meeting and the great effort deployed by the COJAR Team in ensuring that the 12th African Games are a resounding success.



COMMISSIONING OF THE 12TH AFRICAN GAMES OPERATIONS' COMMAND CENTRE



The 12th African Games Command Centre was commissioned on 30 April 2019 by the Honorable Minister of Sports and Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 12th African Games. Members of the African Games Coordination Commission (AGCC) were taken on an inspection tour of the facility which is located at the Moulay Abdallah Sports Complex and will henceforth house the various COJAR and AGCC offices. Members were highly impressed by the quality of the facilities in place as well as the speed with which the Centre had been set up, as it was almost non-existent during the last visit. The Minister of Youth and Sports was applauded by the Commission for his effective leadership, the results of which are palpable and have continued to improve since the first meeting of the AGCC.



BENEFICIARIES ARE KNOWN FOR THE ANOCA TOKYO 2020 SUPPORT FUND



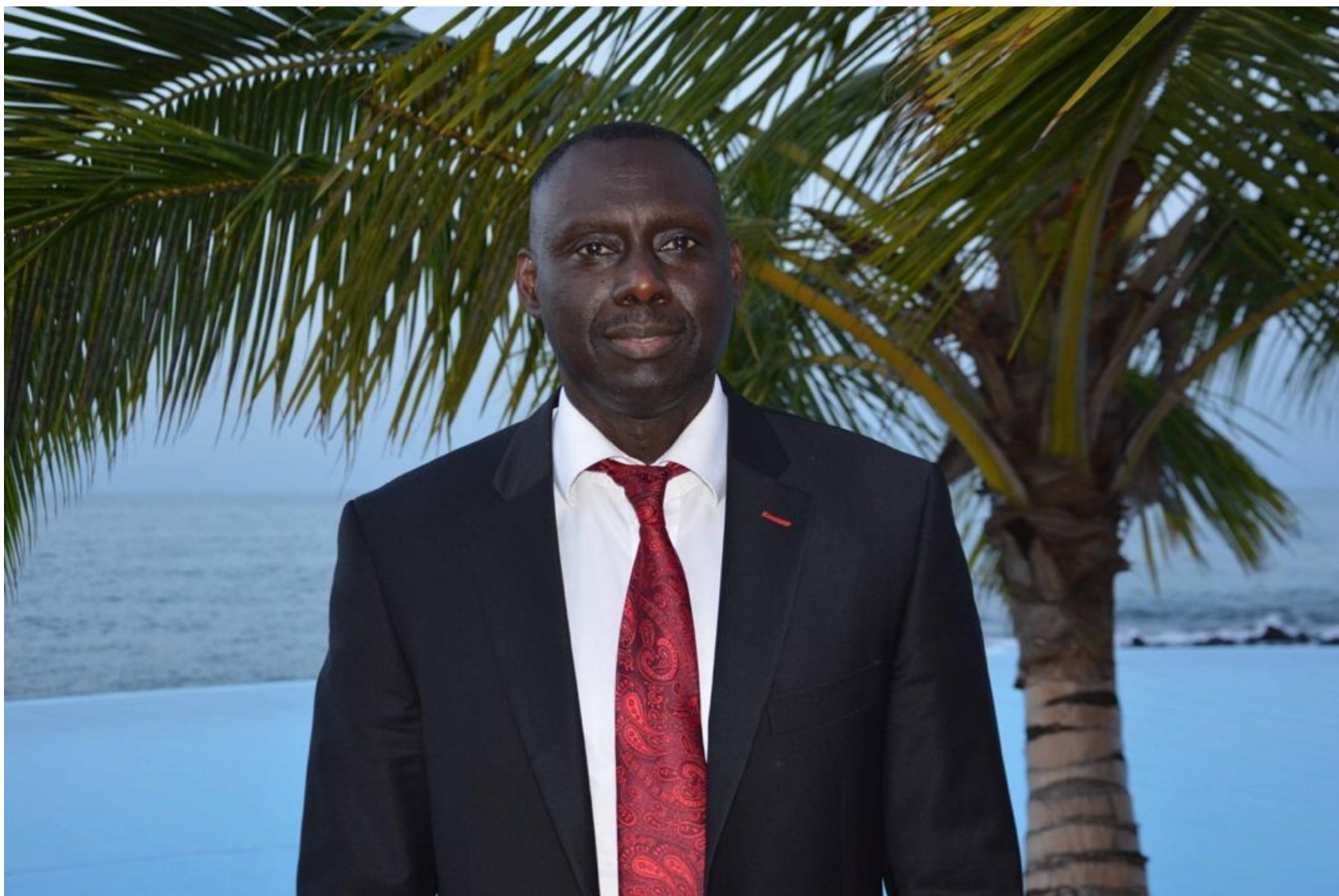
The ANOCA Support Fund Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games met at the ANOCA headquarters from 30 April to 1 May 2019. The meeting which was chaired by Mr. Omar Seydina Diagne, Chair of the Commission, was aimed at examining applications received from African National Olympic Committees in the light of criteria listed for scholarship qualification. Fifty potential beneficiaries from 13 countries were accordingly notified, with South Africa topping the chart with 11 scholarships, followed by Morocco with 9. The Team also used the opportunity to visit the dedicated Headquarters Building of ANOCA. The Tokyo 2020 Commission was created in January 2018 with the mission to distribute a budget of 1 million USD to African athletes who are not beneficiaries of Olympic Solidarity scholarships but with the potential to win medals during the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.



