

WORLD ARCHERY AFRICA NEWSLETTER



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Word From the President

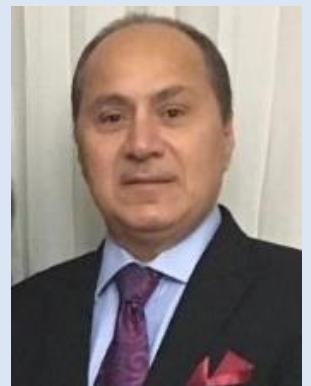
I would like to welcome all members of Archery family in Africa and Worldwide to the first edition of World Archery Africa Newsletter.

The current council of the Federation of the African Archery (FAA) has been legally elected on 17th December 2021 Via FAA Online Congress. Since that date, we are working on our Vision and Mission to meet the expectations and hopes of our Member Associations for a better positioning and effective development of Archery in Africa.

Through different communication channels, we are trying to maintain an effective communication with all African Member Associations to reach our goals.

During the first four months of our term, we together succeeded in achieving significant development by supporting the previous efforts to grow and develop archery in Africa in cooperation with World Archery and maintaining the good cooperation with the African Association of Sport Confederations (AASC) and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA).

In this newsletter, we try to show the exerted efforts in all African countries on regular basis. We hope that every issue of this newsletter brings more information about archery development in Africa.



Tarik AMIRY
FAA President

FAA History

World Archery Africa (WAAf) or the Federation of African Archery (FAA) is the continental federation for the Olympic and Paralympic sport of archery.

WAAf was founded in October 1995 in Harare, Zimbabwe (ZIM), among the founding members were South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya.

Prof. Konrad Van WARMELO from South Africa (RSA) was elected as the first President of the Continental Body.



Prof. Konrad Van WARMELO



Mr. Andrew OMALLA

In 2008, Mr. Andrew OMALLA from Uganda (UGA) was elected as President.

In 2010 Dr. Eng. Alaa Eldin GABR from Egypt (EGY) was elected as President.



Dr. Eng. Alaa Eldin GABR

In 2021 Mr. Ahmed Tarik AMIRY from Sudan (SUD) the current president was elected as new President.

WAAf is responsible for regulating and promoting archery on the African Continent, responsible for all levels of archery from grassroots to performance level

World Archery Africa has four zones (regions): (East – West – North – South) with (33) African Member Associations registered who regulate, promote and develop the sport in their respective regions.

FAA Council Meetings

Due to the past restrictions on travelling and to overcome the financial and time challenges, FAA preferred to conduct three Online Council Meetings to discuss all activities and to take the appropriate decisions. The first FAA Council Meeting was held on 05 January 2022, the second was held on 15 March 2022 and the third was held on 29 April 2022.

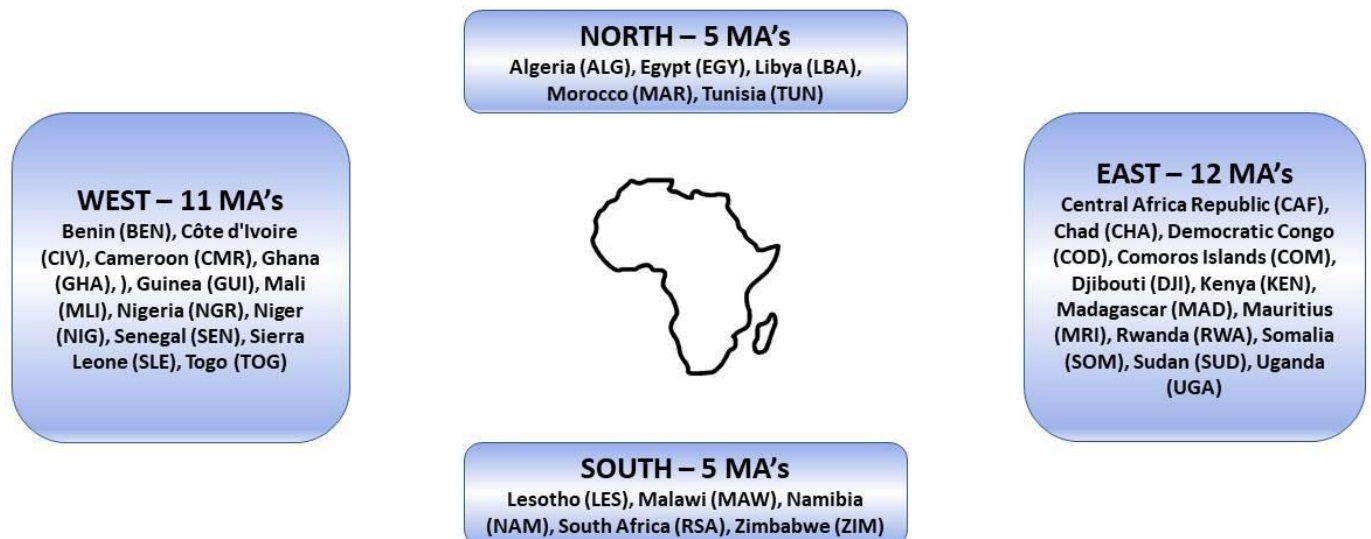
Among the decisions that have been taken:

