

World Archery Africa Newsletter

NUMBER 12, August 2026



CONTENTS

1. From the President
2. In the Spotlight: 15th African Archery Championships and ancillary activities
 - OS Youth Camp
 - International Classification
 - Result Management Course
 - African Judges Test
 - WAAf EB meeting
3. Targets Donation
4. Member Associations' activities
 - Guinea
 - Mali
 - Niger
 - Nigeria
 - Uganda
5. Calendar of events
6. Contact Us!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear African Archery Family,

Welcome you to this 12th issue of the World Archery Africa Newsletter.

Eight months ago we were talking about a successful 14th edition of the African Archery Championships in Cote d'Ivoire. Last month saw a reunion of the African Archery family again in Algeria on the occasion of the 15th Edition, which was outstanding at all levels. Perfect organization and good results including a new African record in the youth categories, which again supports our vision that grassroots work is the basis of getting high-quality future championships.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Mr. Greg Easton, the President of World Archery, and Mr. Juan Carlos Holgado, the Executive Director of World Archery, for honoring the 15th African championship in Oran, Algeria with their presence. Their attendance added remarkable prestige and significance to the event, reflecting the World Archery leadership's strong commitment to supporting the development of archery across Africa and strengthening cooperation with its Member Associations.

We also had a pleasure to have numerous ancillary activities of the championship such as International Classification, Advanced Result Management Course, Olympic Solidarity Youth Training Camp, Stress Test for the African Continental Judges as a part of their Re-Accreditation Process in addition to holding WAAf Executive Board Meeting.

God bless you all!

Tarik AMIRY

In the spotlight:

15th African Archery Championships, Oran 2026

The 15th African Archery Championships concluded successfully in Oran, Algeria, after six days of competition from 21 to 26 July 2026. Held at the Mediterranean Village in Bir El Djir—a complex that previously hosted the 2022 Mediterranean Games—the event brought together 17 participating nations and over 127 athletes competing across Senior, Para, and, for the first time, official U21 and U18 categories.

The new youth focus proved to be a standout feature, with young athletes delivering exceptionally promising scores. This generated significant excitement ahead of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Dakar, scheduled for later this year, for which 15 quota places have already been allocated to African nations. The championships served as a critical preparation platform for rising talent eager to compete on the global stage.



Two African Records have been achieved after the Qualifications. Ismail EZZELDIN from Egypt scored 650 points at 60m as Recurve Under 18 Men (with extra 29 points over the previous record), and also broke the record of Recurve Under 18 Mixed Team with a new record of 1258 points with his Egyptian teammate Noray ABDELRAHMAN.

Host nation Algeria delivered a strong performance, with archers appearing in four gold medal finals. In a historic achievement, Imadeddine Bakri became the first Algerian to reach a recurve men's gold final in the championship's history. The event not only showcased competitive excellence but also Algeria's capacity to host major international sporting events. With record participation, historic firsts, and a clear pipeline of young talent heading toward Dakar 2026, the 15th African Archery Championships stands as a landmark moment for archery across the continent...



In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026

The importance of High-Level Attendance

The presence of World Archery President Greg Easton, Executive Director Juan Carlos, and World Archery Africa President Tarik Amiry underscored the event's immense significance. Their attendance was not merely ceremonial; it sent a powerful message about World Archery's commitment to developing the sport across every continent. By being physically present in Oran, the global leadership demonstrated that African archery is a priority, not an afterthought. This high-level visibility boosts the outreach of continental events, attracting greater sponsorship, media coverage, and grassroots interest.

Furthermore, their presence confirms World Archery's strategic plan to support and develop archery everywhere in the world, ensuring that resources, expertise, and opportunities flow to emerging regions. It also facilitates direct dialogue with national federations, strengthening governance, coaching standards, and long-term growth. The engagement of these top officials serves as an inspiration to African athletes and administrators alike, reinforcing the message that the global archery community stands united in its mission to nurture talent and expand the sport's footprint worldwide.



World Archery President Greg Easton with Senegal's Para-Athlete Aliou Drame



Follow the link to the complete and detailed results:

<https://www.ianseo.net/Details.php?told=29271>

In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026 Olympic Solidarity Youth Training Camp

Under support of Olympic Solidarity, Algeria hosted the 1st Youth Training Camp during 25-28 July 2026. This camp was presented for the qualified athletes to Dakar Youth Olympic Games which will be held in the beginning of next November.

