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FORWORD

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear President, Vice-Presidents, Members of the African Taekwondo Union Council, and Members of National Associations,

It is with great pride and honor that I present to you the annual report for the African Taekwondo Union (AFTU), highlighting our significant accomplishments and progress throughout the year. The year 2024 has been filled with landmark achievements and transformative initiatives that have further elevated taekwondo across the continent.



As the Secretary General, I have had the privilege of overseeing AFTU's operations and working closely with our esteemed members and partners to deliver on our mission to promote and develop taekwondo across Africa. This report reflects the fruits of our collective efforts and the unwavering dedication of everyone involved.

Over the past year, we have made considerable strides in both competition and development. AFTU has successfully organized a number of high-profile events, including:

AFTU Missions: From Baku, Azerbaijan, in May 2023 to Madagascar in August 2023, AFTU has carried out crucial missions that have fostered stronger partnerships and collaboration across the taekwondo community.

Major Competitions: The Senegal Open and Grand Prix Challenge in July 2023, as well as the African Taekwondo Championships in Abidjan in November, provided a competitive platform for our athletes, raising the profile of African taekwondo on the global stage.

Strategic Agreements and Cooperation: We secured key cooperation agreements, such as the AFTU & KPNP Cooperation Agreement in Seoul in August, and participated in the World Taekwondo Cultural Festival in Korea, cementing our role as a major player in the global taekwondo community.

Youth and Women Initiatives: We held the AFTU Youth Training Camp in Senegal in May and launched the Women Promotion Initiative in Mozambique, showcasing our commitment to fostering talent from all levels of the sport, including women and youth.

Furthermore, the African Taekwondo Union has played an instrumental role in several international collaborations, as demonstrated by our participation in the World Taekwondo Council Meeting and the World Taekwondo Coach-Referee Joint Training Camp in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

This report also covers the successful reception of KPNP electronic equipment in anticipation of the African Games in Accra, Ghana, in March, a key milestone in our preparation for the Games. We also hosted various training camps, seminars, and technical workshops, including the widely participated AFTU Online Free Seminar in Poomsae & Freestyle, which engaged 700 participants.

As we reflect on the year, our focus remains clear: building capacity and expanding the reach of taekwondo in Africa, while ensuring our athletes, coaches, and officials are well-prepared for global competitions, such as the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Looking ahead, AFTU has an ambitious agenda that will further solidify Africa's place in the global taekwondo arena. I thank every member, partner, and supporter for your relentless commitment and contributions toward the success of AFTU. Together, we will continue to make great strides toward a brighter future for taekwondo in Africa.

Sincerely,

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OPERATIONS REPORT

This section of the report meticulously highlights the diverse administrative, leadership, and political initiatives undertaken and/or organized by the African Taekwondo Union (AFTU) within the period of May 2023 to September 2024. These activities played an essential role in advancing the profile of African taekwondo, fostering strategic partnerships, and promoting the sport across the continent and internationally.

1. Strengthening AFTU's Administrative Foundation: During this period, AFTU's administrative operations were significantly enhanced to ensure streamlined processes and increased efficiency. The union established robust communication channels between its Member National Associations (MNAs) and World Taekwondo (WT). This was complemented by regular administrative meetings and updates, ensuring that decisions and policies were uniformly implemented across the continent.

- ⊠ **Implementation of Digital Platforms:** AFTU introduced digital platforms to modernize administrative tasks, providing MNAs with easy access to information, resources, and updates regarding competitions, seminars, and events. This shift toward digitization also facilitated transparent reporting and a unified database of African taekwondo athletes, coaches, and officials.
- ⊠ **Leadership Coordination:** The AFTU leadership convened regularly to discuss strategic goals, future activities, and the alignment of African taekwondo's objectives with those of World Taekwondo. These meetings ensured that AFTU remained an agile and responsive organization capable of navigating the complexities of international sports administration.

2. Political and Leadership Engagements: The leadership of AFTU, led by President IDE Issaka, participated in various high-level political and leadership engagements that not only solidified AFTU's position in the global taekwondo ecosystem but also fostered stronger relationships with key stakeholders.

- ⊠ **Participation in World Taekwondo Council and Executive Meetings:** President IDE Issaka, representing AFTU, participated in multiple World Taekwondo Council meetings, including the **Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Chuncheon, Korea, in August 2023**. These meetings provided a platform for AFTU to advocate for the interests of African taekwondo within the global governance structure of World Taekwondo. Through active participation, AFTU contributed to major decisions, including the election of host cities for global events such as the World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final.
- ⊠ **African Leadership Engagements:** AFTU took part in various continental and regional summits aimed at fostering collaboration between African sports organizations and national governments. The **AFTU Mission to Madagascar in August 2023** served as a significant example, where key discussions took place regarding government support for taekwondo infrastructure development, further solidifying political backing for the sport across the continent.

3. Collaboration with International Bodies: AFTU engaged in multiple strategic collaborations with international bodies to further the development of taekwondo in Africa. The union actively participated in international forums, which resulted in significant cooperation agreements and partnerships.

- ⊠ **AFTU & KPNP Cooperation Agreement (August 2023):** A groundbreaking cooperation agreement with KPNP was formalized in Seoul, South Korea. This partnership marked a turning point in the technological enhancement of African taekwondo, with the adoption of state-of-the-art electronic

scoring systems, ensuring fairer competitions and greater efficiency in major tournaments such as the **African Games Accra 2023**.

- ☒ **World Taekwondo Cultural Festival Agreement (August 2023):** AFTU leadership was also present at the **Gangwon Chuncheon 2023 World Taekwondo Cultural Festival**, where the relocation of World Taekwondo's headquarters was signed. This marked a significant moment in global taekwondo governance, with AFTU positioning itself as a key player in WT's cultural and structural evolution.

4. Organizing Key Continental and Global Events: In addition to participating in international meetings, AFTU took on an active role in organizing key events that attracted international attention and placed African taekwondo on the world stage.

- ☒ **African Qualification Tournament & Head of Teams Meeting for Paris 2024 (February 2024):** The **African Qualification Tournament** held in Dakar, Senegal, saw athletes from across the continent compete for spots in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The event was organized in collaboration with WT and was a testament to AFTU's organizational capabilities. The **Head of Teams Meeting** held in parallel also provided critical updates on the preparation for Paris 2024, with the participation of high-ranking officials from World Taekwondo, including President Dr. Chungwon Choue.
- ☒ **Senegal Open and Grand Prix Challenge (July 2023):** This high-profile event, held in Dakar, Senegal, served as a major continental competition, providing African athletes with the opportunity to prepare for international events. The competition witnessed exceptional performances and fostered greater unity within the African taekwondo community.

5. Advocacy for Grassroots Development and Gender Inclusion: AFTU continued to prioritize grassroots development and gender inclusion throughout its activities. One of the key initiatives during this period was the **AFTU Women Promotion Program** spearheaded by Ms. Gladys Njoroge, which aimed to empower and increase female participation in taekwondo across Africa.

- ☒ **Youth and Women's Empowerment:** AFTU organized multiple grassroots programs, including the **AFTU Youth Training Camp in May 2024** in Dakar, Senegal, which brought together promising young athletes from across the continent. These initiatives have been vital in nurturing future taekwondo champions and promoting gender equality within the sport.

6. Recognition and Awards: AFTU's efforts did not go unnoticed, as the union received various recognitions and honors for its work. At the **Peace and Sport Awards 2023** held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, AFTU's initiatives promoting peace through sport were highlighted, with AFTU being recognized as a leading organization in Africa for fostering social cohesion through taekwondo.

Conclusion: The period from May 2023 to September 2024 has been a pivotal time for AFTU, marked by outstanding achievements in the fields of administration, leadership, and political engagement. AFTU's participation in international forums, the successful organization of continental competitions, and its efforts to promote grassroots development have solidified its role as a major driving force in the global taekwondo community.

