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ONOC XLI ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 OCTOBER 2021

PRELIMINARY

The **XLI or 40th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC)** was held on Saturday, **9 October 2021**. It was the second General Assembly to be held online due to the border and distancing restrictions imposed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, now in its second year globally.

The AGA was hosted online by the ONOC President Robin Mitchell and moderated by ONOC Chief Communications Officer Inoke Bainimarama from the ONOC Headquarters in Suva.

1. **AGENDA OF THE ONOC XLI AGA**

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a. Agenda of the ONOC XLI Annual General Assembly here.

2. **WELCOME**

Dr Robin Mitchell (FIJ), President of ONOC and Chair of the ONOC Annual General Meeting called the meeting to order at 10AM FJT and welcomed all delegates to the 41st Annual General Assembly of the Oceania National Olympic Committees.

3. ATTENDANCE, QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

The Committees noted the attendance, quorum and apologies announced by Ricardo Blas, Secretary-General of ONOC: a total of 54 delegates attended online; part of this being all 17 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) that are Members. In addition, the Committees noted 3 Associate Members - Northern Marianas, Tahiti, and Wallis and Futuna were in attendance.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The full list of participants are available at this link:

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a. Roll of ONOC XLI Participants here .

5. APOLOGIES

The Committees noted the Apologies received and announced by Ricardo Blas, Secretary-General of ONOC: Apologies were received from Sir John Dawanincura, President of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC), Pauga Talalelei Pauga, Secretary-General of the Samoa Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (SASNOC), Chet Gray from the Oceania Sporting Federations Organisation (OSFO); and Frank Kyota, Secretary-General of the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC).

6. TRIBUTES TO THE DEPARTED

The Committees paid tribute to the departed since the last AGA on 5 December 2020: Ricardo Blas, Secretary-General of ONOC: requested all delegates be upstanding in a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember those who had passed on. A video slide commemoration was displayed acknowledging the life and contributions of: **Jacque Rogge**, former President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC); **Charles Cali**, President of the Comité Territorial Olympique et Sportif (CTOS) of New Caledonia; **Sir Eion Edgar**, former President of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC); **Anthony Ho**, former President of the International Table Tennis Federation - Oceania (ITTF-Oceania); **Chris Yee**, former Executive Member of both Weightlifting Fiji and the Fiji Association of Sports and National

Olympic Committee (FASANOC); and **Mike Reidy**, Founding Member of the Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC).

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST ASSEMBLY HELD ONLINE ON 5TH DECEMBER 2021

The Committees approved and adopted the minutes of the last AGA which were held on 5 December 2020 - **moved by Hugh Graham**, President of the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee (CISNOC). **Seconded by Baklai Temengil**, Secretary-General of the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC).

8. REPORT OF THE ONOC PRESIDENT, ROBIN MITCHELL

The Committees acknowledged, approved and adopted the President's Report noting that the Report had been shared prior with all Members and it was the same report published in the 2020 ONOC Annual Report, therefore reporting on the previous year's activities. The following were reported as Key Highlights:

- 2021 was the ONOC 40th Anniversary and given the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, celebrations would be postponed to 2022 when Members would meet in person in Auckland, New Zealand for the XLII (42nd) AGA.

A brief chronological history of ONOC was shared:

Inception of Continental Associations in the Olympic Movement - by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch

- In 1981, at the IOC Congress in Baden-Baden, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch suggested that continental organisations of National Olympic Committees be formed to represent the five rings which are now the IOC logo.
- In 1981, Oceania only consisted of four National Olympic Committees (NOCs), Australia and New Zealand were part of the Movement since the Olympics were revived in 1894. Fiji had joined just before the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games and Papua New Guinea joined after.

Appointment of Oceania Working Group to establish the Oceania Continental Association

- On September the 25th 1981, a Working Group was formed.

- Harold Halstead of New Zealand was appointed the Chair; Brian Whiteman from Fiji became Vice President; Julius Patching from Australia was the Secretary-General and Graham Norris from Papua New Guinea was the fourth member of the Working Group.

