



# ANOCA UPDATE



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## President's message

### Mauritius 2012 : implementing resolutions together!

Dear member associations, dear friends,  
It has always been a great pleasure for me to address you every month. This issue of Anoca update is peculiar in that it comes after the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which were recently celebrated in London, the British capital. Preceding issues, I at least believe, have carried abundant information about this multidisciplinary event. And, as you will notice in this one, we have had no moment

of respite. As a matter of fact, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa recently organised the 29th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs on 20 and 21 September 2012 in Mauritius. Placed under the theme: "ANOCA, 30 years after: what vision for the future?" this meeting was heavily attended and the quality discussions satisfactory overall.

We noticed, with pleasure, that various NOCs were strongly represented in Mauritius. In fact, 48 out of the 53 NOCs effectively participated in the deliberations, representing a 90.5% participation rate. This is all the more satisfactory, if we consider the geographical position of the host country, Mauritius, which could have been a deterrent factor to delegates. All credit thus goes to the entire African Olympic Movement, as most guests travelled to Mauritius to discuss issues affecting the future of sport and Olympism on the continent.

Concerning the quality of deliberations, delegates brainstormed a series of themes, such as "Seminar for Secretaries General: balance sheet, impact and future prospects""Impact of women within African NOCs""Evaluation of Africa's participation in the 2012 Olympic Games." Sound resolutions were taken, all in a bid to work for the sustained development of sport in Africa, following the drop in the medal haul in London 2012. The overall situation of African sport was discussed, with an analysis of the London Olympics, the partnership between sports ministries and NOCs and our new vision for ANOCA. In my opinion, this is necessary, not just for our institutions, but for sports practice as well.

Pertaining to the evaluation of this Seminar, we sampled the opinion of participants about the deliberations. This was done through a questionnaire that focused on their concerns relating to the preparation of the seminar, the reception and the various discussions. They were on the whole satisfied before, during and after the event.

The Mauritius meeting has set the pace, and all resolutions must be implemented to ensure a brighter future for sport and Olympism on the Continent. The onus is on all of us, for we share a common destiny. As administrators of African sport, and like the Olympic rings, we are bound to work, build and succeed together in the implementation of the said resolutions.

**Intendant General Lassana Palenfo,  
President of ANOCA**





### Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs

## A Crowd puller



The Grand-Bay International Conference Centre, Mauritius, was the venue for the 29th Seminar for Secretaries General of National Olympic Committees of Africa organised by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) on 20 and 21 September 2012.

The ceremony featured several highlights, including the opening ceremony on 20 September, which was graced by a host of dignitaries, prominent amongst them the host country's minister of Youth and Sports Devanand Ritoo, ANOCA President, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, Olympic Solidarity representatives, various NOC delegates and presidents of the host country's national sports federations. In his welcome address, the president of NOC Mauritius, Philippe Hao Thyn Voon, said that *"a meeting like this is more than ever necessary to strengthen friendship and cooperation ties amongst National Olympic Committees of Africa."* The President of ANOCA, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, on his part addressed three focal issues: Africa's performance at the 2012 Olympic Games, the early closure of the Africa Village in London and the future of the All Africa Games. Talking about Africa's performance in London, the President of ANOCA pointed out: *"Our athletes disappointed. There was a significant drop in relation to the previous edition. We dropped from 40 medals in 2008 to 34 in London..."* As concerns the numerous African athletes who decamped especially from the Cameroonian and Congolese delegations, President Palenfo observed that everything cannot be explained away by the quest and hope for greener pastures. Then, moving on





### *Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs*



to the early closure of the London 2012 Africa Village, Intendant General Palenfo said: “*The village did tremendously well for the first ten days, and attracted a lot of visitors, eighty thousand in all... Then, all of a sudden, without even informing ANOCA officials, the village was rudely closed on 7 August!... Dear friends, the service provider, PIXCOM, and he alone, is to blame for this! PIXCOM, a supposedly specialised company with whom we signed an agreement, defaulted on its payments to other service providers.*” Pertaining to the All Africa Games, the ANOCA President did not mince words: “*In October 2011, the African Union entrusted the All Africa Games to ANOCA and requested the SCSA, until then “owner” of the event, by AU delegation, to hand over the organisation of the Games to our Olympic Movement in January this year. Instead of doing this, the SCSA held a meeting with Congo (the Congolese minister of Sports is also SCSA President) in late August in Brazzaville, to plan for the next games!*”