- A New Domain Name & Hosting for the FAA Website and Email accounts for FAA, <http://www.wafrica.org> – Under construction.
- Zoom annual subscription to manage all FAA Online meetings.
- FAA Facebook Page – posts about the activities in some African MA's by a new Media Manager - Mrs. Iona BARTOSZ (ZIM)
- FAA Newsletter on regular basis.
- Appointment of Chairpersons of FAA Committees according to FAA Constitution:
 1. FAA Executive Committee (Ahmed Tarik AMIRY (SUD) - President / Al-Yousouf BAYJOU (MRI) - First Vice President / Ahmed KOURA - Secretary General).
 2. FAA Support Committee: Mohammed Baba ABDULLAHI (NGR)
 3. Development Committee: Barbara MANNING (RSA).
 4. Judges Committee: Charmaine HO (RSA).
 5. Medical Committee (Ad-hoc): Dorsaf METAHNI (TUN).
 6. Gender Equity (Ad-hoc): Tabassum ANWAR (KEN).

While the remaining committees (Coaches Committee, Athletes Committee and Para-Archery Committee) will be appointed during the coming 12th African Archery Championships.

- Started the bidding Process for 12th African Championships and FAA Congress in 2022 (First week of November) on 9th March 2022. The deadline to receive Bids was 15th April; two Member Associations submitted their bid document to host the tournament CIV & RSA. The majority of FAA Council voted for RSA to be the host country.
- Continental Judges Seminar 2022 will be held prior to the 12th FAA Archery Championships.
- Encouraging African MA's to participate in WA Online Calls – Registration for the first WA online call in 2022 was unprecedented.
- Cooperation with World Archery to run the current development project of National Judges Online Training.
- Organizing an “Anti-Doping Webinar” on 23 March 2022 by the Chair of FAA Medical Committee (in English & French).
- WAAf Strategic Plan (2022-2026) was presented and discussed.
- Organizing regional archery tournaments (East – West – North – South) – The first South region archery tournament was held in South Africa during 15-18 April 2022 – Medals were provided by FAA. The approved Four regions (zones) are as follows:

WAAf Member Associations – 4 Zones



Activities in African Member Associations

Algeria (ALG)

The National Archery Championship was held during 20 & 21 December 2021 in "Mustafa Tchaker Stadium" in Blida, Algeria for Senior and Juniors categories. Most member clubs have participated in this championship under the umbrella of the Algerian Shooting Federation (FATS). WA rules have been applied.



KENYA (KEN)

Educare Cup Archery 360 was held on 20th Feb 2022. It was organized by Mrs. Tabassum Anwar – the previous president of Kenya Archery Sports Organization, FAA Council Member and the Chairwoman of “Gender Equity Committee”.

It was a charity competition with the main purpose to raise funds to help build classrooms for an underprivileged school in a Northern town of Kenya called Garissa.

A small sports tournament with Archery, Football, Volleyball, Throwball and shooting was put together.

As it was meant to introduce Archery, we decided to hold a Beginner Bare Bow competition with no archery aids in any form.

The categories were: Open Men 30m, Open women 30m, Under 14 male and under 14 female.

We also had a special needs girl (Downs syndrome) Khadija, aged 13 participate in the event.

A total of 28 entries: 15 OM (Open Men), 8 OW (Open Women), 4 U14 Male and 1 special needs. 6 ends totaling to 36 arrows. The total amount raised at this tournament was Ksh88500/- (USD\$800).



EGYPT (EGY)

Egypt National Championships was held at Aerosport Club during 25-26 March 2022. (286) athletes representing 16 clubs, participated in all 16 categories (including beginner's categories and Para archery). WA rules have been applied.