Inaugural Meeting of ONOC in Melbourne, Australia in 1982

- The next year, 1982, the first official meeting of ONOC was held in Melbourne where the Interim Working Group or Working Group officially became the Executive of ONOC.
- Lance Cross took over from Harold Halstead of New Zealand as President of ONOC until 1989, when he passed away earlier that year.
- The inaugural meeting formalised the ONOC Constitution and US\$75,000 was gratefully received from the IOC for administrative expenses.
- The inaugural meeting also discussed Olympic Solidarity but there are no records of amounts given to this small group of 4 NOCs. Up until 1989 more Members joined the movement.
- At the meeting in Melbourne in 1989, the first of the changes in the direction that ONOC moved happened with the election of Kevin Gosper, one of the two IOC members in Australia as the president of ONOC. Dr Robin Mitchell was elected Vice President and the Secretary-General was Tay Wilson of New Zealand. Tay Wilson established the basis for ONOC administration and financial management during that period.

Robin Mitchell becomes ONOC Secretary-General, Auckland 1993

- The next big change was in the ONOC meeting in Auckland in 1993. The presidency continued with Kevin Gosper until retirement in 2009. Dr Mitchell assumed the role of ONOC Secretary-General and Sir John Dawanincura (PNG) became ONOC Vice President.

Memorable ONOC meeting in Queenstown, New Zealand in 2009 with IOC President Jacque Rogge and lobby for sevens rugby as an Olympic sport initiated

- Up until 2009, Sir John Dawanincura and Ricardo Blas took turns through election as Vice President of ONOC at the ONOC meeting in Queenstown in 2009. The 2009 ONOC meeting was hosted by Sir Eion Edgar who passed away recently - ONOC was graced with the presence of the then IOC President, Jacques Rogge.

- It was also a memorable meeting because there was a strong lobby for Sevens Rugby initiated to become an Olympic sport.
- Robin Mitchell was elected as ONOC President and Ricardo Blas as ONOC Secretary-General.

ONOC 25th Anniversary in 2006 commemorated with a book

- Going back three years, in 2006, ONOC celebrated its 25th Anniversary and a book was prepared as part of the commemoration. This was important in terms of recognising the many contributors to ONOC's development and success and the same hope exists for next year with another book project.
- The ONOC 25th Anniversary book has been passed to Inoke Bainimarama, ONOC Chief Communications Officer and staff are collating information and conducting interviews toward a 40th Anniversary publication.

ONOC 40th Anniversary to be completed and launched at next XLII (42nd) ONOC AGA in Auckland in 2022

- The completion of the ONOC 40th Anniversary Book is the main reason for the postponement of the celebrations of the formation of ONOC until next year, 2022, and more current items would all be covered in full in the book.

Success of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Oceania's outstanding performances

Congratulations and acknowledgement to John Coates, Chair of Coordination Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

- Acknowledgement of John Coates, IOC Vice President, for the role of Chair of the Coordination Commission for the Tokyo Games and its success in the health part of the exercise with the Tokyo Playbooks and the testing and other measures implemented for safety.
- Overall, the Tokyo 2020 Games were fantastic and aside from small issues in transport, participants acclimatised to the absence of spectators; noting also that in some sports such as Sevens Rugby, athletes and administrators onsite became very loud spectators.

- Gratitude was extended on behalf of ONOC and the athletes of the region to John Coates for excellent leadership in getting the historic 'pandemic' edition of the Games to work successfully.
- Reporting unofficially, NOCs have received part of the profit share that has reached Olympic Solidarity and it will be finalised at the meeting in Lausanne [Switzerland] in early November.
- The main Review of the Tokyo 2020 Games will be carried out at the IOC Session from 7 - 9 December [2021] prior to the Olympic Summit on 11 December.