Through its continuous efforts, AFTU has strengthened its presence both on the African continent and on the global stage, fostering unity, inclusivity, and progress in the sport of taekwondo. Looking forward, AFTU remains committed to furthering the development of taekwondo in Africa and ensuring that the continent continues to produce world-class athletes and leaders in the sport.

I. AFTU Mission in : " 28 May, 2023 in Azerbaijan, BAKU.

a) The Baku 2023 World Championships Head of Team Meeting.



b) World Taekwondo General Assembly AFTU 2023 -BAKU

AFTU held its General Information Assembly with all the AFTU MNAs present in Baku and also the others online. Under the presence of Mr IDE Issaka who presided over the meeting with the 1st Vice-

president and all the members of the Bureau, we adopted all the administrative, technical and financial reports. We took advantage of this assembly to congratulate again the Namibian federation of Taekjwondo for its integration within the WT THEY NOW HAVE 53 MEMBERS WITHIN AFTU .



c) World Taekwondo Symposium focus on positive value of Taekwondo and its future

BAKU, Azerbaijan (May 28, 2023) - World Taekwondo today hosted the World Taekwondo Symposium which brought together expert academic speakers to discuss the positive value of Taekwondo and ideas for its future based on scientific research.

The Symposium was opened by World Taekwondo Education Committee Chair and President of the French Taekwondo Association Hassane Sadok who provided an analysis of the existing academic research which has been conducted into Taekwondo. Sadok looked at how research into performance analysis and injury prevention and other key areas is providing a greater understanding of the benefits of Taekwondo practice.

Hadwah Moawad, Chair of Taekwondo For All and World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo Classification Committee, presented on Taekwondo for Better life and the 12 strategies implemented by World Taekwondo to improve quality of life in both the external and internal dimensions.

Hyun Chul Jung, Professor, College of Physical Education at Kyung Hee University presented the scientific development in Taekwondo studies across the three main areas of research: 1) Athletic Performance, 2) Preventing sports injury and 3) Health promotion.

Mohsen Kazemi, Professor, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, assessed the impact of weight classifications in Taekwondo and posited that based on the data available it could be worth considering pursuing categorisation based on height.

The final presentation was delivered by Paul Viscogliosi, Medical Doctor, Specialist in Emergency Trauma, who looked at the evolution of safety in Taekwondo competitions and how the changes to Taekwondo competitions has significantly reduced injuries in the sport.

World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue thanked the speakers for their presentations and emphasised the importance of the World Taekwondo Symposium which he launched nearly 20 years ago to encourage greater academic research and engagement on Taekwondo.

The Symposium concluded with an interactive panel discussion with speakers taking questions from the audience.

d) Golden Jubilee Gala Dinner 🌟



II. "SENEGAL OPEN" 18-19 and the GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE : " 24-25 July, 2023 in DAKAR, Senegal.

The organization of the SENEGAL OPEN and the GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE took place in optimal conditions and was a great success, thanks to our Official Sponsor ERIC FAVRE (Eric Favre Sénégal). The African Taekwondo Union and the Senegalese Taekwondo Federation sincerely thank you for your generous contribution.

This was a very important competition because it enabled us to carry out this activity that the WT had requested in order to allow the athletes to take part in the Grand Prix in Paris and also to pick up some very important points on the ranking. The Senegalese Taekwondo Federation has done an excellent job in making this challenge a success. President IDE Issaka congratulates the AFTU technical teams for their professionalism and commitment to meeting the major challenges.



III. World Taekwondo Council convened today for an Extraordinary meeting : " 18 August, 2023 in CHUNCHEON, Korea.

CHUNCHEON, Korea (Aug 18, 2023) – The **World Taekwondo Council convened today for an Extraordinary meeting** that marked several significant milestones, including the awarding of the **inaugural World Virtual Championships in 2024 to Singapore**, and the **approval of the Implementation Agreement with Chuncheon on the Relocation of the headquarters of World Taekwondo**.

The Council meeting took place in a hybrid format on the opening day of the Gangwon-Chuncheon World Taekwondo Cultural Festival. In addition to the Council members, the meeting was attended by **IOC Vice President Ser Miang Ng**.

The creation of the World Taekwondo Virtual Championships, meanwhile, follows the success of the discipline at the first-ever Olympic Esports Week (OEW) in Singapore, where Virtual Taekwondo delivered the most memorable highlights of the event. Singapore will host the inaugural edition in 2024, with dates to be decided at a later stage.

World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue said:

“Congratulations to Singapore on the awarding of the first-ever World Taekwondo Virtual Championships. Following the resounding success of the Olympic Esports Week in Singapore, I can think of no better host to stage this important new event and bring Virtual Taekwondo to the world. This is a key milestone for Taekwondo which reflects our commitment to innovation and engaging new audiences.”

During the meeting, the Council also approved the Implementation Agreement on the Relocation of the headquarters of World Taekwondo. The agreement follows an extensive bid and evaluation process, in which Chuncheon was selected based on its strong Taekwondo heritage and high scores across the evaluation criteria of sustainability, suitability, facility infrastructure and expected impact.

Chuncheon was also awarded the World Taekwondo Octagon Diamond Games, the World Taekwondo Demonstration Team Championships and the World Para Taekwondo Open Challenge from 2024 to 2026. The Host City Contract was signed by World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue and Chuncheon Mayor Donghan Yook.

Meanwhile, the World Taekwondo Council welcomed **Athletes Committee co-chairs Wu Jingyu and Cheick Cisse, who are now ex-officio members on the Council** to ensure that the athlete voice is represented at the highest level within the federation.

Finally, the Council received reports on World Taekwondo's Safeguarding Initiative, which is a strategic follow up to the Hammamet Declaration on Safe Sport that it announced in 2018. The Safeguarding Initiative sees 13 representatives from World Taekwondo's administration and Continental Unions who will undertake the IOC Safeguarding Certification program.

The next World Taekwondo Council meeting will be held on 11 May 2024 in Muju, Korea.



IV. AFTU & KPNP COOPERATION AGREEMENT : " 19 August, 2023 in SEOUL, South Korea.

The African Taekwondo Union, represented by its President, Mr IDE Issaka, Mr Driss EL HILALI (1st Vice-President AFTU) and Mr Balla DIEYE (Secretary General AFTU), and the Korean brand KPNP officially signed a contract in Seoul on Saturday August 19, 2023.

AFTU is proud to be associated with a brand that has been recognized for many years, having already demonstrated its expertise in Taekwondo.





V. Implementation Agreement on Relocation of Headquarters of World Taekwondo signed at Gangwon Chuncheon 2023 World Taekwondo Cultural Festival " 19 August, 2023 in CHUNCHEON, Korea.

CHUNCHEON, Korea (Aug 19, 2023) - World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue and Chuncheon Mayor Donghan Yook signed an Implementation Agreement on the Relocation of the headquarters of World Taekwondo to Chuncheon during the Opening Ceremony of the Gangwon Chuncheon 2023 World Taekwondo Cultural Festival.

The purpose of the agreement is to establish the rights and obligations of World Taekwondo and the city of Chuncheon, Gangwon State with an aim of relocating headquarters of World Taekwondo to Chuncheon Songam Sports Town in the City of Chuncheon.

Chuncheon plans to construct a four-story building with a gross floor area of approximately 3,100m² to host the federation. Construction would take place from 2024-2027 and would see a performance hall, memorial hall, exhibition room, reception and rest area on the first and second floors, with the third and fourth floors reserved for office spaces, and various types of meeting rooms. The rooftop will have a garden and observatory facility.

Chuncheon hopes to enhance the image of the city through its hosting of the headquarters of World Taekwondo and develop the Headquarters into a tourist attraction which hosts various types of international events. Chuncheon will provide integrated education programs to promote the values of body, virtue and knowledge through practising Taekwondo and promote the growth of Taekwondo as an industry.