WE ARE GRADUALLY REACHING OUR GOAL OF HAVING 54 AFRICAN ATHLETES' COMMISSIONS



Representatives from African National Olympic Committee athletes' commissions joined other international athlete representatives in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 13 to 15 April 2019 for the 9th International Athletes' Forum organized by the IOC athletes' Commission. Participants included the athletes' commissions of all the Olympic Summer and Winter International Sports Federations, the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the Continental Associations of National Olympic Committees including the ANOCA Athletes Commission, the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the World Olympians Association (WOA). The forum which was organized in keeping with the IOC Athletes' Commission Strategy was further aimed at educating and equipping athletes' commissions and their members with the required tools to succeed in becoming effective leaders. The peculiarity of this forum was the participation of African representatives from 40 countries.



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Speaking about the outcome of the Forum and its benefits to ANOCA and its Athletes' Commission, the Chair of the ANOCA Athletes' Commission Mr. Amadou Dia Ba stated that *"We were all delighted that the Olympic Committees responded overwhelmingly to the invitation of the IOC. During our forum in Zimbabwe last September, we were only 34 countries. The number could have been higher but for the visa problems encountered by some countries"*. He added that *"The ANOCA Athletes' Commission can be proud of the work that has been done so far and the interest of the NOCs to create their own Athletes' Commission, because they know the important and influential role of this Commission in representing and amplifying the voice of the athletes. This forum also allowed all the commissions to understand the role, mission and responsibility of the IOC Athletes' Commission"*.

Mr Dia Ba went on to state that *"African representatives joined in all the debates during this forum and asked several questions about the Commission. We had an African panel discussion, while the icing on the cake was the 24 hours discussion with the IOC President Mr. Thomas BACH; it was delighting to see African athletes very active during this discussion. We also talked about topics like doping that affects all athletes and it was a good initiative to fight this scourge. The ANOCA Athletes' Commission closely followed the participation of African Athletes and we are proud of the level of representation. We have no doubt that the knowledge acquired during the forum will go a long way in amplifying the voices of our Athletes in their respective NOCs while we continue to urge our NOCs to create Athletes' Commissions and co-opt their Chairs into NOCs' governing bodies"*.

With the participation of about 350 athletes from 200 countries, the 2019 International Athletes' Forum was the largest-ever gathering of athlete representatives for the Olympic Movement.

ANOCA REPRESENTED AT THE IOC-ASOIF 2019 WOMEN'S FORUM



An annual IF Gender Equality Forum was organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on April 12 in Lausanne, according to the motto “Making a difference together”.

The ANOCA Fourth Vice-President Mrs Matlohang Ramoqopo-Moiloa joined forty-nine other representatives in charge of gender equality and inclusion in their respective Winter and Summer Sports Federations who collaborated and exchanged on mechanisms for the implementation of the IOC Gender Equality Recommendations. The women shared best practices, discussed challenges and the Gender Equality Review Project, developed to strengthen gender equality across the Olympic Movement. Chairs of Women Commissions of the various Continental Associations further met to share best practices documents, and exchange views on how to most suitably align their strategic plans to the IOC Gender Equality Strategy.

Reporting back to ANOCA, Mrs Ramoqopo stated that *“The forum was both enriching and insightful on several levels; I look forward to sharing what was discussed with Members of the ANOCA women and sport Commission so as to enable us stay on course with the IOC Gender Equality Project”*.