NOCs requested to complete Games Review

- ONOC distributed a Tokyo 2020 Games Review questionnaire to all NOC Members and five are yet to return the completed documents. It was reiterated that review of the conduct of the Olympic Games were extremely important and that all NOCs participate in the exercise as many people and resources contribute to the success of the Games. It was also stated that the five NOCs would be contacted again immediately after the day's General Assembly.

Acknowledgement of vaccination support through Pacific Islands Forum platform - the Honourable Prime Minister of Tuvalu, HE Kausea Natano

- Acknowledgement was made of the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, HE Hon. Kausea Natano, the Immediate Past Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) who was also the first President of the Tuvalu Association of Sport and National Olympic Committee (TASNOC) - at the PIF Virtual Meeting for the selection of new Secretary-General, Hon. Natano was contacted to share the request that all Tokyo 2020 Olympic athletes and officials be prioritised for COVID-19 vaccination after frontline workers in each country had been vaccinated. TASNOC leadership was requested to extend gratitude to the Office of the Prime Minister of Tuvalu for support in getting agreement from the leaders of the Pacific Islands at the PIF Leaders' Meeting in Tuvalu in April.
- It was also announced that the new Chair of the PIF is HE Hon. Voreqe Bainimarama the Prime Minister of Fiji who is former Vice President of the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC) who will lead the Pacific islands team to COP26 in Glasgow.
- **Oceania at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

- Australia, New Zealand and Fiji performed very well. Australia ranked sixth overall with a medal tally of 17 gold, 7 silver and 22 bronze. New Zealand won 7 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze medals for a total of 20.
- Fiji won a gold medal for Men's Sevens Rugby defending its inaugural win in Rio 2016 and that its Women's Sevens Rugby team won bronze, a first podium finish for women. It was stated that Fiji ranked 63 overall in the medal tally and shared the position with Estonia, Latvia and Thailand which was quite an achievement for a small country in the Pacific. Acknowledgement was made of two other small Pacific countries that had won Olympic medals previously: Tonga won a silver medal in Men's Heavyweight Boxing at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games and Samoa also won a silver medal for the Women's Weightlifting at the Beijing 2008 Games.
- Commendation to Australia for setting the new World Record in the 4x100 Freestyle Swimming for Women and the five Pacific island countries of Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu for setting National Records in athletics for their countries.
- Commendation for Member NOCs for the Olympic Diplomas obtained for fourth to eighth positions in the various sports categories - 64 to Australia, 73 to New Zealand, and 3 to Tonga for Weightlifting and Taekwondo, the latter in both Women and Men's categories.

The American Samoa National Olympic Committee (ASNOC) elections

- Following communications with the IOC NOC Relations Department, a Working Group was appointed to look into matters at ASNOC - during its Electoral Assembly on 30 September 2021 Auvita Rapilla (PNGOC Secretary-General and Member of the IOC Ethics Commission) and Patrick Fepuleai (President of the Samoa Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee, SASNOC) attended as Observers. Only four office bearers were elected. The second part of the election took place on 7 October and the results had not been communicated to ONOC.
- The Observers, Auvita Rapilla was appointed by the IOC and Patrick Fepuleai was recommended by ONOC for understanding of cultural nuances and to be able to capture discussions should the meeting switch to the vernacular. The President and the Secretary-General retained their positions and there was a new Vice-President and a new Treasurer in the first part of the election. The second part of the election was to be communicated to ONOC by the two Observers in due course.

Contribution to the Solomon Islands hosting of the 2023 Pacific Games via reinstatement of the of Regional Sports Grants (OSFO and Oceania Federations)

- ONOC would be supporting the development work toward the Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands in 2023 through capacity development with OSFO targeting Oceania Federations. The project will assist in the appointment of Sports Development Officers (SDOs) in the development of athletes, entourages, and technical officials to reduce the cost of paying overseas consultants. It was emphasised this initiative is seen as a contribution to the legacy of sport and would be launched in a few weeks time. The 10 sports targeted in this project are Basketball, Judo, Football, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball, Karate, Netball and Powerlifting.