The host country’s Minister of Youth and Sports, Devanand Ritoo, who opened the seminar, said: “*Mauritius is pleased and highly honoured to host an event like this... I also wish to avail myself of this opportunity to reaffirm my total commitment and that of my ministry to the ideals of the Olympic Movement.*”





*Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs*

## IOC and ANOCA advocate harmonious relations within the Mauritius Sporting Movement



A tripartite meeting was held between the Mauritius Minister of Youth and sports, Devenand Ritoo, the President of NOC Mauritius, Philippe Hao Thyn Voo and the IOC representative and Director of that body's *"Institutional Relations and Governance"* department Jérôme Poivre. The meeting was held on 19 September 2012, on the sidelines of the 29th

Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs organised by ANOCA. It was observed in the meeting that the Mauritius Sports Act should comply with the Olympic Charter and the rules and regulations of various international sports federations. At the end of the meeting, Jérôme Poivre said: *"I had a frank and open discussion with the main stakeholders of Mauritius sport on the responsibilities of countries affiliated to the IOC and international bodies. They have the duty of complying with the Olympic Charter and the regulations of international federations. Sports administrators of this country have understood and shown goodwill."*

Another issue tabled for discussion was the relations between the Olympic Movement and the Ministry of sports on the one hand, and those existing between the latter and national sports federations on the other. The IOC representative and the president of ANOCA, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, who took part in the meeting advocated for harmonious relations, mutual respect and communication flow between the main stakeholders of sports in the country.





*Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs*

## Mauritius: ANOCA President granted audience at the Ministry of Youth and Sports



**A** NOCA President, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, who was in Mauritius to attend the 29th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Youth and Sports, Devanand Ritoo, in the afternoon of 19 September 2012. President Palenfo was on this occasion accompanied by the President of the Mauritius Olympic Committee, Philippe Hao Thyn Voon.

Their discussions centred on sport in general and African sport in particular, after the London Olympics. Lassana Palenfo later said in a press statement that "*Mauritius is very active in sport despite the crisis. Devanand Ritoo is contributing enormously to sport development.*"

Talking about the seminar for NOC Secretaries General which was scheduled to begin the day after, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo said the expected quorum was largely exceeded. And talking about the host nation, Mauritius, he observed: "*The country is known for its hospitality, and has demonstrated its commitment to sport by accepting to host this seminar.*"





*Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs*

## ANOCA leaders at the Olympafrica Centre



**O**n the sidelines of the 29th Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs organised in Mauritius on 20 and 21 September 2012, some thirty African delegates on 22 September visited the Mauritius Olympafrica Centre, the Ram Ruhee Olymp Africa House, located in Trianon. Amongst the visitors was the President of ANOCA, Lassana Palenfo, together with Olympafrica Director, Thierno Diack. The Mauritius Centre is a new building comprising an exhibition area, a documentation centre, an audiovisual area for projections and conferences, and administrative offices. It will also host sports activities and help in the promotion of Olympic culture. Volleyball and basketball courts will be constructed on part of the space reserved for the parking lot.





## Preliminary Results of the 2009-2012 Plan

### A- 2009-2012 World Programmes in Africa

53 NOCs benefited

2319 individual projects

### B- Athletes

#### Olympic Scholarships for Athletes – London 2012

251 scholarships (49 NOCs)

121 athletes participated in London (46 NOCs)

5 medals (2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze)

#### YOG – Athletes preparation

44 NOCs benefited

222 Scholarship holders

#### Team Support Grants

23 Teams benefited

#### Continental and Regional Games – NOC Preparation

42 NOCs benefited

### C- Coaches

#### Technical Courses for Coaches

310 activities (48 NOCs)