The camp included (11) athletes and (6) coaches representing the following countries: Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritius, Senegal and Tunisia.

The camp was held under supervision of (2) Coaching experts: Mr. CHRISTOS KARMOIRIS from Greece and Mr. EVANN COLLAUD from France.



The archery-specific youth training camp is paramount for qualified archers heading to the Dakar Youth Olympic Games, as the sport demands extreme mental discipline, technical precision, and adaptability. These specialized camps provide archers with access to high-performance biomechanical feedback and elite coaching to perfect shot mechanics, tuning, and equipment calibration under varying weather conditions. Beyond physical repetition, the camp

environment immerses young archers in high-pressure match-play simulations and mental rehearsal techniques, training them to maintain focus and control their heart rate during critical shoot-offs. By cultivating both technical mastery and psychological grit in a unified team setting, the training camp ensures that young archers enter the arena in Dakar equipped to handle the unique stresses of Olympic-level competition.



In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026 International Classification Panel

Making History for Para-Archery in Africa: International Classification in Oran, Algeria

The 15th African Archery Championships, held in Oran from 21 to 26 July 2026, marked a very special moment for Para-archery in Africa. For the first time at an African archery event, an International Classification Panel was present to classification for athletes with physical impairments in accordance with World Archery and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) classification requirements



Two World Archery International Classifiers, **Dr Ida Shaari Hasni (MAS)** and **Dr Wing-nga Chan (HKG)**, were appointed to carry out the Classification of athletes with physical impairments who were joining the event. This was not only a technical milestone, but also a strong signal that Africa is investing in an inclusive future for archery.

The introduction of international Classification in Oran was a new experience for many athletes and teams, and we were genuinely impressed by how everyone embraced the process.

The Local Organizing Committee provided well-planned facilities and scheduling, which made it possible to run all assessments smoothly, even alongside a busy competition timetable. National Paralympic Committees (NPC) and National Archery Federations supported their archers by preparing the necessary documentation and staying in close contact with the Classification panel. Coaches, medical staff, and team officials were present whenever needed, helping athletes feel at ease during their assessments.

The following athletes have been internationally classified as Para athletes:

1. VISSER De Villiers (NAM) - PI 2 (PCM)
2. SHILUNGA Saimi Naango (NAM) - PI 2 (PCW)
3. IITA Alvin (NAM) - PI 2 (PCM)
4. MUTYABA Bashir (UGA) - PI 2 (PRM)
5. ASIIMWE Precious Allan (UGA) - PI 2 (PRM)

Most of all, we want to thank the athletes. Their patience, openness, and cooperation created a positive atmosphere in the Classification room and on the field of play. For many athletes, classification is an important milestone in their Para-sport journey, providing clarity about eligibility and opportunities to compete within the international Para-archery pathway. It was a pleasure to work with them and to help open the door to more international opportunities in Para-archery.



In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026

Advanced Result Management Course

For the first time in Africa, an Advanced Result Management Course was held during 20-26 July 2026 under the supervision of Ianseo results expert Mr. Andrea GABARDI from Italy.

The main goal of the course was to qualify the African Candidates: RHYS WILLIAMS from South Africa and ISMAIL ELALAOUI from Morocco to be Result Managers and to be eligible to run the African Championships in the future.

It was an honour for both candidates to be awarded their certificates by Mr. Greg EASTON – World Archery President.

Many thanks goes to Mr. Andrea GABARDI for his great efforts both at the theoretical and practical levels to help and qualify our African candidates.



In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026

Continental (African) Judges Stress Test

Stress Test is a part of re-accreditation process for the African Continental Judges. The following judges have attended the test as an evaluation factor: Amira Mansour - EGY, Frans Van Kradenburg - RSA, Alfredo Lobo Das Neves - RSA, Hany Mostafa - EGY, Thabet Zidi - TUN, Ian Subramanien - MRI, Emile Botha - RSA, Houssem Eddine Ben Abdel Fettah - ALG.

The Test was prepared by Ms. Charmaine HO - Head of WAAf Judges Committee and Dr. Ahmed KOURA - WAAf Judges Committee Member and WAAf Secretary General.



