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#### From the President



Dear African Archery Family Members, Welcome to this eighth edition of WAAf newsletter!

I would like to thank all Member Associations who made it to Cairo to attend the WAAf congress on December 16th and who entrusted me with running the WAAf for a second term. Due thanks are also to Mr. Tom Dielen, WA Secretary General and Mrs. Constance Terrier, WA Chief Operations Officer for attending our Congress.

As the second term is about to begin I am certain that everyone is motivated and looking forward to a successful term, and I would like to encourage everyone to bring in their best efforts for WAAf. I thank you in advance.

It is an honor to serve Africa in such a sport. I take it upon myself to carry on with our strategic plan with the best of African archery at heart. Congratulations to all newly elected Executive Board Members. I am certain that you will work hard as a team to continue the work that we have undertaken for the past three years.

2024 has been a very fruitful year. I am proud of what was achieved; especially at the level of development due to the cooperation, positive mindset and concerned MA's. Our work is not done yet, and we are expecting more MA's to join us for development partnerships in their respective countries. World Archery's role is highly appreciated as it has been WAAf's main financial backer. An enormous amount of their funding has been spent on the mentioned developed partnerships.

The work of WAAf office cannot be overlooked as it has met the requirements of good governance as specified by World Archery, I congratulate the office and I am proud of their achievement. Tremendous work has been done to increase our visibility and outreach not on the continent only but worldwide. To maintain such visibility we pledge that our information will be updated daily to engage viewers with our daily activities. It will be readily accessible via our official website and different social media platforms.

At last, I would like to stress our commitment to inclusivity: we will keep assisting and supporting ALL African Member Associations who are willing to develop archery. God bless you all!

Tarik AMIRY

## 2. In the spotlight: WAAf Congress 2024



WAAf Congress was held on the December 16, 2024 in Cairo, Egypt. The morning session of the Congress began by a welcoming word of WAAf president during which he declared the Congress open after welcoming and thanking Tom Dielen, WA Secretary General, and Constance Terrier, WA Chief Operations Officer, for attending the Congress. 14 Member Associations attended the Congress while three others were represented by proxies. Major landmarks of this session were the confirmation of the minutes of the last WAAf Congress Meeting held on 04 November 2022 in Pretoria, RSA, and the reports presented by the President, the Secretary General, his Deputy, and the Development Committee President. Major achievements of WAAf's Executive Board were reviewed and highlighted, especially the ones in relation with developing and promoting archery in Africa.

The second session was dedicated to elections. Five positions were open for election, including the president, vice president East, vice president North, two board members, and first vice president. At the end of the elective process, Mr. Tarik Amiry (SUD) was re-elected President of WAAf for a second term (2024 - 2028), Mr. Al Youssouf Bayjoo (MRI) was elected Vice President East, Mr. Mohammed Charif (MAR) was elected Vice President North, Mrs. Tabassum Anwar (KEN) and Mrs. Iona Bartosz (ZIM) were elected Board Members, and Mrs. Barbara Manning (RSA) was elected First Vice President.

The newly elected Executive Board appointed **Dr. Alaa Gabr** as Honorary President of WAAf, **Dr. Ahmed Koura (EGY)** and **Mr. Saber Ben Brahim (TUN)** as Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, respectively for the term 2024 - 2028.



## The Congress in pictures











More photos can be found via this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/3VJuuZO">http://bit.ly/3VJuuZO</a>

## 3. African MA's Activities

## 3.a. Cameroon

WAAf has recently organized a beginner archery training course in partnership with the Cameroonian Shooting Federation (CSF) for the benefit of a group of ambitious coaches from different parts of the country. For seven days (26 October to 1 November, 2024) 24 candidates attended the course in Yaoundé, CMR intending to be able to train younger people and spread the practice of archery throughout the country.

The participants were quite motivated to learn and all the conditions of success were available. During a whole week the coach candidates alternated theory and practice while focusing on good coaching practices that should be adopted in situations where learners of different age groups are concerned. A ceremony was organized at the end of the course where certificates of attendance were given to all the participants in presence of a representative of Cameroon's Ministry of Sports and Physical Education who confirmed the ministry's willingness to support the Cameroonian Shooting Federation in its endeavors to develop archery and make it accessible to a wider population.







## 3.b. Kenya

The 'Festival Of Friendship' archery competition (FOF) was held on November 10, 2024 in Nairobi. This is a biennial multisport event that is primarily held, as the name says, to get people together for fun and laughter.