Speaking following the ceremony, World Taekwondo President Choue said:

“Chuncheon City has hosted many international and domestic Taekwondo competitions over the past few decades and with the establishment of the headquarters of World Taekwondo here we will significantly increase the synergies between Chuncheon City and our federation.”

VI. AFTU Mission " 26 August, 2023 in MADAGASCAR.

Mr. Henri RANDRIAMANDRATO (Vice President AFTU / Island Zone), Grandmaster Hung Wai Wing (Council Member AFTU), Mr. Christian Richard RAMANANTSOA (President of Malagasy Taekwondo Federation), Master ATIKI (Comorian Taekwondo Federation) and Mr. Balla DIEYE (Secretary General of AFTU) at the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games - Madagascar (JIOI2023).

This competition is a very important moment for the development of taekwondo in the zone of the islands AFTU was present because it played a great role for the reintegration of taekwondo. We took the opportunity to meet the Minister of Posts and also all the MNAs in the area to discuss prospects and congratulate the president of the federation and our AFTU vice-president of the zone for their excellent work..





VII. AFTU Mission for the 13th African Games "ACCRA 2023" "4 October, 2023 in GHANA.

President IDE Issaka recently met members of the Ghana Taekwondo Federation, including Mr. Frederick OTU (President), Mr. Adnan Lamptey (Secretary General) and Mr. Stephen Amegashie (Technical Director).

The importance of this meeting lies in the desire to strengthen the effective coordination of all taekwondo related activities within the framework of the 13th African Games "ACCRA 2023"

The African Taekwondo Union, led by President IDE Issaka, is resolutely committed to the preparations for the 13th African Games "ACCRA 2023" to be held from March 8 to 23, 2024.

The AFTU delegation took part in crucial discussions at the preparatory meeting to ensure the success of this emblematic sporting event, chaired by the Minister of Youth and Sports of Ghana.







VIII. The Peace and Sport Awards 2023 " 21 October, 2023 in RIYADH, Saudi Arabia.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia | World Taekwondo and the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) was awarded the « Combat Sport Initiative of the year » at the Peace and Sport Awards 2023 in recognition of the impactful work in supporting underprivileged communities around the world.

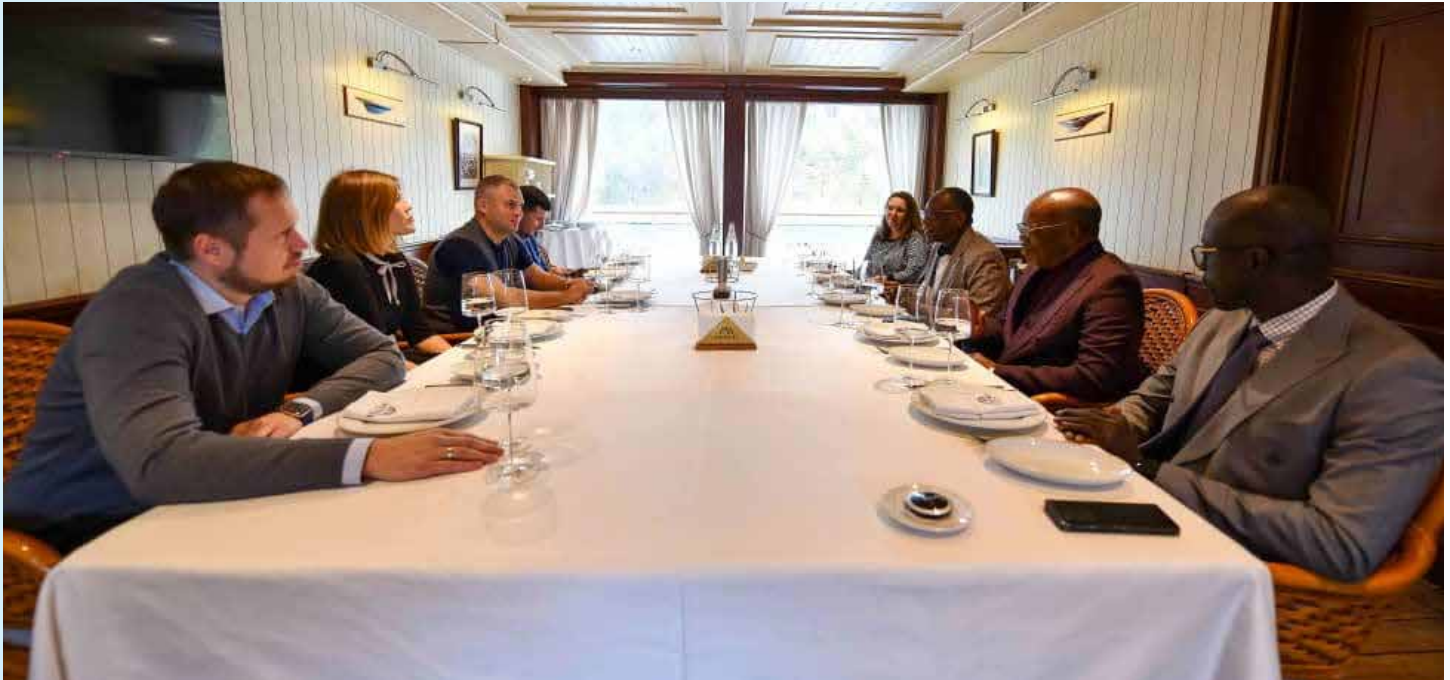
The Peace and Sport Awards 2023 was held at the Cultural Palace of the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh on the occasion of the Peace and Sport Middle-East Forum ahead of the World Combat Games. The Combat Spo...



IX. AFTU MISSION IN MOSCOW " 23-27 October, 2023 in RUSSIA.

- a) The African Taekwondo Union was honored to share a working lunch with the Russian National Olympic Committee.

The lively discussions covered a range of topics, including the development of taekwondo in Africa, athlete training, cultural exchanges and the organization of joint sporting events.





- b) Historic partnership signing ceremony between the African Taekwondo Union (AFTU) and the Russian Taekwondo Union (RTU) in Moscow (Russia)

A memorable event took place in Moscow, marking the union of two powerful entities in the world of taekwondo. The African Taekwondo Union, under the leadership of its President, Mr. IDE Issaka, officially sealed a partnership with the Russian Taekwondo Union, represented by its President, Mr. Anatoly TEREKHOV.

The importance of this agree...





- c) The African Taekwondo Union delegation led by President IDE Issaka, visited the African athletes hotel to congratulate and encourage them.

Their determination and performance were simply exceptional. Each athlete has worn our colors with honor and passion on the international stage.





- d) Meeting of the President of the Algerian Taekwondo Federation, Mr. Yazid Benallaoua and his first vice president Mr. Houcine Zatouch with Mr. Anatoly TEREKHOV (President of Russian Taekwondo Union)



X.African Taekwondo Championships " 5-6th November, 2023 in Abidjan-Ivory Cost.

President IDE Issaka congratulates Dr. Chungwon Choue (President of World Taekwondo), the Ivorian Taekwondo Federation, the Ivorian Olympic Committee and all the members of the African Taekwondo Union for the exceptional organization of the African Taekwondo Championships | Abidjan 2023.

This success testifies to the outstanding commitment to Taekwondo in Africa. Our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to making this event a triumph for our sport.

