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# 2024 WAAf Congress

## Minutes of the meeting of World Archery Africa Congress

Held on Monday, 16 December, 2024 – Cairo (EGY)

Started at 10:00 (CET)

### Agenda

1. Opening of the Congress.
2. Report of registration and attendance.
3. List of Proxies.
4. Welcome and Opening Remarks – WAAf President / WA Secretary General.
5. Nomination of Scrutineers – Voting Procedure.
6. Confirmation of the minutes of the last WAAf Congress Meeting held on 04 November 2022.
7. WAAf President / Secretary General's report.
8. Financial Report.
9. Proposals to change WAAf Constitution.
10. Report on WAAf Member Associations' activities 2023-2024.
11. Presentation from WA Secretary General.
12. Any other permissible business.
13. Coffee Break / Group Photo.
14. Elections (5 positions):
  - 14.1. Election of the President (1 position)
  - 14.2. Election of the Vice President East (1 position).
  - 14.3. Election of the Vice President North (1 position).
  - 14.4. Election of the Executive Board Members (2 positions).
  - 14.5. Election of the First Vice President (from the elected 4 Vice Presidents) -(1 position)
15. Announcing new WAAf Executive Board composition.
16. Closing of the Congress.

### 1. Opening of Congress.

WAAf Secretary General - Dr. Ahmed KOURA (EGY) welcomed all participants and then opened the Congress meeting.



## 2. Report of registration and attendance.

Member Associations in attendance:

- Roll Call by WAAf Secretary General Dr. Ahmed KOURA:
  - 1) CIV (3 votes)
  - 2) EGY (4 votes)
  - 3) GUI (3 votes)
  - 4) KEN (3 votes)
  - 5) LBA (3 votes)
  - 6) MAR (3 votes)
  - 7) MRI (4 votes)
  - 8) NAM (3 votes)
  - 9) RSA (4 votes)
  - 10) SOM (1 vote)
  - 11) SUD (3 votes)
  - 12) TOG (1 vote)
  - 13) TUN (4 votes)
  - 14) ZIM (4 votes)
- There were (3) registered Member Associations: COM and SLE did not show. ALG apologized for personal emergency.
- SOM did not stay at the official hotel of the congress and did not pay Congress entry fees.

## 3. List of Proxies.

- 1) LES to SUD (1 vote)
  - 2) CMR to EGY (1 vote)
  - 3) UGA to CIV (1 vote)
- The quorum was **(24) votes**, as **total number of votes was (46) votes** (including proxies) represented **(17) African member associations**.

## 4. Welcome and Opening Remarks – WAAf President.

Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY (SUD) - WAAf president thanked Mr. Tom DIELEN – The Secretary General of World Archery for his attendance and thanked Dr. Alaa GABR –WAAf Honorary President as well for his support.



## 5. Nomination of Scrutineers – Voting Procedure.

WAAf Secretary General - Dr. Ahmed KOURA announced the following external scrutineers:

1. Constance Terrier – FRA
2. Abdulhakim Sharif Ibrahim – SOM
3. Amal SAAD – EGY

## 6. Confirmation of the minutes of the last WAAf Congress Meeting held on 04 November 2022 – Pretoria (RSA).

The minutes of the last WAAf Congress Meeting held on 04 November 2022 – Pretoria (RSA) was unanimously confirmed and approved (46/46 votes).

## 7. WAAf President / Secretary General's Report.

WAAf Secretary General, Dr. Ahmed KOURA presented the combined report about WAAf achievements over the last 3-year term (2021-2024) and covered the following points:

- Establishment of a new headquarter office in Cairo, Egypt.
- Opening a new bank account proper to WAAf.
- Purchasing a new domain name ([waafrica.org](http://waafrica.org)) along with a new hosting including email accounts and their renewal every year.
- WAAf conducted (13) Online Executive Board Meetings using ZOOM subscription for online meetings.
- Creation of WAAf website in both languages (English / French) with regular maintenance and updates.
- WAAf Facebook Page activities and WhatsApp group, Iona PARTOTSZ – WAAf Media Manager.
- WAAf Newsletter – The first issue was published on May 2022 and the 8<sup>th</sup> issue will be published immediately after this Congress meeting.
- Cooperation between WAAf, WA, IOC and ANOCA to include the Mixed Team event in the African Championships in Nabeul to keep the African quota after the exclusion of Archery sport from the African Games in Ghana. Archery will be included in the 2027 African Games in Cairo, Egypt.
- Supporting the Local Organizing Committee of the African Championships, such as the 12th African Archery Championships in Pretoria, South Africa in 2022 (WAAf supported the LOC



financially with USD 10,000 as a Sponsorship + USD 5,000 as a Personal donation from WAAf President – Mr. Tarik AMIRY), and the 13th African Archery Championships in Nabeul, Tunisia in 2023 (WAAf supported the LOC by providing 24 foam targets as a sponsorship from NFAA and Easton Foundations).