This year 2024, held over a period of 1 month, over 2000 athletes took part in the games. There were 30 disciplines involved, one of them being archery.

Participants over 14 years old shoot at 30m where ONLY bare bows are allowed while young children under 14 shoot at 15m

This year's edition of the games saw the registration of 35 people: 19 males, 11 females, and 5 U14. The first and second winners in each category were given awards.







#### 3.c. Somalia

After conducting a successful archery coaches' course in Somalia, WAAf concluded the second part of the partnership with the Somali Archery Federation by sending 10 archery foam targets to Mogadishu last week. The Somali Archery Federation is one of many member associations which have been striving to develop archery in their countries.

Following a similar project in Sierra Leone, the Siera Leone Archery Federation has also received 10 foam targets (customs clearance underway). The Cameroonian Shooting Federation (FECATIR) will soon receive a similar shipment of targets.



## 4. International Seminar for African Judges

Three African Continental Judges will represent Africa in the next "World Archery Judges Seminar" which will be held in Sallanches, FRA during 28-30 March 2025.

World Archery Africa (WAAf) approved the applications of the (3) judges after being supported by their Member Associations and their positive evaluation by WAAf Judges Committee. In the beginning of December 2024, these judges received confirmation emails from World Archery to participate in the above-mentioned seminar.

It should be noted that all the (3) judges have been accredited as continental judges in 2022 in Pretoria, RSA and officiated in the 12th African Archery Championships in Pretoria (WRE), RSA.

The African Archery Family wishes them all the best!



Amira Mansour (EGY)



Houssem Eddine Ben Abdelfettah (ALG)



Ian Subramanien (MRI)

## 5. MA's Activity Report

Following is a snapshot of the different African MA's activities over the last two years, 2023 and 2024. The full report has been presented at the last WAAf Congress 2024.

## FATS, Algeria (ALG)



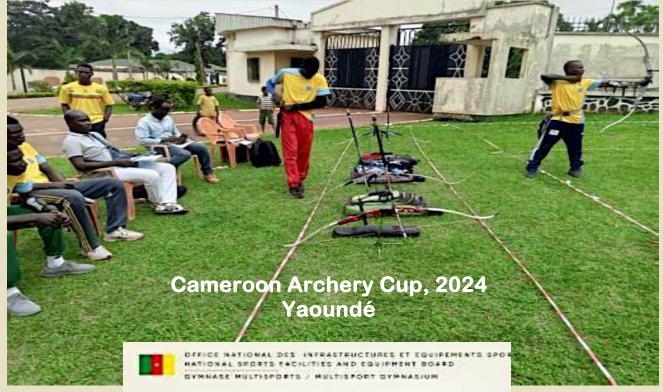


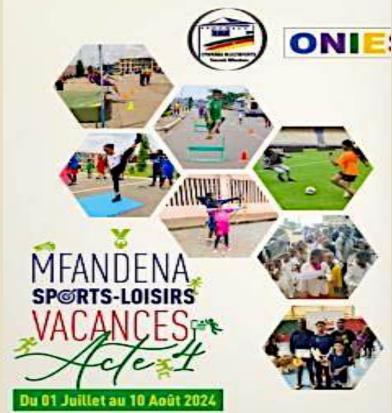


Beginner Coaches Course, Tikjda (ALG), September 2023

## FECATIR, Cameroon (CMR)







Operation de Vacances Sports Loisirs Santé, 2024 Yaoundé

# FIVTA, Cote D'Ivoire (CIV)





TIZOCATA 2024, 11<sup>th</sup> CIV International Grand Prix, Abidjan (CIV)