Acknowledgement to John Coates and Australian Olympic Committee for winning the bid to host the 2032 Summer Olympic Games - Brisbane 2032

- Acknowledgement was made of the tremendous work done by John Coates, the city of Brisbane, the state of Queensland, the AOC and the Australian Government in securing the hosting of the 2032 Olympic Games. John Coates as the President of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) led discussions between the IOC and delegations of three levels of government (federal, state and municipalities).

Acknowledgement of ONOC Commissions and progress of the Working Group for the ONOC Sustainability Commission

- ONOC has five Commission which work very well to support the Executive and all Membership, adding that there was a delay in establishing the ONOC Sustainability Commission; however, the Working Group had been set up toward achieving this goal. Members of the ONOC Sustainability Commission Working Group were presented - Baklai Temengil-Chilton (BLW), Auvita Rapilla (PNG), Sarah Walker (NZL) and Makarita Lenoa (FIJ). It was also stated that Baklai Temengil-Chilton would present on the Working Group and that by the next AGA, the Commission would be fully appointed and all other Commissions would have completed reviews.

9. The Committees approved and adopted the President's Report: **Moved by Terry Sasser** the Secretary-General of the Marshall Islands National Olympic Committee (MINOC). **Seconded by Takitoa Taumoepeau** the Secretary-General of the Tonga Association of Sport and National Olympic Committee (TASANOC).

10. REPORT OF THE ONOC SECRETARY-GENERAL, RICARDO BLAS

The Committees acknowledged the Report of the Secretary-General, Ricardo Blas. The following were Key Highlights:

- Acknowledgement of the Cook Islands and Tongan delegates still in Auckland, after finishing from the Olympic Games along with the three Kiribati weight lifters that were still in Nauru for two years now, unable to return home.

ONOC Financial Statements and Audits

- The financial report was shared with delegates on 1 October 2021 and to date, there were no questions or comments received. ONOC Finance team members Bole Digitaki and Elizabeth Betty were in attendance online for questions and clarifications. None were received from the Members.
- **The Committees approved and adopted** the Audited Financial Reports and Statements of ONOC: **moved by James Tobin**, Secretary-General of the Federated States of Micronesia Olympic Committee (FSMOC) and **seconded by Kereyn Smith** the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-General of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC).

ONOC Olympic Solidarity Report

The Committees acknowledged the ONOC Olympic Solidarity Report which shared the following highlights:

Air Nauru Charter to Tokyo 2020

- Gratitude was extended to the Nauru National Olympic Committee (NNOC) for the overwhelming assistance granted in the negotiation of the Air Nauru Charter flight that took athletes and entourage from Tuvalu, Kiribati, Nauru and the Solomon Islands to Tokyo 2020 and back. Special acknowledgement was extended to NNOC President Hon. Marcus Stephen, IOC OS Programme directorate James MacLeod and Nicole Girard Savoy, and Chair of the Board of Nauru Airlines Dr Kieren Keke who took time out to facilitate assistance to the Members.

Brief on Tokyo 2020

- Acknowledgement was extended to NOCs for meeting ONOC OIC Meli Cavu on wrap ups to the Olympic Solidarity reporting for the 2021 to 2024 Quad and the ONOC Strategic Plan was also shared to Members.

Delegations of Tonga (TASNOC) and Cook Islands (CISNOC)

- Acknowledgement was made to the delegations of the Cook Islands and Tonga stranded in New Zealand after the Tokyo Olympics and also to IOC OS Head of Finance and Manager of the OS Programme for Oceania, Nicole Girard Savoy, for supporting the delegates, including additional support given to Tonga.

ONOC Staff travel from Tokyo to Guam, delivery of OSEP course in Saipan toward 2022 Pacific Mini Games

- ONOC secretariat staff providing support to NOCs in Tokyo travelled to Guam for the planning of the delivery of the OS Programmes and also successfully conducted an OSEP MISO Course in Saipan. This was conducted to assist the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) in its preparation toward the hosting of the 2022 Pacific Mini Games.