#### Olympic Scholarships for Coaches

181 Scholarship holders (51 NOCs)

### D- NOC Management

58 scholarships : MEMOS in English, French and Spanish

150 Administration and Advanced Courses organised by 26 NOCs

#### Financial and NOC Management Initiatives

46 activities organised by 21 NOCs

### E- Promotion of Olympic Values

109 Initiatives across 6 programmes

24 Sport Medicine Courses



## African NOC News

### 2015 All Africa Games: NOC Congo calls for total mobilisation

The National Olympic and Sports Committee of Congo (CNOSC) on 3 October 2012 outlined a road-map for affiliated clubs for them to better prepare their athletes for the Brazzaville Games. In this regard, CNOSC proposed a plan requesting various sports federations to start preparing national teams for upcoming continental and world events. Before the Brazzaville Games, Congolese athletes will take part in the African Youth Games in Botswana and the Youth Olympic Games in China in 2014. For Raymond Ibata, President of CNOSC, “*federations must draw up a programme for the next four years, by proposing centres that will host athletes in training with an accompanying timeframe. National championships and practical training camps must be organised.*” CNOSC officials believe that such a commitment would enable Congolese athletes to shift into full gear in view of the fiftieth anniversary games billed for Brazzaville in 2015. Suffice it to note that the Congolese capital was privileged to host the maiden edition of the All Africa Games, in 1965. Raymond Ibata insisted that no stone be left unturned in a bid to fully prepare the athletes. “*It is in the interest of Presidents of federations to associate all resource persons in view of winning the highest number of medals possible and qualifying our athletes for Rio 2016,*” he insisted.

### NOC Tunisia rewards heroes of London 2012

The two London 2012 Olympic medallists, Oussama Mellouli and Habiba Ghribi, received respectively 100,000 and 50,000 dinars from the Tunisia Olympic Committee (CNOT). The Olympic body on Wednesday 12 September 2012 organised a ceremony in honour of the two athletes who did their nation proud at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. CNOT President, Younes Chetalki, declared that both athletes received their cheques at the ceremony. It should be recalled that the Ministry of Youth and Sports had earlier given Oussama Mellouli 200,000 dinars and Habiba Ghribi 120,000 dinars.





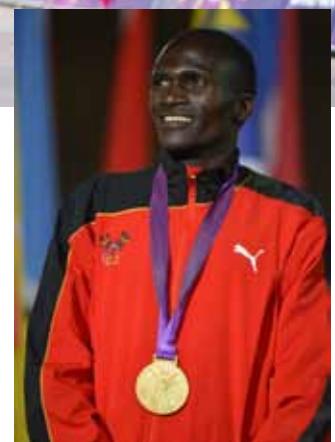
## African NOC News

### Olympic Games: 80,000 dollars for Stephen Kiprotich

Uganda's Stephen Kiprotich, winner of the London 2012 Olympic Games marathon on 12 August received a cash prize of 80,000 dollars (about 65,000 Euros) upon his return to Kampala. The champ received his cash prize at a reception offered by the President of the Republic, Yoweri Museveni himself, who also promised the construction of a three bedroom house for him.

This is not the first time the champ is benefitting from the State's largesse; he was recruited as a warden as part of the recruitment quota reserved for elite athletes. His bosses have already announced that he will soon be promoted in rank and a fundraiser launched by the State-owned newspaper, New Vision, has already helped raise donations to the tune of 120,000 dollars (98,000 Euros).

Aged 23, Kiprotich, left all the Kenyan favourites in the dust in London win Uganda's first Olympic gold for 40 years. A lot of fans were on hand to greet him before his breakfast with President Museveni.



### A Golf VI Toufik Makhloufi

The 1500 metre Olympic champion, Toufik Makhloufi, on 13 September 2012 received from the General Manager of SOVAC, Mourad Oulmi, the keys to a brand new Golf VI, an equipped car receipted at almost 2 million dinars.

In the address presented by the SOVAC official, which deals in the VAG Volkswagen brands ((Audi, Volkswagen, Seat, Skoda et Porsche), he congratulated the 1500 metre gold medallist, but regretted the fact that he had to give just one car, contrary to the previous edition where Algerian athletes came back home with five gold medals. The Olympic champ, who was visibly happy, had this to say: "*I appreciate this gesture from Mr Mourad Oulmi's dealership, especially as it is a powerful motivation to Algerian athletes and translates a sincere commitment to support elite sport in our country.*"

SOVAC, dealer in the five Volkswagen brands of cars, is a sponsor of the Algeria Olympic Committee.





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### Mauritius Olympic Committee

#### La Sauteuse and Gowreegadoo win drawing competition

Isabelle La Sauteuse, student at Eden College, Rose-Hill, and Marie Elodie Gowreegadoo of Hamilton College, won the drawing competition organised by the Women and Sports Commission of NOC Mauritius in the month of May.

The competition involved more than 150 female competitors, who were grouped into two categories: -15 and +15 years. It was open to girls in all colleges. Isabelle La Sauteuse won first prize in the under 15 category, while the runner up was Divyanee Dabydin of Collège Lorette, Port-Louis. In the +15 category, Marie Elodie Gowreegadoo's runner up was Jenny Jean-Pierre of Collège Idéal. Each of the winners received a cheque worth Rs 10,000, a trophy and a certificate, while each of the finalists, received Rs 5,000 and a certificate.