- Supporting the regional tournaments with awarding medals to RSA (2022 & 2024), MRI (2023) and CIV (2024).
- WAAf organized a Continental Judges Seminar under the supervision of WA Judges Committee in 2022, all the (8) participants passed the exam and became African Continental Judges. Three (3) of them have been approved by WAAf and WA to participate in the WA Judges Seminar to qualify for WA International Judge Candidates, which will be held Sallanches, FRA during 28-31 March 2025. Wishing them best of luck.
- Olympic Solidarity Youth Archery Training Camp which was held prior to the 13th African Archery Championships in TUN from 4 to 8 November 2023.
- Good representation of African Archery in the Paris 2024 Olympics with the participation of (6) athletes representing (5) African MA's (CHA, EGY, GUI, RSA & TUN).
- Good representation of African Archery in Paris 2024 Paralympics with the participation of (2) athletes from RSA and SEN plus an International Judge from EGY.
- Organizing beginner coaches' courses in SOM, SLE and CMR in 2024.
- Organizing Level 1 coaches' course in ALG in 2024.
- Manufacturing (40) foam targets in Egypt and donation of (10) foam targets to each of the following MA's: SOM, SLE and CMR in 2024.
- Good support from World Archery to WAAf and to the African Member Associations through the Equipment Assistance and Knowledge Sharing programs.
- Collection of WAAf annual membership fees which are very important to develop archery in Africa and support the African Member Associations. In 2024, only 18 MA's out of 31 MA's paid those fees.
- Development of Para-Archery in Africa, as classified athletes and Barebow athletes are included in all African Archery Championships, in addition to the project of Para-archery Coaches training (KEN), which was funded by EU, Archery GB and World Archery.

Then Mrs. Barbara MANNING (RSA) – The Chair of the Development Committee spoke and confirmed the huge growth and development activities in the African countries due to the good constitution, good governance and democratic elections that should work together for the benefit of athletes. These are important to get support from National Olympic committees and local organizations. She asked everyone to work together for the development of archery in Africa.



Then Mr. Tarik AMIRY (SUD) – WAAf President commented on organizing TIZOCATA 2024 in CIV, and blamed Mr. Essis for the following actions:

1. Not respecting WAAf Constitution and insisting to use the term 'Central zone' which is not a part of the officially recognized WAAf Zones, and did not keep his word to change it based on his communication with WAAf's Vice President for the Western Zone.
2. Dealing with a person (Khaled LAMANDE from ALG) in a course for African MA's before TIZOCATA who is not in good standing with his Member Association (ALG) and WAAf, in clear violation and no respect to WAAf's decisions.
3. Not inviting any of WAAf Continental judges to his regional tournament Tizocata although WAAf has qualified (8) Continental Judges in 2022, and such tournament is a good chance to increase their experience.
4. Ignoring putting the WAAf logo on the Invitation package to Tizocata although WAAf has already supported the LOC with the cost of the awarding medals. WAAf logo was only added later.

At the end of his comments on TIZOCATA, Mr. Amiry asked Mr. Essis to work with WAAf's team and to respect WAAf's constitution in the future.

He added also that WAAf contacted (3) African MA's (DJI, SEN and TOG) to offer them development projects, but unfortunately the response was really weak. After wasting precious time waiting for their cooperation, WAAf had to organize those projects in other MA's with quick and positive responses (SOM, SLE and CMR).

Ms. Alassi Possobindo (TOG) explained that she has been contacted by WAAf and she positively responded, but she simply asked to postpone that project for a month and she is willing to cooperate in the future.