Games under the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

- The support of the Past President of ANOC and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) His Excellency, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah toward the Oceania Continent participation of all games under the OCA was acknowledged. As a result of this support and generosity, Oceania has opportunities for competition at upcoming Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG), the Asian Games, and the Asian Beach Games.

AIMAG 2022 Bangkok and Chonburi (Thailand)

- The next games in the OCA calendar was the AIMAG 2022 set to be hosted by Bangkok and Chonburi but a postponement and new dates would be provided later. There was also no confirmation of funding support as there was for AIMAG Turkmenistan in 2017.

Asian Games, Hangzhou 2022 (China)

- Another games on offer for participation by Oceania NOCs was the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games scheduled to be held from 10 - 25 September 2022. Five sports are open to athletes and teams from Oceania: Athletics, Weightlifting, Roller Sports (Skateboard), Triathlon and the Taolu discipline of Wushu.

Other Games

- Other games included the **Saipan 2022** Pacific Mini Games which was originally scheduled for 17 - 25 June 2022 but was now postponed until October or November of the same year. There was also the **Honiara 2023** Pacific Games and the **2025** Pacific Mini Games in **Palau**.

ONOC Strategic Plan

- ONOC presented the Strategic Plan at the AGA in 2020, however, the focus was on Tokyo 2020 and delivery was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic which to date had compromised execution due to government mandated vaccines, quarantine, flight restrictions, closure of borders, and the cancellation of many national sporting events in their respective countries.

ONOC Olympic Solidarity Programme

- The following were available for NOCs to access: the Administration Grant, Sports Development Officer Grant, Sports equipment Grant, National Games Grant, and the Olympoceanica Grant for which 13 NOCs have completed projects and 4 are pending.
- Based on assessment of NOC needs, the two new grant programmes announced at the 2020 AGA and introduced in 2021 were the Education Officer Grant and the Finance Officer Grant. Given these were directly under ONOC, OSEP had been identified to directly engage in the selection of members with respective NOCs.

ONOC Flagship OSEP Programme and Partners

- ONOC had its flagship sports education programme, OSEP and that its partners included the Oceania Sports Information Centre (OSIC) whose Coordinator Martin Burrows had resigned and relocated to the United States.

ONOC Commissions

- The Commissions of ONOC included were in the following: Athletes Commission, Equity Commission, Medical Commission, International Relations Commission, and the Sustainability Commission.

ONOC Partners

- Partners of ONOC included the Oceania Australia Foundation (OAF) led by former ONOC President Kevan Gosper; the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) with Carolina Bayon where ONOC was exploring the possibility of a programme at Colorado Springs College affiliated with the USOPC; currently exploring the possibility of scholarships for the the University of Delaware and its ICECP Programme. It was also stated that John Coates, AOC President, had suggested that ONOC approach universities in Australia in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympics for the development of athletes and these be conducted in partnership with Oceania regional federations.

Reinstatement of the regional sports federations grants

- At the request of ONOC President Robin Mitchell, the regional sports grants were reinstated but the guidelines will be developed in consultation with the regional federations. ONOC will design the guidelines and present these to Members.

Qualifying events moving out of Oceania expensive for sporting federations

- Many qualifying events have begun to move away from Oceania and this is concerning as it is costly. ONOC will be working closely with regional federations to look into the issue.

Encouragement for NOCs to utilise sports equipment grant

- NOCs were reminded to use the Sports Equipment Grant Fund as there were many NOCs that were still not accessing and using the grant. It was also shared that one of the issues was equipment acquisition so ONOC was looking into sourcing equipment then delivering to smaller NOC Members.
- **The Committees approved and adopted the DECISION:** to approve the ONOC Secretary-General's Report: moved by Kereyn Smith, Secretary-General of the New Zealand Olympic Committee and **seconded by** Takitoa Taumoepeau, Secretary-General of TASNOC (Tonga)