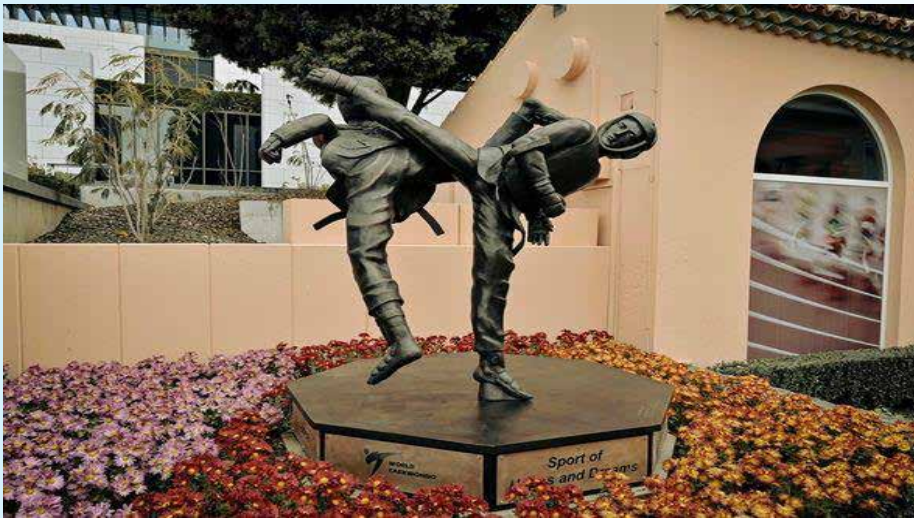
A moment of history in Abidjan to take advantage to decorate all the presidents AFTU and also that of the Ivorian federation a moment to really show our support to the MNAs but especially to the country that organizes the competition, Thank you to the Ivorian federation of Taekwondo and our brave technicians.



XI. Inauguration of the emblematic statue of World Taekwondo at the Olympic Museum " 15 November, 2023 in Lausanne..

President IDE Issaka congratulates Dr. Chungwon Choue (President of World Taekwondo) and Thomas Bach (President of the International Olympic Committee) for the inauguration of the emblematic statue of World Taekwondo at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

In this golden jubilee, this event marks an exceptional milestone in the history of our discipline. This statue is much more than an artistic piece, it embodies the strength, discipline and Olympic spirit that characterize our c...





XII. AFTU Mission in : " 28 May, 2023 in Azerbaijan, BAKU.

e) The Baku 2023 World Championships Head of Team Meeting.



XIII. African Qualification Tournament & Head of Team meeting for Paris 2024 Olympic Games/Dakar, Senegal " 10 February, 2024.

a- Head of Team meeting :

The Head of Team Meeting for the African Qualification Tournament marked a crucial step towards the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Held in Dakar, Senegal, on February 10, 2024, this meeting brought together representatives from various African nations to discuss the logistics, competition structure, and final preparations for the tournament.

The meeting addressed key issues such as athlete registration, competition rules, anti-doping procedures, and the final selection criteria for African athletes vying for qualification spots in the upcoming Olympic Games. The leadership displayed by team officials and their active participation in the discussions ensured that all national teams were well-prepared to compete on the continental stage.

This gathering also provided an opportunity for networking among African taekwondo federations, fostering greater unity and collaboration within the African taekwondo community. The AFTU is proud of the collective effort shown by all teams in ensuring that the Qualification Tournament runs smoothly, setting the stage for African athletes to showcase their talent and earn their places at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The AFTU extends its appreciation to the Senegalese Taekwondo Federation for their impeccable organization and hospitality in hosting this important event. We look forward to witnessing the successful participation of African athletes at the global stage of the Olympics, further raising the profile of African taekwondo.





b- The African Qualification Tournament itself :



c- Dr. Chungwon CHOUE, President of World Taekwondo, met with the presidents of African Taekwondo federations :

During the African Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024, Dr. Chungwon CHOUE, President of World Taekwondo, met with the presidents of African Taekwondo federations. The meeting focused on strengthening taekwondo across Africa, discussing strategies for grassroots development, improved training facilities, and greater athlete opportunities. Dr. Choue reiterated his commitment to supporting African Taekwondo's growth. The meeting set a positive tone for Africa's participation in the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the photograph attached highlights this important gathering of leaders.



d- Dr. Chungwon CHOUE memorable experience after the African Qualification Tournament :

Following the African Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Dr. Chungwon CHOUE, alongside Mr. IDE Issaka (AFTU) and Mr. Maher (WT), had the chance to embark on a remarkable adventure in Senegal: walking with lions at the Fathala Wildlife Reserve. This extraordinary experience allowed Dr. CHOUE to explore the wild beauty of Senegalese nature, walking side by side with these majestic felines. It was a rare and unforgettable opportunity to connect with African wildlife, adding a unique and memorable highlight to his visit.



XIV. The reception of KPNP electronic equipment in anticipation of the African Games | Accra 2023/Accra, Ghana " 7 March, 2024.

We had the distinct privilege of receiving KPNP electronic equipment in preparation for the African Games in Accra 2023. The official handover ceremony was attended by notable dignitaries, including Mr. Frederick OTU, President of the Ghana Taekwondo Federation, Mr. Balla DIEYE, Secretary General of AFTU, and His Excellency the Korean Ambassador to Ghana.

On this significant occasion, President IDE Issaka expressed his profound gratitude to World Taekwondo for their unwavering support, highlighting the vital importance of this collaboration in ensuring the smooth and professional execution of taekwondo competitions during the upcoming African Games. This milestone reinforces the close partnership between World Taekwondo and the African taekwondo community.



XV. AFTU Women Promotion initiative program held by Ms. Gladys Njoroge, Chairwoman of AFTU Women's Commission/ Mozambique " 19 April, 2024.

The AFTU Women Promotion Initiative Program, led by Ms. Gladys Njoroge, Chairwoman of the AFTU Women's Commission, took place in Mozambique on April 19, 2024. This program aims to encourage women to actively engage in Taekwondo, with the objective of promoting their overall well-being and empowerment. By creating more opportunities for female participation, the initiative contributes to advancing gender equality and fostering leadership through the practice of Taekwondo across Africa.



XVI. The AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting", held on SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024 from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format.

Minutes

Minutes of " The AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting", held on SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024 from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format.

AGENDA

I. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

II. President Speech

III. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of the AFTU Executive Council Meeting/January 6, 2024/HYBRID (Online & Headquarters-Niamey-Niger) / 11h00-13h00 GMT+1(local time-Niger)

B. Agenda of the AFTU AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting/SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024 from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format)

IV. AFTU First Quarter (January, February & March 2024) General Report Presentation by the Secretary General

A. Detailed Information on :

- 1. G1- Jeux africains accra 2024.*
- 2. Open of egypt. and Senegal, Rwanda and Equatorial Guinea*
- 3. Administrative information (AFTU headquarters, WT meeting in Muju, Liberia ,Madagascar, Sierra Leone,Rca and Lesotho).*
- 4. Legal department WT*
- 5. Finance*
- 6. Paris 2024 (selection of referees)*
- 7. Youth training camp 2024*

