



First WOA Meeting of African NOAs to take place in Cairo

Twenty-five African NOAs will meet to discuss the development of the Olympic Movement across Africa

The World Olympians Association (WOA) meeting of African National Olympians Associations (NOAs) will take place 12-13 March at the Sonesta Hotel, Cairo. Involving around 50 participants from twenty-five different African nations the event will focus on increasing collaboration between NOAs to help develop and shape the future of the Olympic Movement across the continent.

The meeting, hosted by the Egyptian Olympians Association and the Egyptian Olympic Committee, will be the first of its kind to take place in Africa, following similar meetings for Asia in Jakarta in 2018 and the Americas in Lima in 2019.

The meeting's focus will be on developing local NOAs to strengthen the Olympian community and increase its growth in Africa.

WOA President, Joël Bouzou OLY, said: "It is great to see the long-awaited first NOA meeting of African members taking place. This is a good opportunity to bring people together and plan for the future, creating stronger relationships between NOAs across the continent to benefit both Olympians and wider society within Africa.

Egyptian Sports Minister Ashraf Sobhy commented: "We are thrilled to host the first WOA meeting of NOAs on African soil in Egypt. It is essential that meetings of this kind become more frequent so we can develop greater enthusiasm for the Olympic Movement across the whole continent."

ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf, added: "Africa is the only inhabited continent not to host an Olympic Games. We hope meetings like this will help create the foundations for a brighter Olympic future within the continent of Africa."

Egypt NOC President Hesham Hatab said: "We are delighted that the Egypt Olympic Committee can be the local host for this very first meeting of African NOAs. Egypt hopes to play a key role in helping to create more collaboration between member NOAs going forward."

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[WOA](#) is an IOC recognised organisation supporting the 100,000 Olympians worldwide. Its remit is to work for the benefit of all Olympians at all stages of their lives, empowering them to serve society and help make the world a better place through sport. With member National Olympians Associations spread across all five continents, WOA provides support to Olympian-run events and projects based on the Olympic ideals laid down by the founder of the modern Olympic Games, Pierre de Coubertin.

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