11. International Olympic Committee (IOC) Message

Message from the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Thomas Bach

- In a recorded message President Bach said that the ONOC AGA was taking place at a very timely moment, coming shortly after the great success of the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020, a Games that were historic; taking an unprecedented effort from everyone to make them happen in a safe way.
- That the first ever postponed Olympic Games became a reality because of the unified support of everyone in our Olympic community and that this was all the more remarkable given the many challenges everyone faced in the last month of the pandemic. It was noted that it was particularly challenging in Oceania which faced border closures and limited flights ahead of Tokyo.
- That having athletes from all Oceania NOCs taking part in Tokyo was a major achievement and a truly fantastic demonstration that solidarity runs strong in the Olympic Community, something to be extremely proud of.
- Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all Oceania NOCs and ONOC for the invaluable contribution to the success of the Olympic Games in Tokyo; that many athletes from Oceania at Tokyo were supported by Olympic Solidarity scholarships making this a truly shared success of the entire Olympic community and encouraged NOCs and athletes to set the course to Paris 2024 and beyond.
- ONOC President Robin Mitchell and the team at ONOC were congratulated for leading the way to promote sport and its role throughout Oceania, thereby building a better world through sport, emphasising that through Robin Mitchell's important role as member of the IOC and the IOC Executive Board, Oceania interests were well represented and taken into account in all decisions.
- The convening of the ONOC XLI AGA was a strong message that sports and athletes everywhere are ready to contribute to rebuild a more human-centred and more inclusive society.

12. Part 1 of IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme Report: Director, James MacLeod

James McLeod, Director of the IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme shared the following highlights:

- Extended warm congratulations to ONOC on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.
- Shared that at the Tokyo 2020 Games, the Olympic Movement delivered on the promise of a safe and secure Games and that there was outstanding cooperation between the Japanese Government, the authorities and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee in the middle of a raging pandemic.
- All chefs-de-missions and COVID liaison officers were outstanding and John Coates as ambassador of the IOC and Chair of the Coordination Commission performed an outstanding job for the whole Olympic Movement.
- OS Commission Chair Robin Mitchell was Co-Chair of the IOC Athletes Working Group in the Coordination Commission with Kirsty Coventry the work needs to be recognised as it was critically important.
- Olympic Expo 2032 is another opportunity for the Games to come to Oceania.

Acknowledgement of Oceania member appointments of Coordination Commission

- Acknowledgement was extended to the Oceania members of the Coordination Commission, Auvita Rapilla (PNG) and Baklai Temengil (FSMOC).

Summary of the Olympic Scholarship holders and Team Support Grants

- The scholarships made a huge difference to the performance of athletes from Oceania. Of the 13 NOCs that accessed scholarships for athletes, there was one Olympic medal (Silver) and 3 Olympic Diplomas.

Team support grants

- Congratulations were extended to the Fiji Women's Sevens Rugby team for their Bronze medal and to the Australian Women's Softball team beneficiaries of the Team Support Grant.

Lessons from the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks

- The release of the Tokyo Playbooks with lessons would take place on 22 October 2021 in New York.

New Accreditation of Athlete Welfare Officer in recognition of the need to safeguard mental health

- There was a new accreditation category for Athlete Welfare Officer that was approved by the IOC Executive Board and this was linked to the recognition of the safeguarding of mental health as a critical need.
- This was recognised as a need at Tokyo 2020 and will be adapted for the Paris 2024 Games.

Agenda 2020+5 is the main strategic roadmap

- Olympic Agenda 2020+5 is the main strategic roadmap going forward. Until 2025, there are 15 recommendations that all NOCs are encouraged to learn more about and align with.

Refugee Olympic Team in Tokyo a success

- The Refugee Olympic Team would be continued at the Paris 2024 games as it has enjoyed great success.

Olympic Festival

- The Olympic Festival was a new programme severely impacted by COVID across the world and the IOC was prepared to launch it as a bigger concept than just 10 cities organising festivals.

Governance support available

- NOCs were reminded that given this was now election season, the OS Programme was available to provide Governance guidance and support to all Members.