Mr. Essis Mi-Carême Moïse (CIV) tried to explain the following to WAAf President:

1. Concerning the wording of the West and Central Africa zone, it was not our own decision, but the countries in central Africa insisted on mentioning their geographical area in the name of the tournament. We want to make it clear, though, that we are not creating a new central zone.
2. Concerning the missing logo of WAAf on our invitation, we did not notice that in the beginning, and it was not intended. We apologize for not including it, and we will pay attention in the future.
3. Regarding Mr. Khaled LAMANDE from ALG, we thought that his experience will serve better the needs of CIV coaches, but in the future, we will contact WAAf to propose the experts who they think are more suitable for us.



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## 8. Financial Report.

Mr. Ahmed FATHALLA – WAAf Treasurer presented a short brief about the financial report and confirmed that the audited financial report will be sent to all African Member Associations after the end of the Calendar year 2024 and by the end of January 2025.

WA transferred to WAAf a total of (23,350 CHF) plus (7,000 USD), while our second main resource included the membership fees from the African member associations which is (7,200 USD) from (18) MA's. WAAf Bank account's balance is currently (2,100 USD).

Till the end of the year, we still have other expenses such as Congress expenses and foam target shipping.

## 9. Proposals to change WAAf Constitution.

WAAf has sent a Motion for law form to all Member Associations, but nothing was received back from any MA.

WAAf Executive Board has proposed some changes to WAAf Constitution and discussed them with all participants. The proposal for change concerned the following:

- Change of wording.
- Deletion of a repeated text and updating numbering of articles.
- Reducing time of response to a ballot.
- Being in good standing with WAAf.
- Adding sponsorship as a source of income for WAAf.
- Adding a new article about sanctions, membership termination and appeal .
- Organizing regional and international events.
- Congress organization period.

It was agreed with all the participants to submit these changes to further discussion and maybe consulting with WA in order to come up with acceptable motions for law (both in terms of form and content). These motions will be submitted for vote at the next Congress. Mrs. Barbara proposed to have a postal vote to validate the proposed motions after wording review by World Archery.

## 10. Report on WAAf Member Associations' activities 2023-2024.

Mr. Saber BEN BRAHIM (TUN), WAAf Deputy Secretary General, made a presentation about WAAf's Member Associations in which he highlighted the major activities they undertook during the past two years (2023 and 2024). The presentation was prepared based on the activity reports sent by the different MA's. He highly recommended and urged all MA's to share activity reports with



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WAAf as they provide tangible evidence about what is going on in those countries as far as archery is concerned.

The presentation included a summary of activities in the following (16) Member Associations: ALG, CMR, CIV, EGY, GUI, KEN, LES, LBA, MRI, NAM, SLE, SOM, RSA, TOG, TUN, ZIM.

## 11. Presentation from WA Secretary General.

Mr. Tom DIELEN - WA Secretary General made a presentation and included the following points:

- Total number of archers in Africa.
- WORLDWIDE TV & OTT COVERAGE for Archery Sport during Paris Olympic & Paralympic Games.
- Update on African Member Associations: Nigeria and Djibouti.
- WA Strategy update – purpose, Vision and Mission.
- 2026 Dakar YOG Qualification System and update.
- Suggested format of Paralympic Games: Reduce the program.
- WA Questionnaire: Statistics.
- World Games Qualification.

## 12. Any other permissible business.

Mr. Ridha MANAI (TUN) expressed his surprise of the little number of participants in the Congress (14 out of 31), which he considered unusual. He asked to find a way to maintain the participation and attendance of most of the African Member Associations in the future.

In response to this remark, Dr. Ahmed KOURA explained that not all the WAAf Member Associations are active, which means that the attendance of the Congress remains reasonable in comparison with the total number of ACTIVE Member Associations. He also noted that WAAf is pushing the African Member Associations to pay their membership fees, show proof of activity, and attend events including the Congress, which would reflect on the development of archery in Africa. He added that WAAf has made it clear to all Member Associations: only ACTIVE Member Associations will benefit from development projects and assistance.

Mr. Tom DIELEN confirmed that being active is a must to be a WA member; he warned that by 2025 WA Congress, WA will exclude any Member Association that fails to provide a proof of activity.

Mrs. Aissatou Thiam SYLLA (GUI) was surprised about not mentioning “Force Majeure” in WAAf Constitution, referring to what happened with her national team who could not attend the African Championships in Nabeul (TUN) while the LOC insisted on collecting all due amounts following their registration.





She asked WAAf to take into consideration active Member Associations and make sure they get the same financial support and sponsorship as other active Member Associations.

She also complained about the absence of the Vice President West who did not attend TIZOCATA 2024 stressing the fact that he must assume his responsibilities and do his job as expected as he is supposed to speak for the Western Zone and its members.

SOM thanked WAAf and WA for their support after benefitting from a coaches' course, getting foam targets (from WAAf) and a beginner archers equipment kit (from WA). They asked WAAf to keep going in supporting Member Associations, especially those with limited resources to develop archery in their respective countries.

Mr. Tom DIELEN confirmed that WA will only support active Member Associations. He also added that cancelling participation in an event after registration is very harmful to any LOC, WA may use insurance (License) to cover cancellation for medical reasons, but we need to protect the rights of Organizing Committees at the same time. Otherwise, we will not have events.

## 13. Coffee Break / Group Photo.

A Coffee Break for around 1 hour and a photo group was taken.

## 14. Elections:

The election process and procedures were explained to all voting delegates by Dr. Ahmed KOURA and Mrs. Constance TERRIER – FRA.

### 14.1. Election of the President (2 positions).

46 votes cast

<b>Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY (SUD)</b>	32 votes	Elected for 4 year term (2024 – 2028)
Mr. Mi-Carême Moïse ESSIS (CIV)	14 votes	

### 14.2. Election of the Vice President East (1 position).

46 votes cast

<b>Mr. Al-Youssouf BAYJOU (MRI)</b>	41 votes	Elected for 4 year term (2024 – 2028)
	5 Abstentions	

### 14.3. Election of the Vice President North (2 positions) after withdrawal of Mr. Ridha MANAI (TUN).

46 votes cast

Mr. Abderrezak LAZREG (ALG)	5 votes	
<b>Mr. Mohammed CHARIF (MAR)</b>	33 votes	Elected for 4 year term (2024 – 2028)
	7 Abstentions	
	1 invalid vote	





#### 14.4. Election of the Executive Board Member (2 positions).

46 votes cast

<b>Mrs. Tabbasum ANWAR (KEN)</b>	41 votes	Elected for 4 year term (2024 – 2028)
<b>Mrs. Iona BARTOSZ (ZIM)</b>	28 votes	Elected for 4 year term (2024 – 2028)
Mrs. Aissatou Thiam SYLLA (GUI)	18 votes	

#### 14.5. Election of the First Vice President (1 position).

##### 1st Round

46 votes cast

Mr. Al-Yousouf BAYJOO (MRI)	11 votes	
Mr. ABDULLAHI Mohammed Baba (NGR)	3 votes	
Mr. Mohammed CHARIF (MAR)	5 votes	
Mrs. Barbara MANNING (RSA)	17 votes	
	10 Abstentions	

##### 2nd Round - After withdrawal of Mr. Mohammed CHARIF (MAR)

46 votes cast

Mr. Al-Yousouf BAYJOO (MRI)	18 votes	
<b>Mrs. Barbara MANNING (RSA)</b>	25 votes	Elected for 2 year term (2024 – 2026)
	3 Abstentions	

### 15. Announcing new WAAf Executive Board composition.

After the elections, the elected WAAf President Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY (SUD) thanked all African Member Associations for entrusting him with a new term of four years, and he promised to continue the hard work for the sake of archery development in all African countries as one family.

He named Dr. Alaaeldin GABR (EGY) as WAAf Honorary President, Dr. Ahmed KOURA (EGY) as Secretary General, Mr. Saber BEN BRAHIM (TUN) as Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Ahmed Fathallah HASSAN (SUD) as WAAf Treasurer.

WAAf President, Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY proposed to continue having the headquarter of WAAf / World Archery Africa in Egypt at the following address: 2 Mohamed Aly Rabei St. Faisal, Giza, Egypt for the next term (4 years), because it is the country of the Secretary General, Dr. Ahmed KOURA and to facilitate the operations of the federation and its day-to-day administrative tasks. The members voted unanimously on continuing to have the WAAf headquarters in Egypt.

For the WAAf Bank account, both President (Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY) and Treasurer (Mr. Ahmed Fathallah Mohamed HASSAN) have the right to sign and deal separately with the bank for all financial procedures, transactions, and operations related to WAAf.