B. Approval of the Report

V. Other Matters

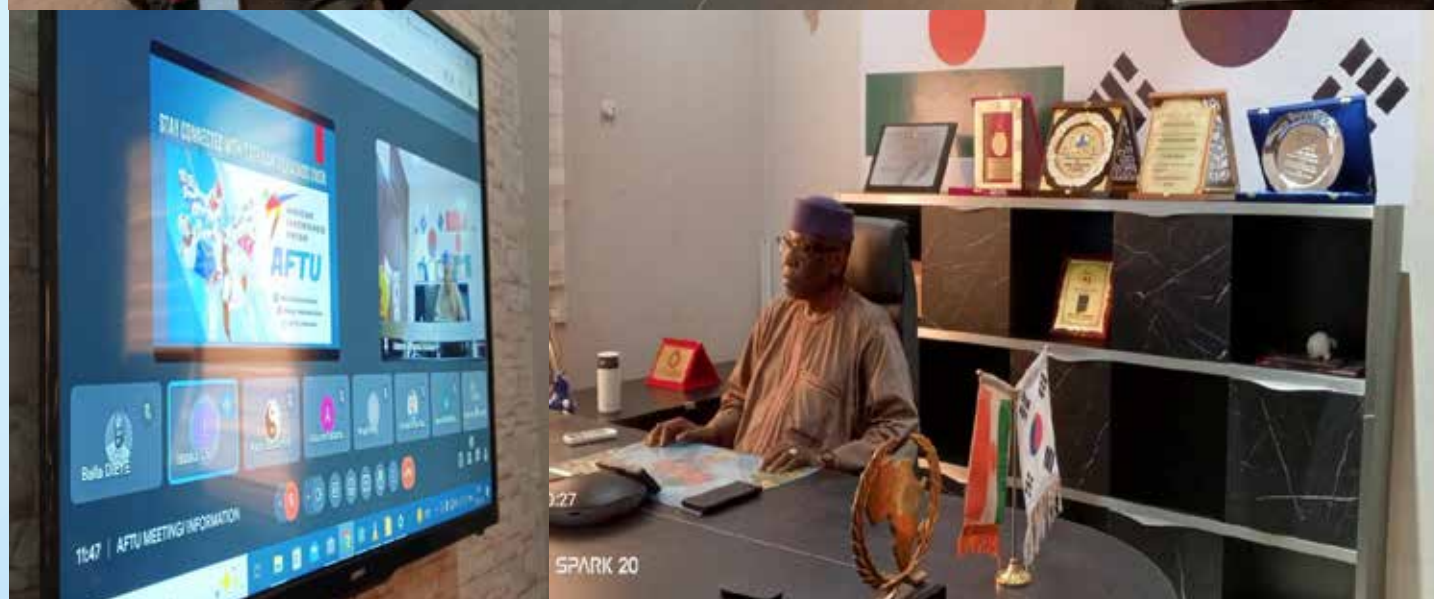
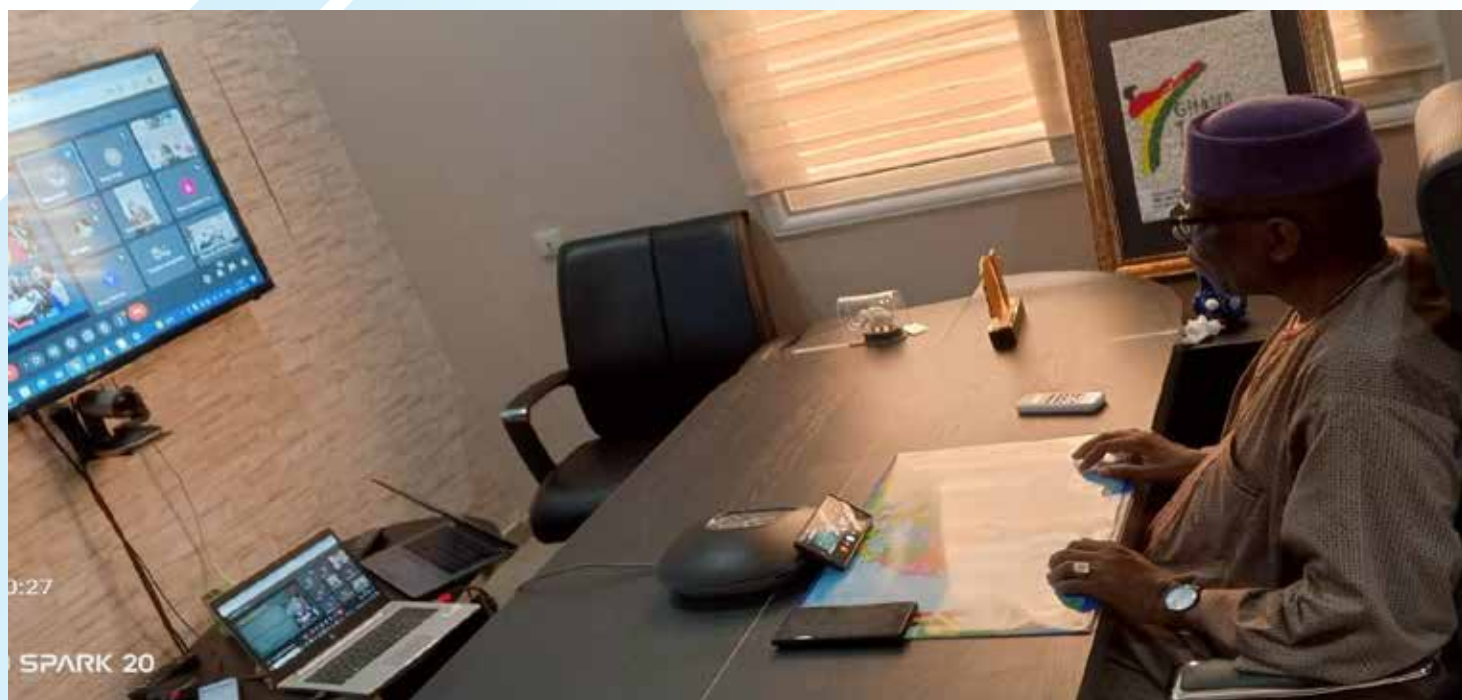
VI. Next Meeting

VII. Closing of Meeting

Appendix1: Minutes of the AFTU Executive Council Meeting/January 6, 2024/HYBRID (Online & Headquarters-Niamey-Niger) / 11h00-13h00 GMT+1(local time-Niger)

Appendix2: Agenda of "The AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting", held on SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024 from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format.

The year 2024 and Saturday, April 27th was held "The AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting", from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format. The purpose of this meeting is to share with members, detailed information about all the aspect of the AFTU during that period.



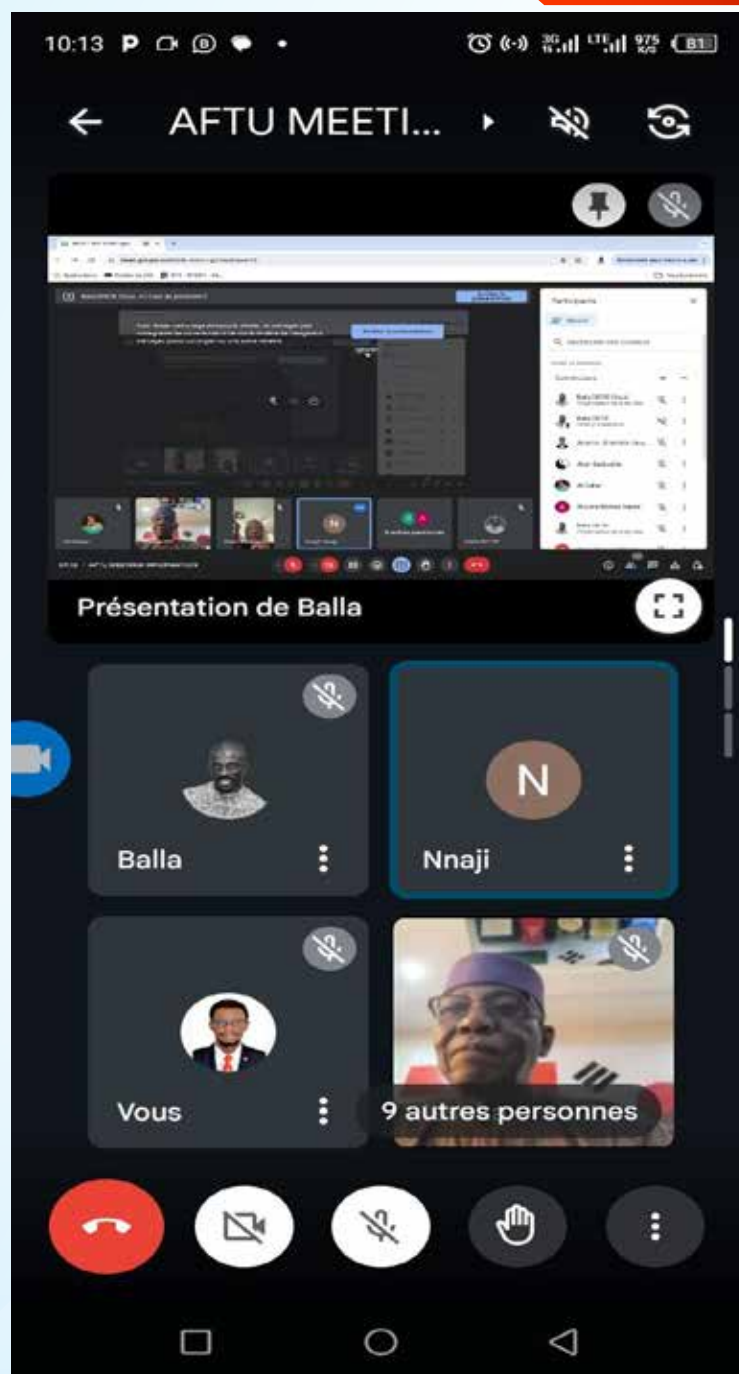
I. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

a. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the Meeting, **Mr. IDE Issaka**, President of AFTU.

The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Balla DIEYE**, Secretary General, to announce the quorum.

Mr. Balla DIEYE announced that 14 Participants among those 21 invited, were attending online (Via Goggle-meet):

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Thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 5.2 of the AFTU Statutes.

II. President Speech

After extending a warm welcome to the participants, the **President of the African Taekwondo Union, Mr. IDE Issaka** mentioned that, the purpose of this **Extraordinary Meeting** is to share with members, detailed information about all the aspects of the AFTU during that its first quarter of the year 2024.

Right before delving into the agenda, the **President of the African Taekwondo Union, Mr. IDE Issaka** humbly asked all the members to stand and observe a minute of silence to pay tribute to ours dead and to pay tribute to our brother who recently passed away.

Then, the President congratulated the participants for their unwavering efforts and support for developing Taekwondo in Africa and beyond.

At the end of his welcome word, he reiterated his thanks to MNAs and to all the Council Members following online, before wishing that this meeting be successful and fruitful.

III. Approval

A. Approval of Minute of Minutes of the AFTU Executive Council Meeting/January 6, 2024/HYBRID (Online & Headquarters-Niamey-Niger) / 11h00-13h00 GMT+1(local time-Niger);

B. Agenda of the AFTU AFTU Extraordinary Council Meeting/SATURDAY APRIL 27th, 2024 from 10:00pm – 11:00AM (GMT+1 Niger Local Time), in an Online format)

IV. AFTU First Quarter (January, February & March 2024) General Report Presentation by the Secretary General

A. *Detailed Information :*

The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Balla DIEYE** to deliver the AFTU First Quarter (January, February & March 2024) General Report.

Mr. Balla DIEYE a provided all the detailed information during this quarter, on the different points as follows:

1. *G1- Jeux africains accra 2024.*
2. *Open of egypt. and Senegal, Rwanda and Equatorial Guinea*
3. *Administrative information (AFTU headquarters, WT meeting in Muju, Liberia ,Madagascar, Sierra Leone,Rca and Lesotho).*
4. *Legal department WT*
5. *Finance*
6. *Paris 2024 (selection of referees)*
7. *Youth training camp 2024*

Then he asked the **CHAIR** for any to add if there is any forgotten point or comments about the General Report that he presented at the Meeting by power point.

The **CHAIR** took the floor by, first and foremost, highly appreciating the great job performed by His **Secretary General, Mr. Balla DIEYE**. He also extended his gratitude to the Niger Authorities for the new Headquarters of AFTU; And thanked and congratulated the African Athletes Qualified to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games; And finally prayed for them and asked all the members to pray for them.

So, after these wise words, the **CHAIR** started given the floor to the council members for there comments and questions :

- **Mr. OTU** : Thanked the AFTU and the CHAIR, **Mr IDE Issaka** for the opportunities and all the efforts provided to Support Ghana TKD during the 13th All African Games of March 2024 in ACCRA.

- **Mr. PLACIDE** : Thanked AFTU for this important Meeting and the clear Presentation. He also seized this opportunity to inform the participants that the Rwanda event is postponed to September 2024. Finally, He expressed the need to make it clear the New Project with KPNP to rent out equipment and helping MNAs purchase equipment.
- **Mr. ALI SABER** : Thanked AFTU for this important Meeting and appreciate the good job. Then He complained about the change of the Meeting Time, asked for preventing participants at list 24 hours before the meeting.
- **Dr. Nnaji** : Was overjoyed of the good news of our new Headquarters from Niger Government and appreciated the wonderful efforts of **Mr IDE Issaka**; He also mentioned the wonderful event we experienced in Accra through the 13th All African Games combining (*Kyorugi, Poomsae & Freestyle*) ; He did not fail to underline some important points they handled with the **SG** about their last Meeting with Namibia, some issue with Sierra-Leon etc ...

After those very relevant interventions made by the Council Members, the **Secretary General, Mr. Balla DIEYE** took the floor again to provide more clarifications.

- **Mr. Balla DIEYE** : Thanked all the speakers for their interventions and answered **Mr. PLACIDE** that this New Project with KPNP is to help MNAs that want to host Taekwondo events in their countries but do not have the materials required, to rent out equipment by assuring the transportation fees and a lump sum. But this nez project helps also and mostly those MNAs to purchase equipment.

He finally mentioned that, we are about to postpone **MALABO** Event .

B. Approval of the Report :

The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the Report. It was seconded and approved by the them.

The **CHAIR** declared that the Report was approved by the Council and congratulated **Mr. Balla DIEYE, his Secretary General** for a job well done.

- Decision: The General Activities Report is approved by the Council.

V. Other Matters

About the miscellaneous, no topics were developed, because the purpose of the meeting was to share information, and all the members were happy because they are at the same level of information.

VI. Next Meeting

The **CHAIR** announced that the next Council Meeting date and place will be determined in the coming days.

VII. Closing of Meeting

The **CHAIR** thanked the Council for an efficient meeting and adjourned the Council Meeting.

Niamey, 30 Avril 2024

Balla DIEYE

Secretary General

African Taekwondo Union (AFTU)

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XVII. World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting /Muju, Korea-12 May, 2024.

As a distinguished member of the World Taekwondo Council, the President of the African Taekwondo Union, Mr. IDE Issaka, took part in the World Taekwondo Extraordinary Council Meeting. This important gathering was held on the occasion of the WT Coach-Referee Joint Training Camp, a key event in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The meeting covered a comprehensive agenda, which included crucial decisions such as the election of host cities for the 2024 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final, among other strategic developments.

Mr. Issaka's active participation in this meeting underscores AFTU's vital role in contributing to the global Taekwondo movement and highlights the Union's commitment to being an integral part of the sport's development at both continental and international levels. Through his involvement, Mr. Issaka continues to ensure that Africa's voice is well-represented in shaping the future of global Taekwondo events and initiatives.





XVIII. Opening ceremony of World Taekwondo Coach-Referee Joint Training Camp for For Paris 2024 Olympic Games-May 12-14, 2024 | Muju Taekwondowon, Korea.

The opening ceremony of the World Taekwondo Coach-Referee Joint Training Camp for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games took place from May 12 to 14, 2024, at the prestigious Muju Taekwondowon in Korea. This event marked a significant step in preparing coaches and referees for the upcoming Olympics, providing them with essential training and resources to enhance their skills and expertise.

The camp featured a series of workshops, discussions, and practical sessions designed to equip participants with the latest techniques and knowledge in Taekwondo coaching and officiating. By bringing together esteemed coaches and referees from around the world, the joint training camp aimed to foster collaboration and the exchange of best practices, ultimately contributing to the integrity and quality of Taekwondo competitions at the Olympic level.