13. Part 2: IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme Report: Nicole Girard-Savoy, Head of OS Finance and OS Manager for Oceania Continent

Presenting from Lausanne, Nicole Girard Savoy shared highlights. In Part 2 of the Olympic Solidarity Programme Report, the following were the key highlights shared:

- The new Olympic Solidarity Plan with a budget of USD590 million was approved in November 2020 and this was a very positive signal knowing that the world was in great uncertainty with an ongoing pandemic.
- It was not possible to organise traditional Olympic Solidarity fora introducing the new OS Plan and this has been replaced by a series of webinars available to NOCs and recordings are also available on NOCnet for viewing.
- The new Plan is also now complemented by the new OS online platform, RELAY, for applications, reporting, guidelines and various other resources.
- Refresher webinars delivered by the NOC Information Services team will be organised in November and invitations will be sent out soon.
- User Surveys are to be also released in order to improve the RELAY platform so participation from NOCs was encouraged.
- There is a new requirement linking the Annual Review to the Administrative Subsidy - moving forward, applications for the Administrative Subsidy on RELAY will now require completing the NOC Review. This permits more targeted assistance to NOCs, improved understanding of NOC structures, operation environments and data collation for establishing baselines toward the monitoring and evaluation of the OS programmes.
- The 2022 Annual Review will be available on RELAY on 1 January 2022.
- The Administrative Subsidy of USD45,000 may be accessed by all NOCs but those dependent on the fund as a chief source of income may access a further USD15,000 and these are available on conditions provided in the guidelines on RELAY.
- The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Subsidies deadline for the financial report is 31 October 2021. The IOC scholarship for athletes is extended by another year and with gratitude to OS Commission Chair Robin Mitchell there is also a Postponement Subsidy to assist NOCs with the additional costs incurred toward Tokyo 2020.
- The Tonga and Cook Islands Olympic delegation members still in New Zealand due to COVID-19 restrictions and border controls were acknowledged with the hope of rejoining families soon.
- The Beijing 2022 Games Subsidies have been announced and details will be published online.

- Athletes Scholarships for Tokyo 2020 are over and overdue reports were requested to be sent through, applications for Beijing 2022 scholarships were closing in February 2022, and Paris 2024 scholarships were now available on RELAY. It was shared that Paris 2024 guidelines be read to note changes.
- Paris 2024 scholarships begin on 1 January 2022 and to benefit from this allocation, the deadline for applications was 31 October 2021.
- There was a 14 percent increase in the 2021 - 2024 OS Budget for Continental Associations and this amounted to USD25 million.
- The NOC Activities Budget also increased by 25 percent from USD100,000 to USD125,000 per year which are managed by ONOC via RELAY and information sessions via webinars are available.
- It was shared that flexibility existed in both the OS Continental and World programmes to permit adaptations depending on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation in all countries.
- It was announced that there will be a complete conversion to the RELAY platform and NOC staff were requested to participate in the testing as in various iterations in the past.
- ONOC leadership in two areas were acknowledged: in the ONOC flagship OSEP programme for sport education now integrating into ICT educational material, and now in Communications which had not gone unnoticed. Great advances in these areas were noted.
- Acknowledgement was extended to ONOC and all Oceania NOCs for hard work and sacrifices before, during and after Tokyo 2020.

13. IOC COMMISSION REPORTS

Paris 2024 Coordination Report - Auvita Rapilla (PNG)

- The Committees acknowledged, Auvita Rapilla, Member of the Paris 2024 Coordination Commission: who shared the following: focus on the Paris 2024 Pre-Games Training Camps sharing that Paris 2024 has launched their website, allowing NOCs to browse and select from 770 possible training camps in every region of France. It was emphasised that this is now an opportunity to look into Pre Games Training Camps. It was also highlighted that the full report was shared prior to all Members.