The NOC President said he hoped the winners will help disseminate Olympic values in their various schools and keep treading the path of excellence. He equally emphasised the importance of parental support, urging parents to encourage their children to take part in extracurricular activities.

The President of the women and sports commission dwelled on the values of Olympism and the Olympic Games. This was buttressed by a video clip on the core values of Olympism.

One of the commission's goals is to raise awareness amongst young girls on the importance of sports and Olympic values, hence the organisation of this competition on the theme "*the woman and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect,*" said Aarti Gulrajani-Desscann.

*"The important thing," she added, "was not only for the students to display their artistic talents, but also that they do some research on Olympism, the Olympics and the Olympic values of respect, friendship and excellence. Looking at the drawings, that goal was met. We were pleasantly surprised by the level of drawings we received. We received more than one hundred and fifty thousand and it was no easy task for our selection panel."*

The winners and the finalists received their prizes at a ceremony organised on Saturday 8 September at the Gymkhana Club, Vacoas. On hand to hand the prizes were the NOC President, Philippe HaoThyn Voon, the Vice President, Sanjaye Goboodun, the Chairlady of the Women and Sports Commission, Aarti Gulrajani-Desscann, and the Chairman of the selection panel, Pascal Gaspard.





### African Sport

## Confederation of African handball: Another term for Dr Aremou Mansourou

The incumbent president of the Confederation of African Handball (CAHB), Dr Aremou Mansourou, was re-elected for another four year term at the » helm of that body, following elections organised on the sidelines of the 18th ordinary congress of the institution in Ouagadougou. There is just one newcomer into the Executive Bureau, Congolese born Omboumahou Charles, who replaced Dr Assele Nicole as Secretary General. Just like the president, the following other Executive Committee members maintained their posts: the 1st Vice President, Dr Glover Lanre (Nigeria), the 2nd Vice President, Elbeltagy Medhat (Egypt), and the Treasurer Dogbo Yawovi Auguste (Togo). The new team has a major challenge. As the president had clearly stated in his message, "This Congress is going to be one of the most exciting, not only because it affords us the opportunity to meet new members and consolidate old friendships, but also because of the atmosphere of fraternity and togetherness created by our commitment as expressed by the theme: "*together, let's build African handball.*"

Following is the full list of the new CAHB Executive Committee :

Executive Committee		
President	Dr AREMOU Mansourou (Benin)	
1st Vice President	Dr GLOVER Lanre (Nigeria)	
2nd Vice President	M. ELBELTAGY Medhat (Egypt)	
Secretary General	M. OMBOUMAHOU Charles (Congo)	
Treasurer	DOGBO Yawovi Auguste (Togo)	
Zones Presidents		
Zone 1	Karim Helali (Tunisia) ;	
Zone 2	Seydou Diouf (Senegal) ;	
Zone 3	Pikbougoum Paul Marie ;	
Zone 4	Mbayo Amos Kitenge (D.R. Congo) ;	
Zone 5	Francis K. Paul (Kenya) ;	
Zone 6	Ruth Saunders (South Africa) ;	
Zone 7	Rakotovao Andriamparany	





### African Sport

## CAHB: Highest accolade for President Blaise Compaore



A delegation of the Confederation of African Handball (CAHB), led by the President of the International Handball Federation, Hassan Mostafa, was received in audience at the Burkina Faso Presidency on 4 October 2012. During that occasion, the highest CAHB distinction was awarded to Burkinabe President, Blaise Compaore, who is actually the 7th head of state to receive the prestigious award. The head of State was also invited to the final phase of the senior men's handball world championships billed for Spain in 2013. In a chat with the press, Mr Mostafa said he was happy to meet with President Compaore, who is playing a major role to foster peace and promote development in Africa. "*The head of state told us that handball will go places if we remain united,*" Mostafa said.





### African Sport

## Fencing: FIE organises administrative course for Anglophone Africa in Dakar

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) on 3 and 4 October 2012 organised an administrative seminar for English speaking African sports administrators in Dakar, Senegal. For two days, federation officials from Botswana, Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa, Mauritius, etc, were drilled by FIE Director General, Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez, the workshop facilitator. The training centred on the following essentials: Placing an order for a licence and attendant deadlines; How to interact with the FIE; FIE expectations of national federations.