The event not only highlighted the commitment of World Taekwondo to elevate the standards of coaching and refereeing but also served as a platform for building stronger relationships within the global Taekwondo community as they work towards the successful execution of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games



XIX. AFTU YOUTH TRAINING CAMP, from May 19 to 30, 2024 in Dakar/SENEGAL.

The AFTU Youth Training Camp, held from May 19 to 30, 2024, in Dakar, Senegal, marked a significant milestone in our commitment to nurturing the next generation of Taekwondo athletes. This prestigious event attracted 40 promising young talents from 10 different countries, providing them with a unique platform to enhance their skills and share experiences.

The official opening ceremony, conducted on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Arena, set a positive tone for the camp, emphasizing the importance of youth development in Taekwondo. Throughout the camp, participants engaged in rigorous training sessions, skill-building workshops, and cultural exchanges, fostering camaraderie among the athletes.

This initiative not only aimed to improve technical abilities but also sought to inspire the young athletes to embody the values of discipline, respect, and perseverance that Taekwondo represents. By investing in our youth, we are laying the groundwork for the future success of Taekwondo in Africa, empowering them to pursue excellence in their sport.



- Countries participating in the World Taekwondo Solidarity Camp.



- Rigorous combat technique sessions are essential to preparing our young athletes to excel in international competitions :





- Cultural Enrichment for Trainers: Visit to Gorée Island

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, the expert trainers participating in the AFTU Youth Training Camp took a well-deserved break from their intensive sporting activities to visit the historic Gorée Island. This excursion provided them with a unique opportunity to explore the rich history and cultural heritage of this emblematic site.

The visit to Gorée Island was not just a recreational outing; it served as an enriching cultural experience that deepened the trainers' understanding of the local context and history. As they walked through the island's historic landmarks, the trainers gained insights into the significant role Gorée Island has played in African history, particularly in relation to the transatlantic slave trade.

This cultural break was essential in fostering a well-rounded experience for the trainers, allowing them to connect more deeply with the local culture while reflecting on the values of resilience and strength that are intrinsic to both Taekwondo and the history of the island. By blending athletic training with cultural exploration, we are creating a holistic development experience for all participants.



XX. AFTU at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, from July – to August –, 2024 in Paris/France.

a) The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Head of Team Meeting.

The journey towards the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games commenced with a pivotal Head of Teams Meeting, held at the iconic Grand Palais. This significant gathering featured the esteemed presence of World Taekwondo President Dr. Chungwon Choue and Secretary General Jeongkang Seo, who provided valuable insights and guidance as we prepare for the upcoming events.

In addition to the WT leadership, the meeting was attended by the Paris 2024 Technical Delegate Mr. Chakir Chelbat, along with Technical Controllers Mr. Usman Dildar and Mr. Mohammed Argoubi. Their participation underscored the importance of collaboration and coordination among all stakeholders involved in the Games.

This meeting served as a crucial platform for discussing the operational aspects of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, ensuring that all teams are aligned and adequately prepared for the challenges ahead. It reflects AFTU's commitment to fostering a successful and well-organized representation of African athletes in Paris, setting the stage for a memorable showcase of talent and sportsmanship.







b- AFTU's Appreciation for World Taekwondo's Excellence at Paris 2024

The African Taekwondo Union extends its heartfelt congratulations and profound gratitude to World Taekwondo for the outstanding organization of the taekwondo events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The dedication and professionalism exhibited by the WT have significantly elevated the profile of taekwondo on the global stage, providing athletes with an exceptional platform to showcase their talent and determination.



The Paris 2024 Games will undoubtedly be remembered as a celebration of excellence, sportsmanship, and international fraternity. President IDE Issaka commends World Taekwondo and World Para Taekwondo for their exceptional management of the Para Taekwondo events, ensuring that athletes had the opportunity to compete at the highest level.

A heartfelt congratulations goes to all athletes who earned medals, as your outstanding performances have made Africa proud. For those who did not win medals, your participation and courage are equally commendable, reflecting the true spirit of competition.

Furthermore, we recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of our coaches, technicians, AFTU members, and federation presidents. Your commitment and support have been crucial in shaping the success of our athletes and the overall integrity of our representation at these prestigious Games. Together, we celebrate the achievements of African taekwondo and look forward to a bright future.



c- AFTU's Recognition of Support and Commitment During the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The African Taekwondo Union, through its president, Mr. IDE ISSAKA, recognizes the significant contributions made by federation presidents and coaches during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Their unwavering support, encouragement, and commitment played a crucial role in the remarkable performances of the athletes, reflecting the strength of teamwork and collaboration in achieving excellence.

The acknowledgment of the athletes who won medals is a testament to their hard work and dedication, showcasing the talent present in African taekwondo. Furthermore, it is essential to commend those who competed but did not secure medals; their fighting spirit and determination embody the true essence of the sport and honor the African taekwondo community.

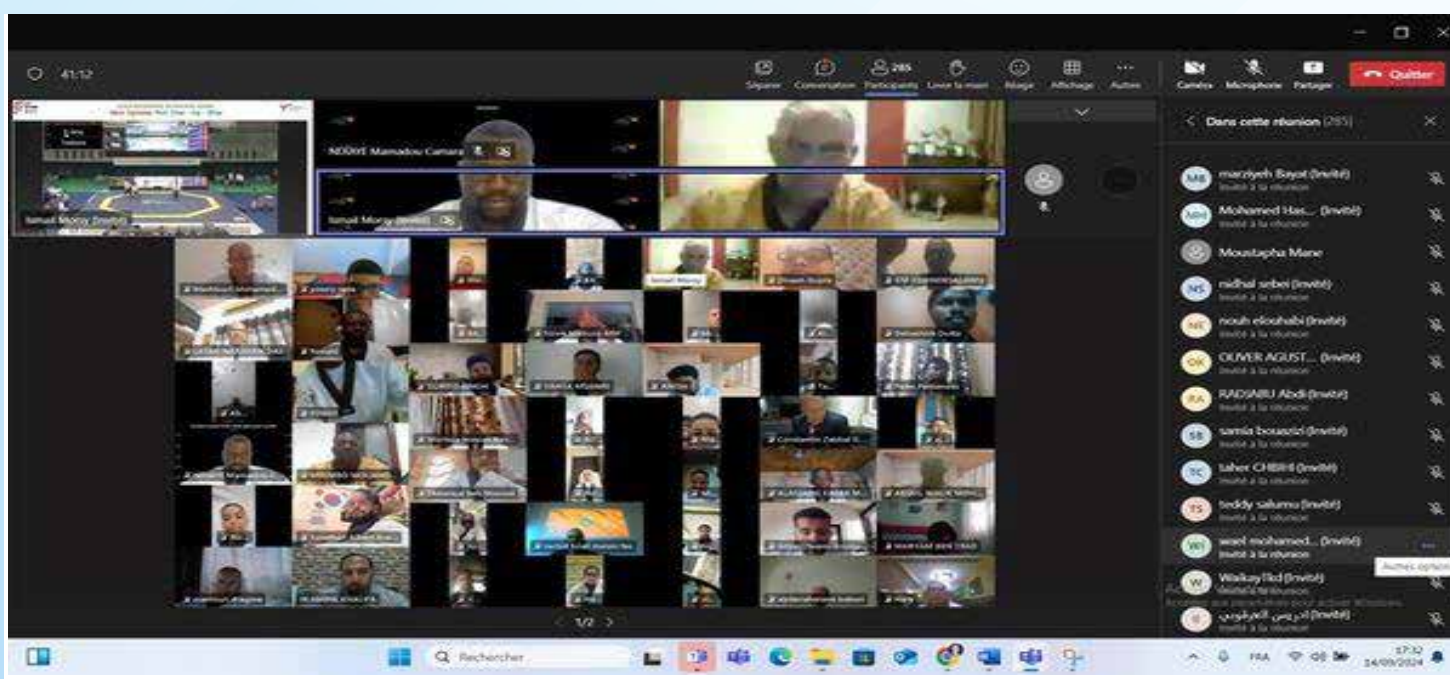
This collective effort reinforces the commitment of AFTU to continue elevating African sports on the international stage, fostering an environment of growth, development, and success for all participants. Together, the focus remains on promoting and advancing taekwondo across the continent, ensuring that African athletes receive the recognition and support they deserve.