IOC Women in Sport Commission Report - Helen Brownlee

The Committees acknowledged Helen Brownlee, Chair of the ONOC Equity Commission: who shared the following highlights:

- Overall, the participation by women was 48.8%, which almost reached 50% which was 'fantatstic'.
- Across most sports, there was a gender balance of 50/50 Sports for men and women.
- IOC aims to achieve gender parity for all sports for Paris 2024. So a few sports have got some work to do. And the IOC are working with them to make sure that happens, which is really good.
- With the flag bearers, overall 89% of NOCs complied with the flagbearer gender balance requirement.
- It was acknowledged that it was difficult for small country NOCs that have very small numbers and that did not have athletes from both genders.
- 89% gender parity for the flag-bearers was a good result and there is hope that in Paris 2024 there will be bigger teams that will enable gender balance for flag-bearing.

New from the IOC

- The Gender Equality and Inclusion objectives for 2021 to 2024 and part of the Recommendation 30 of the Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the intent is to encourage and support the Olympic movement in fostering gender equal and inclusive sport.
- It was emphasised that equality and inclusion should underpin all that is being done as an NOC and as a sports federation throughout Oceania to ensure alignment with the new gender equality and inclusion objectives from IOC.
- It was also emphasised that it must underpin all that ONOC does as a Continental Association.
- Implications for the IOC and implications for the NOCs and National Sporting Federations (NFs) - these are the main ones that they want equal participation, from

grassroots to high performance sport; that there are opportunities for men and women to compete. That on all the decision making bodies; executive boards, you there should have a gender balanced representation.

- It was also recommended that given many Oceania NOCs may have held elections recently and not achieved gender balance in the executive levels of governance and other decision-making bodies, Members seek to address these as the minimum requirement is a target of 30 percent women's representation.
- It was acknowledged that a few Oceania NOCs have 40 to 50 percent parity and these were fantastic achievements which not only ensure a higher chance of sport being safe for women and girls, but that equal representation is made in all decision making bodies.

Gender balance in coaches and technical officials

- It was reported that there is a focus on increasing the number of women coaches and technical officials because data from Tokyo showed that there were very small numbers of women coaches and technical officials. Of these, technical officials fared better because work on improving gender balance had been ongoing with international federations (IFs). However, there was a great need to increase women coaches and it was an issue to be addressed in Oceania also.
- It was shared that getting women coaches developed was difficult and it was important to connect with retiring athletes who may be interested in progressing to become coaches and technical officials.

ONOC Communications team highlighted for gender approaches and visibility

- ONOC Chief Communications Officer Inoke Bainimarama and the team were acknowledged for the gender equal practices that content portrayed in communications being sent out of ONOC ensuring gender equality and inclusion is a goal.

IOC Portrayal Guidelines updated for use

- It was shared that the IOC Portrayal Guidelines had been updated and the Equity Commission and ONOC could be contacted for copies.

Mainstreaming gender

- There was emphasis placed on the issue of gender mainstreaming throughout the Olympic Movement translating to gender equality right down to funding and resourcing allocation in areas such as upgrading of facilities or women teams travel. The IOC would be monitoring this in detail in order to measure progress.

14. IOC Athletes Commission Report - Karo Lelai, Oceania Liaison on the IOC AC

The Committees acknowledged the report from **Oceania Liaison on the IOC Athletes Commission, Karo Lelai** who shared the following highlights:

New IOC Athletes Commission Terms of reference approved by IOC Executive Board

- The IOC Executive Board had approved the new terms of reference for the IOC Athletes Commission and official communication would follow through NOC Presidents and Secretaries-General in due course.
- Elections will be held to appoint new members to the Athletes Commission. To ensure continuity the positions are staggered for elections.
- The staggered elections are scheduled to occur alongside Oceania events.

Oceania Athletes' Forum

- The Athletes' Forum was scheduled to be held in December 2021, the last quarter, the usual date for the event and this has been delayed as IOC Athletes Department stakeholders the ONOC AC need input from to deliver the forum were unavailable.
- A date in the first half of 2022 will be confirmed in consultation with the IOC Athletes Department.
- At the Athletes' