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Report to the ICF Congress – November 2008.

Current Status of ICF Membership

Since the last ICF Congress in 2007 –Ghana, Nigeria, Zambia ,Libya have joined ICF Family . There are now 28 member countries in Africa with also Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia Morocco, Mozambique, Kenya, Namibia, Somalia, South Africa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sao Tome, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda.

New Members

Process of new membership is at advanced stage and work is in progress in the following countries of Lesotho, Rwanda , Mauritius, Malawi, Tanzania and Congo .

In Mozambique, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea Ethiopia, and Burundi work is either ongoing or required to reactivate these counties as contact with key persons is required to re-establish canoeing activity .

2007- All Africa Games –Algeria in July 2007

The ICF and CAC worked hard towards obtaining approval for the inclusion of canoeing in the program of the All Africa Games to be held in Algiers in 2007. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in obtaining a place for Canoeing in the 2007 All Africa Games. However we were fortunately asked if we would like to put on a demonstration event for Canoeing at the Algiers All Africa Games and we agreed to do this. Special thanks must go to the Algiers Federation, the Tunisian Federation, FISA and Csaba Szanto for the work done in making this demonstration successful. The event was attended by 22 athletes from 11 countries. (14 men and 8 women) Flat-water races were held over 200 meters.

2007 African Championships- Kenya in January 2008

The 2007 5th Sprint Africa Championships and 1st Africa Slalom Championships were scheduled in November 2007 but postponed due to General elections in Kenya .These Championships were designated the 1st ever Olympic Qualifiers on African Continent by IOC and ICF and held at the Masinga Dam and Tana River in Kenya from 24-27th January 2008 . These were the most successful championships so far in terms of numbers of participants and nations.

There were some technical and infrastructure difficulties during the competitions and organization, some of which occurred due to Equipment delay, lack of trained human resource and capacity within Africa which will have to be avoided at future events by

arranging proper inspections of the facilities in advance of the championships and conducting necessary technical course and education for officials. Special thanks to Csaba Szanto, French Canoe Federation Officials and Slalom Coach who assisted with Race Organization and Coaching.

The ICF Executive meeting took place in Nairobi, Kenya during the margin of the Africa Championships.

In Morocco in 2001 we had 26 athletes from 4 nations, in South Africa in 2002 there were 29 athletes from 6 nations and in Tunisia in 2003 there were 43 athletes from 7 nations, in Senegal there were 136 athletes from 13 nations. This year we had Nominal entries from 140 athletes from 17 Federations. Some countries decided to withdraw at the last moment.

Athletes, Officials, and Delegates from 15 African Countries- Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Cote D'Ivoire, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa, Seychelles, Togo, Tunisia, Somalia and Zambia came together in solidarity to participate in this Championships and the 1st ever Olympic Canoe-kayak Qualifiers on the Africa Continent. C class and Women participation was the highest so far.

2008 -1st West African Canoe - Kayak champs were held in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire in June 2008 with the participation of Togo, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Cote D'Ivoire .The next championships are planned in Togo in 2009

2008 Beijing Olympics, China - This was the most successful OG for Africa with 7 Countries participating, Angola, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Togo, Cote D' Ivoire , Senegal . Togo won Africa's first ever Medal –Bronze in the Slalom Displine. South African team of K4 women reached the final. Unfortunately, Algeria and Tunisia who qualified for the Games had their crews withdrawn.

2009 African FWR Championships- Cote D'Ivoire

In March 2008 an inspection visit was made to potential courses for the 2009 African Flat water Championships to be held in Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire in November 2009. The inspection team consisting of the CAC Board and Mr Jose Perurena 1st Vice President of ICF visited four different sites and a suitable venue has been approved within the city centre of Capital city of Abidjan.

South Africa has expressed interest to host the 2009 2nd Africa Slalom Championships at the new Slalom Course being constructed in Bethlehem and confirmation is awaited from the National federation for hosting this Championship.

2011 All African Games

Efforts have started for full inclusion of Sprint and Slalom in the next All Africa games in Zambia in 2011. Discussions are underway between Supreme Council of African Sports Confederation of African Canoeing (CAC) and ICF and an invitation to attend a stakeholders meeting in Zambia later in 2008 is expected soon .

Activities in 2007/2008

A report on the activities in Africa during 2007/8 is attached for the information of the Congress.

I would like to thank the CAC Board members and all National federations



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Some the activities which have taken place or are planned in Africa during the above period are as follows;

Technical Training, Competitions and Courses

Guinea Bissau was nominated by Olympic Solidarity to host a training Course in 2007.

A Coach from Seychelles participated in the Institute of Coaching Course in Budapest, Hungary in 2007

Seychelles and Senegal were awarded 2008 Beijing Olympic Athletes Scholarships for Canoe-kayak by the Olympic Solidarity.

CAC and ICF supported participation of several Africa Countries to the Flat-water World Championships in Germany in August 2007 and Slalom World Championships in Brazil in September 2007.

OS and ICF Coaching course was conducted and took place in Snagov, Romania in June 2008 where athletes from the following Countries participated Angola, Kenya, Cote D'Ivoire Seychelles and Sao Tome and Principe .

Arab Games ; Several Arabic Speaking African Countries participated in the Arab Games held in November 2007 in Egypt and Canoeing was introduced as the official sport, through the efforts of Mr Khalid Zain of Egypt

Slalom; Training Course was held in Kenya in May 2008 with 12 participants, with the support of ICF and French Canoe Federation and as a follow up a Slalom team of 3 women and 1 men from Kenya visited and participated in Training and SLR competition in France in September 2008 through the Cooperation of FFCK , Kenya Airways and Club Haute Isere.

Training centre; A proposed Rowing and Canoeing Centre is being planned near Kampala, in Uganda and ICF has approved coaching course in Uganda in December 2008 with the support of Kenyan Coaches.

A Slalom Training centre is under construction in Bethlem, South Africa

Equipment support was given by ICF to the following Federation in 2007 and 2008

Zambia, Senegal, Cote D'Ivoire, Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, Libya , Kenya and Tunisia

CAC Board of Directors has been constituted after the CAC Congress in January 2008 in Kenya .

President (until 2012); Mr Joao Alegre -Sao Tome and Principe

1st Vice President (until 2009) Mr Addy fall-Senegal

2nd Vice President (until 2012) Mr Slim Ben Boubaker-Tunisia

Secretary general- (until 2009) Mr Seifudin Patwa –Kenya

Treasurer-(until 2009) Mr William Degbo - Cote D'Ivoire

CAC BOD is in the process of identifying a Permanent secretariat base.

CAC Executive Board met in March 2008 in Abidjan ,Cote D' Ivoire to review the Development Budget and institute various support of Equipment to member Federation in the 2008-2010 period. The meeting also resolved to employ a full time Technical Director to develop and promote Canoe – kayak In Africa. It also proposed to make a 4 year strategic plan for canoe- kayak in Africa to attract Sponsors and Governments to support Canoeing

CAC President and Secretary General participated in ICF Board of Directors meeting held in Madrid, Spain in April 2008 .

Forthcoming events;

Marathon ; International Canoeing Marathon is a planned in Mombasa,Kenya in November 2008 with confirmed participation of Kenya, Dubai, Italy, South Africa and USA

Flat-water; 1st Arab Kayak champs are planned in Tunisia in December 2008 and 6th Africa Sprints Championships will take place in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire in November 2009

Dragon Boat; International Dragon Boat regatta and Training Camp is planned in Kenya in December 2008 with expected participation from USA, South Africa, Uganda and Kenya.



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