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***1. Major Meetings since last Congress***

- a. CAC Congress (online)
- b. Participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> joint meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> African Games  
Accra
- c. Meeting with the Chairperson of the LOC for the 13<sup>th</sup> African Games in Accra, Abuja, Nigeria
- d. CAC Board Member Conference call meetings
- e. CAC President visit to Alger, Algeria
- f. Meeting and Visit to Ghana on developmental programme by  
CAC President
- g. ICF Board meeting in Poznan, Poland

## ***2. Tasks undertaken for this period***

- a. Nile regatta in Cairo, Egypt.
- b. African NFs participated in 2022 World Canoe Sprint Championship
- c. African NFs participated in 2022 Canoe Slalom World Cup
- d. African NFs participated in 2022 World Canoe Slalom Championship
- e. African NFs participated World Marathon Championship
- f. Technical Coaching courses in Mozambique and Djibouti

## Continental Development Manager work's: **(Information from ICF Development Manager)**

- Big and deep research of the Egyptian canoe structure:

He made many visits to the clubs and local associations to check the real numbers of:

1. Canoe disciplines offered
2. Coaches
  - Male coaches
  - Female coaches
3. Athletes
  - Male athletes
  - Female athletes

Status of the available equipment at the clubs and also on the National Federation (canoe, kayak and paddles)

- Numbers
- Photos
- Status
- Owner
- Tailor made plans to develop and create more clubs and attract more athletes
  - a. New strategy to create new clubs
  - b. Involvement of the army and their clubs
- Approaching and help with the coaches courses:
  - a. Preparation of the coaches course level 01 and 02 dedicated to the women (IOC agenda 2020+5)
- Found a way to 5 Egyptians Canoe Coaches have access to the level 3 course.
- Helped to organize the Nile Regatta and Arabic Championships that was realized in Egypt.
- Learned the TIP Camp process during the 2022 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championship.
- Worked with the ICF Development Manager during the 2022 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championship to prepare the strategy plan to achieve the goals.

### **3. Issues and Main Points of Report**

- a. There is an on-going preparatory meetings for the African Games
- b. Donation and other equipment from ICF to Djibouti, Sao Tome,.....
- c. Need for more umpiring course and level II Coaching course within Africa
- d. Creating room and support for more competition for the continent

### **4. Future Initiatives and Tasks**

- a. To implement specific programs for talent identification and development of young paddlers in collaboration with NF
- b. Implementation of sub-region competitions and programmes
- c. Upcoming Canoe Slalom coaching course and developmental programme to be supported by ICF
- d. Forthcoming Admiral's cup in Abuja Nigeria

## ***5.Recommendations***

- a. Need for more ITO's course and level II Coaching course within Africa
- b. Creating room and support for more competition for the continent
- c. Encourage and support C1 paddlers with in Africa
- d. Create room for scholarship for athletes from developing countries to propagate "Sport and Education" as known globally
- e. ICF to encourage para sport in Africa through camp and support during competitions
- f. NF should try to introduce canoe slalom to their different under age National competition for perfection and skilful act
- g. A lasting solution to visa issues with Africa countries
- h. Introduce more programme to encourage women in sport