## WAAf Executive Board composition

#	Name & MA	Position	Term of election
1	Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY (SUD)	WAAf President	2024 – 2028
2	Mr. Al-Yousouf BAYJOO (MRI)	Vice-President East	2024 – 2028
3	Dr. Mohamed CHARIF (MAR)	Vice-President North	2024 – 2028
4	Mr. ABDULLAHI Mohammed Baba (NGR)	Vice-President West	2022 – 2026
5	Mrs. Barbara MANNING (RSA)	First Vice President Vice-President South	2024 – 2026 2022 – 2026
6	Dr. Alaaeldin GABR (EGY)	WAAf Honorary President	2022 – 2023
7	Mrs. Tabassum ANWAR (KEN)	Executive Board Member	2024 – 2028
8	Mrs. Iona BARTOSZ (ZIM)	Executive Board Member	2024 – 2028
9	Mr. Abderrezak LAZREG (ALG)	Executive Board Member	2022 – 2026
10	Mr. Ahmed SAMEH (EGY)	Executive Board Member	2022 – 2026
11	Mr. Karim FARAHAT (LBA)	Executive Board Member	2022 – 2026
12	Mr. Ahmed Fathallah HASSAN (SUD)	WAAf Treasurer	2024 – 2028
13	Dr. Ahmed KOURA (EGY)	Secretary General	2024 – 2028
14	Mr. Saber BEN BRAHIM (TUN)	Deputy Secretary General	2024 – 2028

## 16. Closing of the Congress.

WAAf Secretary General - Dr. Ahmed KOURA (EGY) thanked all participants and closed the WAAf Congress at 16:00 (CET) on Monday 16 December 2024.

**NB:** The working language of the Congress was English, but French translation was ensured to all the French-speaking attendees.

- Attached is the Attendance Sheet

PRESIDENT



SECRETARY GENERAL



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**Registered Member Associations for WAAf Congress  
Associations membres inscrites au Congrès WAAf  
Attendance / Présence**

Roll Call

Reference: WAAf Congress - 16 December 2024  
Référence : Congrès de la WAAf - 16 décembre 2024

Cairo, 16 December 2024

#	NOC Code	Member Association	Voting Delegate	Number of Votes	Signature
1	ALG	Fédération Algérienne de Tir Sportif	Abderezak Lazreg	4	Absent
2	CIV	FEDERATION IVOIRIENNE DE TIR A L'ARC	ESSIS M-Carême Moïse	3	Absent
3	COM	Fédération Comorienne de Tir à l'Arc	Sollily Ioussoufa	3	Absent
4	EGY	Egyptian Archery Federation	Ahmed Sameh	4	Absent
5	GUI	Fédération Guinéenne de Tir à l'Arc	Aissatou Thiam	3	Absent
6	KEN	Kenya Archery Sports Organization	Tabassum Anwar	3	Absent
7	LBA	Libyan Archery Federation	Karim Farhat	3	Absent
8	MAR	Fédération Royale Marocaine de Tir à l'Arc	Mohammed Charif	3	Absent
9	MRI	Mauritius Archery Federation	Al-Yousof Bayjoo	4	Absent
10	NAM	Archery Association of Namibia	Jacqueline Coetzee	3	Absent
11	RSA	South African National Archery Association	Barbara MANNING	4	Absent
12	SLE	Sierra Leone Archery Association	Yayah Koroma	2	Absent
13	SOM	Somali Archery Federation	Abdullahi Abow Hussein	1	Absent
14	SUD	Sudanese Archery Federation	Ahmed Tank Amiry	3	Absent
15	TOG	Fédération Togolaise du Tir à l'Arc	Alissi Possobindo	1	Absent
16	TUN	Fédération Tunisienne de Tir	RIDHA MANNAI	4	Absent
17	ZIM	Zimbabwe Archery Association	Jona Bartosz	4	Absent





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**Other Attendees:**

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1	EGY	Albaeldin Gabr	WAAf Honorary President	
2	SUD	Ahmed Fathalla	WAAf Treasurer	
3	EGY	Ahmed KOURA	WAAf SG	
4	TUN	Saber Ben Ibrahim	WAAf SG Deputy	
5	SUI	Tom Dielen	WA SG	
6	FRA	Constance Tertier	WA Chief operating officer	
7	SUD	Amal Saad	WAAf Representative	
8	EGY	Ahmed Gamal	WAAf Public Relations Officer	
9	SOM	Abdulhakim Sharif Ibrahim	Delegate	

**List of Proxies:**

#	MA giving the proxy	MA receiving the proxy	Proxy Status	Date
1	LES	SUD	Valid	31/10/2024
2	CMR	EGY	Valid	19/11/2024
3	UGA	CTV	Valid	02/12/2024