National Coaches Course

Egyptian Archery Federation organized a course to qualify new National Coaches. There were (2) Egyptian instructors, WA Certified Coach Trainers, Achille PATSALIS and Ashraf KHALIFA, in addition to Maged MOHEI – The Head Coach of the Egyptian National Team. 45 new coaches passed the course exam.



Zimbabwe (ZIM)

During the Month of April (Zimbabwean School holidays), four (4) Tuesdays were set aside to introduce the sport of archery to prospective schools to add to their development of less common sporting activities. Students, adults and physical education teachers were invited to partake in the outreach program and practice. Despite the weather being wet, cold and windy, turnouts from five new schools proved to be very encouraging for the sport.

Namibia (NAM)

The 19&20th March 2022 saw Namibia hold their annual Independence shoot at SKW Archery in Windhoek. Their traditional 1440 round was held on the Saturday, and on Sunday saw SKW host a 720. Archers were represented in the Recurve and Compound divisions.



Tunisia (TUN)

The Tunisian National Championship started in December 2021 and ran over 5 legs. The last leg was held in Sfax, south of Tunisia on March 27, 2022. Due to the limited resources of the clubs, the Tunisian Shooting Federation covered all the expenses relating to the organization of such an event: providing target butts, judges, etc.



Morocco (MAR)

As part of the execution of the annual program for the 2021/2022 sports season, the Royal Moroccan Archery Federation organized the 1st Stage of the National Seniors - Juniors Circuit which took place on Sunday March 20, 2022 in Salé, Rabat. More than 100 archers participated with good media coverage of the tournament. Under the supervision of the two National judges Driss BOUIDRAREN and Mourad FETHI.

On this occasion of International Women's Day, the Federation celebrated the women of archery sport from various positions, whether archers or officials, they were honored for their continuous efforts, to develop it at the national level.

This annual program was approved by the executive board of the Royal Moroccan Archery Federation headed by Mr. Hamid ADA which aims at increasing the number of archers in cooperation with all member clubs, National Olympic Committee and Ministry of Sports.



Guinea (GUI)

Guinea's Archery Federation President, Aissatou Thiam has been awarded the title of Woman of Courage by the US Ambassador during a ceremony he had organized on the occasion of the celebration of the International Women's Day. Stressing that Aissatou is "one of the main Guinean voices for gender equality and the fight against gender-based violence," the ambassador added that she "has devoted her life to fight against inequalities and harmful practices" using sport as a "catalyst for change."

During a short speech that preceded the award ceremony, the ambassador highlighted that Mrs. Aissatou deserved this title thanks to her "determination, resilience, and leadership" when facing challenges and trying to empower women and girls in her country.

Mrs. Aissatou was awarded the prize of Woman of Courage for the year 2022 by the US embassy in Conakry in presence of Marie Claire Tchecola, winner of the same title in 2015.



South Africa (RSA)

1st Regional Tournament, (Southern) in Africa was held in conjunction with the 72nd South Africa National Archery Championships from the 15th to 17th of April 2022.

The event took place at the Tuks Archery club in Pretoria. Weather conditions were appalling as it poured with rain on both Saturday and Sunday. Despite the weather not one archer withdrew from the tournament.

In total there were 91 competitors in the various categories that are catered for in South Africa – this included youngsters and development categories. There was 1 person from Zimbabwe at the event. The Event medals were provided by FAA.

This venue (photo below) will host the 12th African Archery Championships and FAA Congress in 2022.



Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)

On 2nd April 2022, the second stage of the National Senior Outdoor Championship was organized at Lycée Moderne de Treichville, Abidjan, with a participation of 20 archers.



Libya (LBA)

The Libyan Archery Federation organized a Level 1 Coach Training seminar on the island of Djerba, Tunisia from 11 to 19 March 2022, in collaboration with World Archery, the Tunisian Shooting Federation, Olympic Solidarity, and the National Libyan Olympic Committee.

19 participants (17 Libyans and 2 Tunisians) successfully attended the seminar and received certificates of attendance from WA. The training was carried out by WA certified Coach Trainer, Khaled LAMANDÉ (ALG) with the assistance of Saber BEN BRAHIM (TUN) who acted as a translator and local coordinator at the same time.



African Champion Profile

Rihab ELWALID, 23 years old female archer from Tunisia (TUN) the first Olympian woman archer in Tunisia.

She started archery in 2013 when she was 14 years old in her town in the south of Tunisia and she won the Gold medal in the first tournament she participated in, since that date she was the champion of almost all successive championships in Tunisia.



“My start was so difficult, because I belong to conservative community and women sports are not common, plus the high cost of archery equipment” – Rihab said.

