
National Committees

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ASSOCIATION OF NOCs OF AFRICA (ANOCA)

As already mentioned in the previous issue of the *Olympic Review* (January 1986, p. 21) ANOCA held its 1st General Assembly in Addis Ababa (ETH) on 17th and 18th December 1985. It was a time for the organization, founded only four years ago, to reflect on and assess the progress made since its inception and plan for the future.

The President of the IOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, attended the meetings, along with Messrs. Mario Vazquez Raña and Marian Renke, President and Secretary General of ANOC. Their presence offered a large measure of support to the young and rapidly-growing continental association. As an indication of this growth, for example, eleven new NOCs were welcomed as members of ANOCA at the General Assembly.

The delegates heard reports on developments with regard to programmes, structures and administration, identifying the areas where some modifications or reforms were necessary. They discussed financial matters and adopted the budget for 1986.

Looking to the future, the African countries are planning to have a strong representation of the continent at the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad. Before then, the African Games will take place, after a long absence, next year in Kenya.

Also on the agenda was the issue of racial discrimination in sport. On this subject, the Assembly adopted a resolution against such activity in South Africa.

We also reported previously that a new Executive Board was elected during the course of the meetings. In his opening speech, Mr. Anani Matitia, IOC member in Togo, who was re-elected by acclamation to the presidency of ANOCA, best summed up the spirit of the Assembly:

"Dear Friends, we can now pick the fruit of our efforts... Thanks to our joint efforts, ANOCA has become a working reality, a framework

for reflection, a tool for building. Obviously, everything is not perfect, and inadequacies still persist that we must try to suppress. Although we have grounds for satisfaction, the road to our full development still is a long one. On the way we have already travelled, we have experienced many dangers and jolts. Deficiencies may have been noted; mistakes may have been made; all of these we shall record and analyse in our various working documents."

The members of ANOCA will meet again, in an Extraordinary General Assembly, on 22nd April in Seoul.



OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA

The 4th General Assembly of OCA was held on 4th December last in Manama (BRN) under the presidency of Sheik Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah IOC member in Kuwait. Several important topics were discussed at the meeting, many of them having to do with rules and regulations governing the structure and administration of the organization.

The delegates decided to create a new position in the Executive Board for a representative of the host country of the Summer Asian Games. Mr. Chong-Ha Kim (KOR), NOC President, has therefore assumed the position of 5th Vice-President of OCA.

Rules for the first Asian Winter Games, which will take place in March 1986, were also adopted at this time.

Dates were set for the next General Assembly to be held in conjunction with the 10th Asian Games in Seoul: the 25th and 26th September. The Executive Board will be meeting in Seoul earlier in the year, on 20th April, and again on 24th September. As from this year, as voted by the gathering last December, General Assemblies will be held every two years instead of annually.