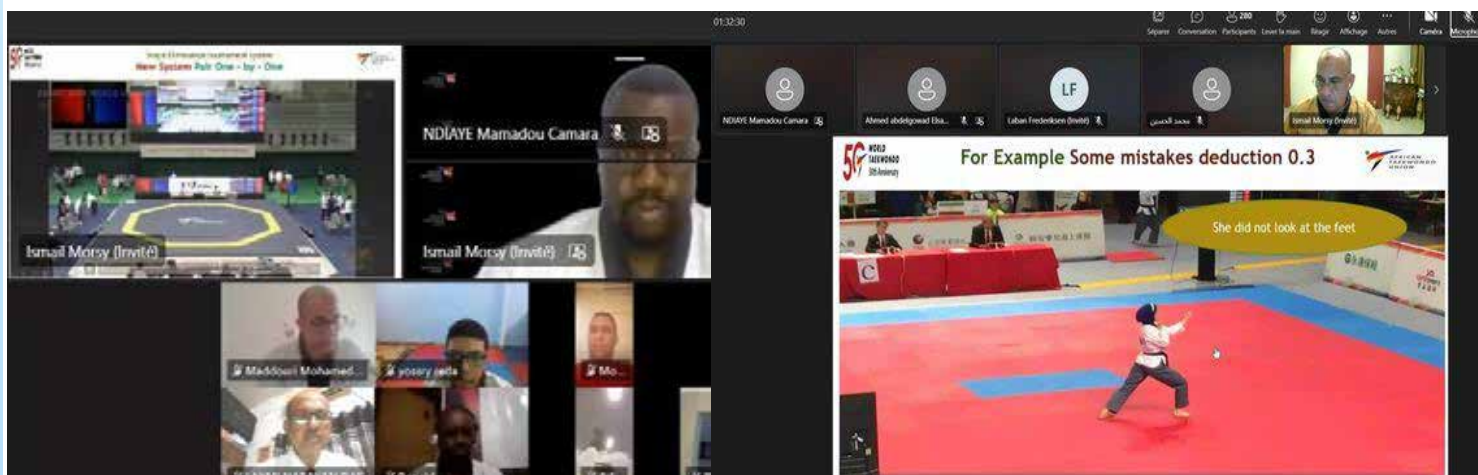


XXI. AFTU Online Free Seminar in Poomsae & Freestyle, from September 14 to 15, 2024.

The AFTU Online Free Seminar in Poomsae & Freestyle, held from September 14 to 15, 2024, showcased a remarkable achievement in the promotion of taekwondo education and skill development. With the participation of 700 individuals over the two-day event, the seminar highlighted the widespread interest and engagement in Poomsae and Freestyle disciplines within the African taekwondo community.

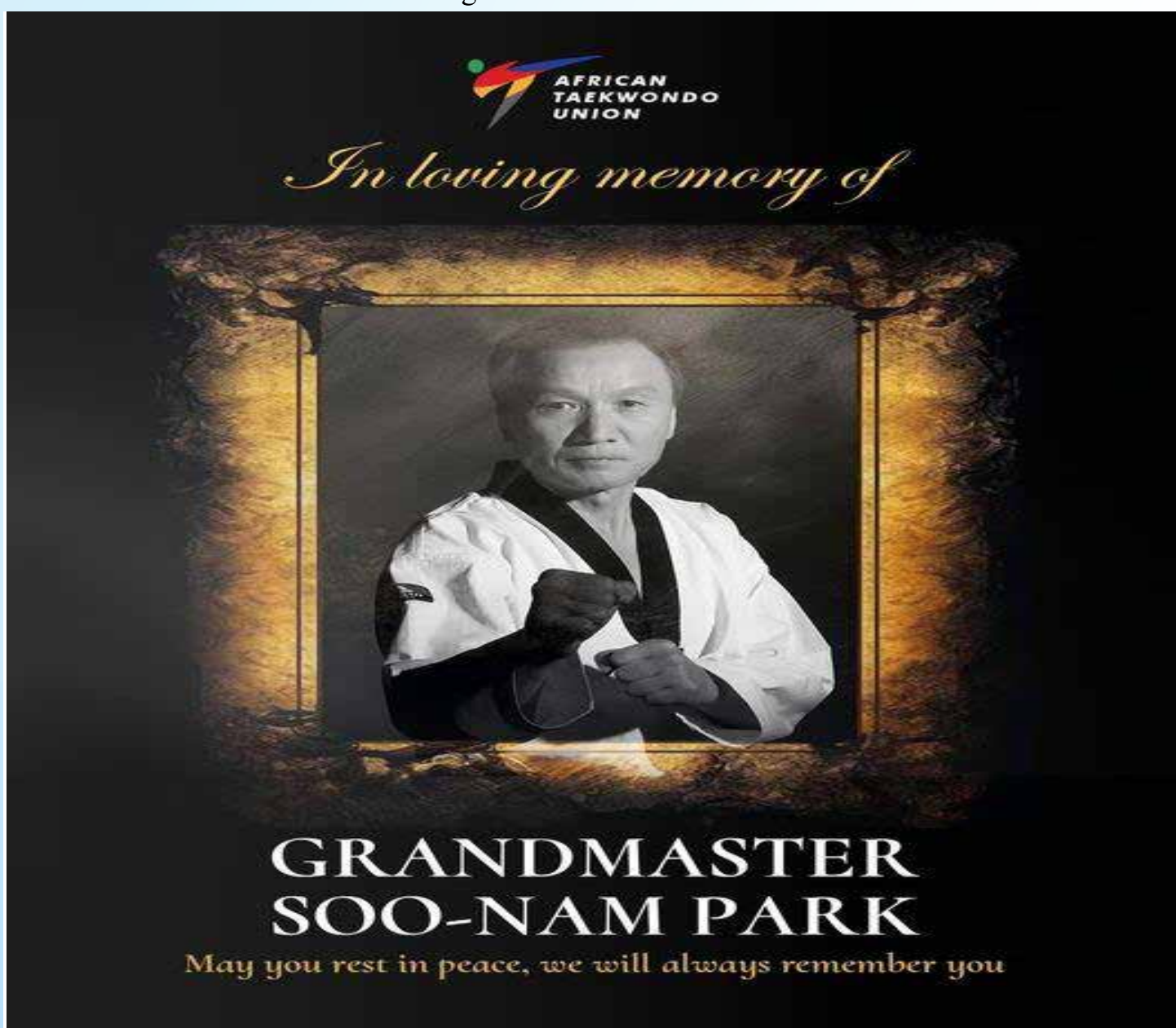
This initiative reflects a significant commitment to updating and enhancing knowledge on the new rules for 2024, ensuring that coaches, athletes, and officials are well-prepared for upcoming competitions. The organization of such a large-scale online seminar is indicative of the effectiveness and professionalism of the AFTU Technical Commission and its leadership, fostering collaboration and continuous improvement across the continent. The success of this event underscores the importance of ongoing education and the collective efforts to elevate the standards of taekwondo in Africa.





XXII. Some facts of the year 2024.

The passing of Grandmaster Soo-Nam Park, Honorary President of the European Taekwondo Union, marks a significant moment of loss for the global taekwondo community. President IDE Issaka, representing the African Taekwondo Union, expressed heartfelt condolences to the European Taekwondo Union, acknowledging Grandmaster Park's immense contributions to the development and promotion of taekwondo. His legacy as an iconic figure in the sport will continue to inspire practitioners and leaders alike. During this period of mourning, our thoughts and support are extended to his family and the broader taekwondo family, reinforcing the unity and solidarity of the global taekwondo community.



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