Her first Continental participation was at the African Games in Rabat 2019, as it was not planned to have a Tunisian Recurve Women Team. “I was nominated to support my colleague and personal coach Mohamed HAMMED in the Mixed Team event, I received my new arrows on the first day of the competition, but it was a surprise to win the Silver medal for Recurve Women and to qualify to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games” – Rihab added.

A new journey started for Rihab to achieve the Minimum Qualifying Score for the Olympic Games (605 points), after many trials, she could achieve unprecedented personal record of 619 points at Tunisia Archery Cup 2021 (few days before the deadline).

During the Qualification of Tokyo Olympic Games, she had 609 points to prove to everyone that she deserved the support. During her first match in elimination she met the World Champion Aida ROMAN from Mexico and she could win the first set and the respect of everyone as well.

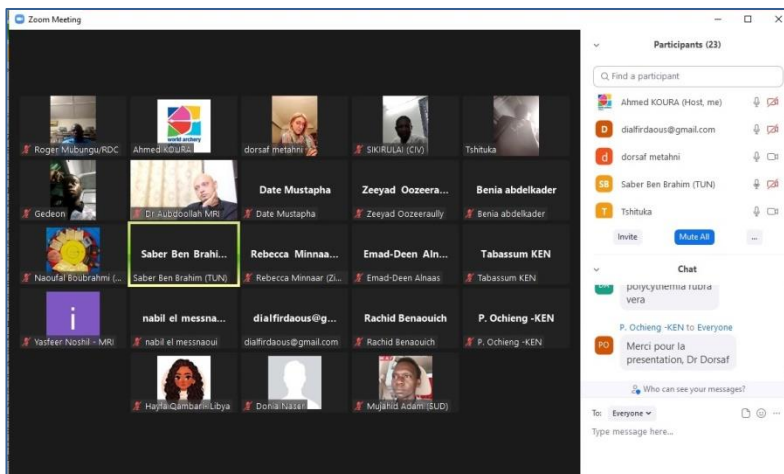
Simply, she was a good ambassador for the Tunisian and African Archery in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

“After the Olympics, I am a volunteer for the civil society and trying to help the girls in my town to play sports. So, I have established my first archery academy in Jemna club to play a big role in Tunisia in the near future” Rihab concluded.

FAA Anti-Doping Webinar

FAA organized a webinar about Anti-Doping, it was presented by Dr. Dorsaf METAHNI – The President of FAA Medical Committee. The webinar was presented in both French and English with a translation from Mr. Saber BEN BRAHIM – The Assistant FAA Secretary General.

A total of 44 people registered to attend this webinar, though only 26 participants representing 15 African Member Associations (ALG, CIV, COD, EGY, GUI, KEN, LBA, MAD, MAR, MRI, RSA, SUD, TUN, UGA, ZIM) attended the webinar with good interaction. After the webinar, the webinar presentation and the latest version of WADA Code (FR-ENG) were shared to all registered persons, plus the link to The Anti-Doping Education and Learning platform (ADEL).



African Participation in the 2022 WA Season opener

Three African Member Associations (ALG, CIV and MAR) participated in the first stage of the **2022 Hyundai Archery World Cup in Antalya**, Turkey during 19-24 April 2022. The top ranked African athlete in the Qualification (Recurve Men) was **EYENI Franck (CIV)** with a total of 629/720, while the top Recurve Woman was **BELLAL Yasmine (ALG)** with a total of 569/720.



African National Judges Training – Level 1

In cooperation between World Archery, World Archery Africa, European Union and Archery GB, a project for qualifying National Judges – Level 1 in Africa has started. (57) Candidates representing (13) African Member Associations have applied for the online training, while (7) participants could join the practical seminar in Kampala (UGA).

Only three candidates met the required level to attend the International Para archery tournament in Nove Mesto (CZE) – **Amira Mansour (EGY)**, **Paul Owino (KEN)** and **Ian Subramanien (MRI)**.



WAAf Calendar


Date	Event	Place
21-22 May 2022	SKW Shoot, 14th double 720 with eliminations 15th Indoor double 300 with eliminations	Windhoek - Namibia
25-26 June 2022	Namibia Nationals outdoor 1440, 720 with eliminations	Swakopmund – Namibia
6-8 August 2022	Zimbabwe Nationals 1440, 720 with eliminations	Harare – Zimbabwe
November 2022	Continental Judges Seminar	Pretoria – South Africa
November 2022	WAAf Congress	Pretoria – South Africa
November 2022	12 th African Archery Championships	Pretoria – South Africa

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