Celebrating Alfredo – Our Future Continental Judge Emeritus

During the 15th African Championships, the African Judges shared a special moment to celebrate Alfredo Lobo Das Neves from South Africa, who was approaching his 65th birthday and retirement from active judging. Although the celebration took place a few days before his actual birthday, it was a wonderful opportunity for his fellow judges to celebrate with him and thank him for his many years of dedication and service to archery. Following this year's judges' evaluation, Alfredo will take the honorary status of Judge Emeritus. We wish Alfredo a very happy birthday and all the best as he begins this new chapter!



In the spotlight: 15th African Championships, Oran 2026

World Archery Africa (WAAf) Executive Board Meeting

WAAf Executive Board held its **17th meeting** which was honored by the presence of World Archery President Mr. Greg Easton and the Executive Director Mr. Juan Carlos HOLGADO

A report on **2022 - 2026 WAAf Activities** was presented by Mr. Tarik AMIRY – WAAf President, Ms. Barbara MANNING, WAAf 1st Vice President and Head of Development and Dr. Ahmed KOURA – WAAf Secretary General.

Decision on the Next **WAAf Congress** to be held in **Nairobi, Kenya on 20 December 2026**. All details and related documents will be published soon in accordance with WAAf Constitution.

The meeting also saw the agreement to start the Bidding Process to host the **16th African Archery Championships** and the **Continental Qualifier for LA28 Olympic Games**. The deadline to announce the exact dates and the host city is 15 December 2026.



World Archery Africa

Target Donation

World Archery Africa (WAAf) used to help the developing African Member Associations with Foam targets to help with the development of the archery sport in many countries.

WAAf has previously donated Foam Targets to Somalia, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. After hosting beginner coach courses.

For 2026, Lesotho has recently received (10) foam targets. And Benin will receive another (10) foam targets very soon.



For Niger, it was more practical to manufacture targets, carton for beginner athletes, and straw for the more advanced ones. In addition to manufacturing extra (10) wooden stands.



Guinea

Ms. Aissatou Thiam re-elected EB member of the CNOSG

Conakry, June 12, 2026

Ms. Sylla Aissatou Thiam, President of the Guinean Archery Federation, was re-elected as 3rd Vice-President of the Guinean National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSG) during the elective General Assembly held this Friday morning. The election, which took place in Conakry, saw Ms. Thiam secure the unanimous support of all 36 delegates present, a powerful endorsement of her leadership and vision.

This renewed vote of confidence reflects the high esteem in which she is held within the national sports movement and underscores her unwavering commitment to the development and success of archery in Guinea. Her continued presence on the CNOSG executive board is expected to provide a significant boost to the discipline, ensuring it receives the institutional support and visibility necessary to flourish. Stakeholders hope that her elevated role will positively influence the growth of archery, from grassroots participation to international competition, solidifying the sport's future in the country.



Mali

Come & Try Archery Day

The Malian Archery Federation (FEMATA) organized a vibrant "Come & Try Archery" open day, an event dedicated to promoting the sport and expanding its reach across the country. The day was marked by a series of significant activities that underscored the federation's commitment to developing archery in Mali.

The event featured a press briefing focused on the future prospects and development strategies for the discipline in Mali. During the gathering, the federation officially presented new archery equipment recently provided by World Archery, a crucial contribution that will greatly enhance training and competition capabilities for Malian archers. Additionally, the day saw the official registration of new clubs seeking affiliation with the federation, signaling growing interest and grassroots expansion.

The occasion was honored by the presence of several distinguished guests, including the Vice-President of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Mali (CNOS), a representative of the National Directorate of Sports, the Permanent Secretary for the Fight Against Light Weapons representing the Honorary President, and the Director of the Palais des Pionniers, which graciously hosted the event. The federation's president, secretary-general, executive team, and athletes extended a warm welcome to all attendees, making it a memorable and important moment for the future of Malian archery.



DNSS Project Organized

Between June and July, the Archery Federation of Niger organized a DNSS (Development of a National Sports System) project focused on increasing the skills of its coaches, producing local equipment, organizing tournaments, better structure the federation services and also included work with archers from the National Team.

The project was coordinated by World Archery education and development expert Carlos Freitas (Por) and was supported by IOC Olympic Solidarity as well as WA and World Archery Africa and included several online sessions on specific topics followed by practical and theoretical sessions that took place in Niger capital Niamey from 26 June to July 7.