## **EAF, Egypt (EGY)**







# Activity report FGTA, Guinea (GUI)







National Championship, Fria, March 2024



Olympic Games, Paris 2024

# KAA, Kenya (KEN)

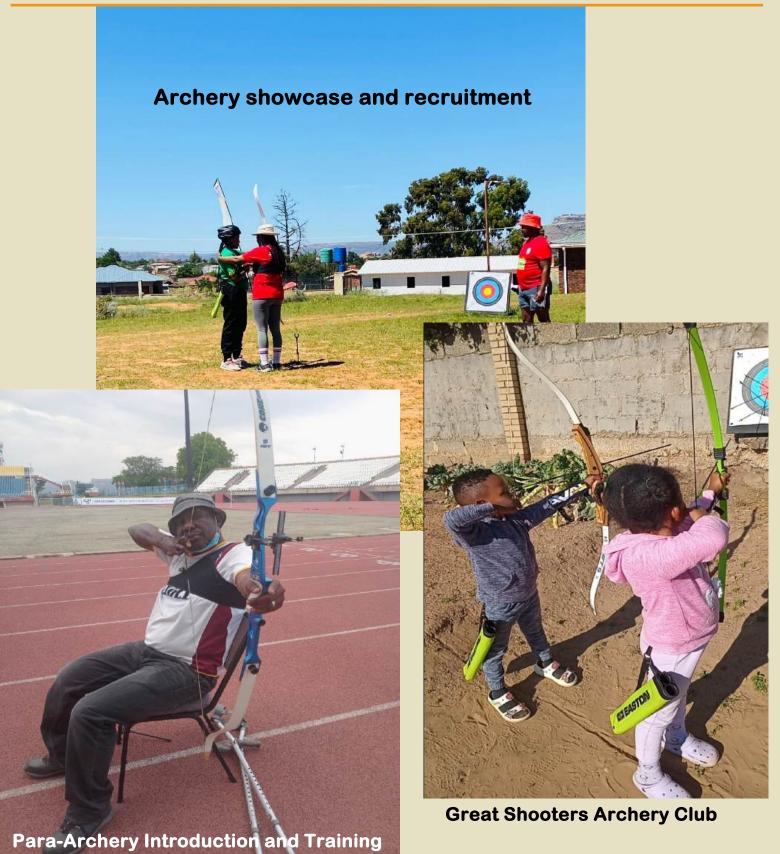




Archery Promotion / Come & try, January 2024

## FAL, Lesotho (LES)

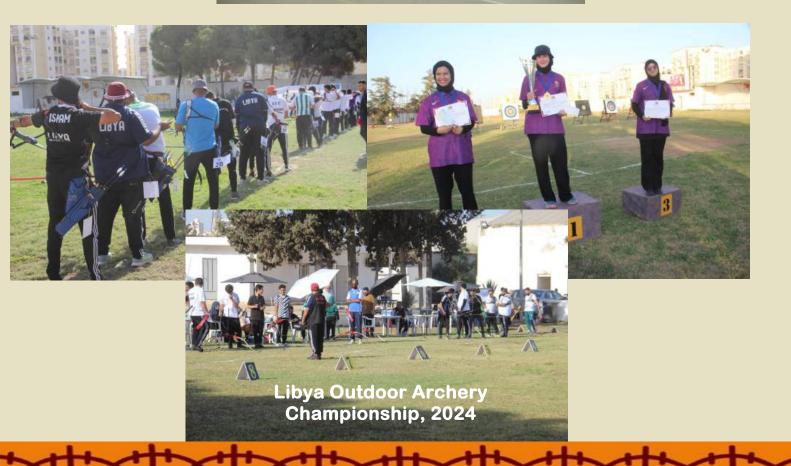




# Activity report LAF, Libya (LBA)







# MAF, Mauritius (MRI)





**MAF Archery Competition, 2024** 

# AAN, Namibia (NAM)









## **SAA, Sierra Leone (SLE)**







Beginner Coaches Course, 2024 Freetown, SLE

# SAA, Somalia (SOM)





Beginner Coaches Course, 2024 Mogadishu, SOM



# **SANAA, South Africa (RSA)**





Misc. national indoor and outdoor competitions, 2024



# FTTA, Togo (TOG)





Archery showcase, Lomé 2023

# FTT, Tunisia (TUN)





National Judges Training, 2024



National Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> Stage, 2024

## ZAA, Zimbabwe (ZIM)









## 6. Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
18 January 2025	New Year Shoot	WA Club, Windhoek, NAM
22 February 2025	Field Club Shoot	WA Club, Windhoek, NAM
4-6 April 2025	SA National Target Champs	Marks Park, Jhb, RSA
17 May 2025	Namibian Field Nationals	WA Club, Windhoek, NAM
8 February 2025	Egypt National Indoor Archery Championships	Cairo, Egypt
21-22 February 2025	Egypt National Outdoor Archery Championships	Cairo, Egypt
17-24 August 2025	World Archery Youth Championships	Winnipeg, Canada
17-19 January	Sud de France Tournament (Indoor World Series)	Nimes, France
16-23 February	Asia Cup Stage 1 (continental World Games qualifier)	Bangkok, Thailand
8 March	Indoor Archery World Series Finals	Las Vegas, USA
7-17 August	The World Games	Chengdu, China

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