Justifying the organisation of the seminar, Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez observed that the FIE noticed that those in charge of administration were not really administrators. *"They do not master the basics of administration, that is, how to manage an administrative setup, how to manage information received, procedures involved when interacting with the FIE. What We teach them what we mean by an application form during elections,"* she pointed out, before adding that "the FIE's goal is actually positive interaction."

### Libreville: NOC Gabon honours hero

The Gabon Olympic Committee (CNOG) recently organised a solemn ceremony for its hero, Anthony Obame Mylann, winner of a silver medal in Taekwondo at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Before handing the wonderful trophies, CNOG President, Léon Louis Folquet, had these words of wisdom for the champ *"It is from the bottom of our hearts that we acknowledge the Gabonese Taekwondo federation, which trained Anthony, who is a first rate athlete in Gabon and Africa,"* he said. He equally advised the hero to *"keep his feet on the ground and as such go for Gold four years from now in Rio de Janeiro."*

At 23, Anthony is Gabon's sole Olympic medallist in the country's history.





### African Sport

## Swimming: Sam Ramsamy is new CANA President



South Africa's Sam Ramsamy was elected President of the African Swimming Confederation (CANA) during the congress of the continental body organised in Kenya on the sidelines of the 11th senior African championships in the discipline. Sam Ramsamy thus succeeds Algeria's Mustapha Larfaoui, who held the position for 40 years, from the establishment of CANA in 1972.

Ramsamy, who beat his challenger, Nigeria's Chief Olatokunbo, by 14 votes to 6, was, until his election, Secretary General of CANA. He is also Vice President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), IOC member, and a well-known figure in African and world sports and Olympic circles.

The Congress, which was attended by 20 member associations, was graced by FINA President, Julio Maglione, and the Executive Director, Cornel Marculescu.

Following is a list of the main officials elected during that congress:

President	Sam Ramsamy (South Africa)
Vice-Presidents	Habib Rouatbi(Tunisia) Dr Mohammed Diop (Senegal) Donald Rukare (Uganda) Lino Candido Laurencio(Angola)
Secretary General -Treasurer	Ben Ekumbo (Kenya)
Members	Fatayi-Williams Babatunde (Nigeria) Samuel Kinimba (Rwanda) Doreen Tiborcz (Mauritius) Dr. Afane Zaza (Algeria)
Honorary Members for life	Aish Salim Jeneby (Kenya) Mustapha Larfaoui(Algeria)





### African Sport

## RIO 2016: Most scholarships reserved for athletics



A prominent guest at the Seminar for Secretaries General of African NOCs was Jeewajee Isram of Mauritius, who has been Senior Manager at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) “*for close to 20 years.*” In fact, it was the prospect of awarding scholarships to African sportsmen and women that led him to Mauritius, he asserted.

Most of the scholarships will “*be reserved for athletics, a discipline where every country stands a relative chance of qualifying many athletes.*”

“*For Rio 2016, the IAAF has requested that each country should have at least one qualified athlete. That is why each NOC is requested to give more support to its country’s athletics federation,*” said Jeewajee Isram, who is in charge of the 212 IAAF member federations.

He reminded participants that just like the Mauritius International Athletics Centre, a host of other athletics federations benefit from Olympic Solidarity scholarships in world-class training Centres. “*Training conditions are better there. It should be noted that NOCs reserve most scholarships for athletics because athletics are a universal sport.*”

This year, precisely on 23 and 34 October, the IAAF will celebrate its centenary in Barcelona with its traditional end-of-year gala. The best male and female athletes will also be voted on that occasion.





### African Sport

## London Olympics Chief shares secrets of Team GB's success



**A**s Great Britain is celebrating its highest Olympic gold medal haul since 1908, one question keeps coming to mind: how did Team GB make it?

Lord Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, shared part of the secret, explaining that Britain's success was predicated on four aspects.

First and foremost, Lord Coe cited good sports governance and proper management.

«*Clearly you want very, very good national governing bodies of sports, well managed and run by smart, clever people,*» he said at a press conference.

“*Secondly, world-class coaching must be guaranteed,*” he went on.

The third aspect is to have «*the best crop of talent*» that can be identified and nurtured at an early stage, Lord Coe explained.

The fourth key element is sufficient funding and a long-term plan. «*You need predictable and good levels of funding so that national governing bodies are able to plan for the four- and eight-year cycles they need to work in.*»

«*I think these are four things you have to get right. You need all those four things, not any one of them, to be operating at an optimal level,*» he insisted.