Participants included federation officials and technical staff, coaches and archers, from all 8 regions of Niger, some having traveled by bus for about 30 hours and over 1300 km to be able to attend, with a strong determination to spread archery practice all over the country.

As a direct result of the program, a Level 1 Coaching Course was organized, as well as a training camp to prepare the National Team for the African Championship in Algeria and also a national tournament, as starting point for the future Niger archery tournament calendar, that should include 5 more competitions until the end of 2026.



The 15th TIZOCATA Open Archery Tournament

The Nigerian Archery Federation will organize the 15th edition of TIZOCATA Open Archery Tournament during 8-11 October 2026 in Abuja, Nigeria, in cooperation with World Archery Africa (WAAf).

This event has World Record Status and includes the following categories to attract athletes from all over the World: RM, RW, RU18M, RU18W, CM, CW, BM (50m), BW (50m), Beginner BM (30m), Beginner BW (30m), Beginner BM (18m) and Beginner BW (18m).

For the Invitation Package in English and French:

<https://nigeriaarcheryfederation.org/#invitations>

For the Registration Form:

<https://www.quivver.xyz/register/tizocata-open-archery-tournament-v15-mr3bvdx>

Abuja will also host the 2nd Olympic Solidarity Youth Training Camp intended for the qualified African athletes for Dakar Youth Olympic Games during 8-11 October 2026. The first version of this camp was held in Oran three weeks ago.

(14) participants are expected to take part in this camp (9 athletes + 5 coaches) representing five (5) Member Associations. The camp will be run under supervision of Mr. Evann COLLAUD – WA Coaching Expert.

Before the start of the tournament, WAAf will organize a National Judges Course from 5-11 October 2026 to qualify National judges and organizers who are able to officiate at this tournament and run similar events in the future. The course will be presented by Dr. Ahmed KOURA – The International Judge.



Uganda

Mcbond Re-Elected President and presents plan for New Term



Richard Mcbond Asiimwe has been re-elected unopposed as President of the Uganda Archery Federation (now operating as Archery Uganda) for a four-year term, receiving unanimous support during the federation's elective general assembly at the Uganda Olympic Committee offices . His new executive committee, including Vice Presidents Peter Masaba and Sula Blick, was elected without opposition, signaling strong confidence in his leadership .

Following his re-election, Asiimwe outlined an ambitious agenda centered on two key pillars: school outreach and para-archery development. "We want to take archery to schools because they have the two most important resources: the players and the facilities," he stated, noting that schools provide ideal spaces for training and talent identification . The initiative aims to groom young athletes for future Commonwealth Games and Olympic competitions, while also introducing the sport to potential para-athletes . Asiimwe highlighted Uganda's existing success in para-archery, with a para-athlete currently ranked third in the world .

Acknowledging challenges—including limited equipment and an annual government allocation of only Shs10 million—Asiimwe expressed hope for increased support to expand the federation's reach to at least 50% of Uganda's districts . With a clear grassroots strategy and a strengthened mandate, Asiimwe's new term promises to bring archery to more communities and aspiring athletes across Uganda .



Uganda Archery Federation New ExCom

Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
September 2026 (TBC)	Kenya Outdoor Championships	Nairobi, Kenya
8-11 October 2026	15th TIZOCATA Open Archery Tournament	Abuja, Nigeria
10 October 2026	Namibia Indoor Target Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
15-18 October 2026	Result Management Training Course (lanseo)	Tunisia
25-29 October 2026	World Archery Level-1 Coaches Course	Windhoek, Namibia
6-10 November 2026	Youth Olympic Games (Archery)	Dakar, Senegal
12-14 November 2026	National classifier training course / Africa	Pretoria, South Africa
2-6 December 2026	World Archery Level-1 Coaches Course	Cairo, Egypt
20 December 2026	2026 WAAf Congress	Nairobi, Kenya
August- September 2027	African Games	Cairo, Egypt
January - April 2028	16th African Archery Championships & CQT	TBD

Contact Us!



Editors

Mrs. Iona BARTOSZ (ZIM) – WAAf Media Manager: ionabartosz@gmail.com
Dr. Ahmed KOURA (EGY) – WAAf Secretary General: akoura@waafrica.org
Mr. Saber BEN BRAHIM (TUN) – WAAf Deputy Secretary General: sbbrahim@waafrica.org

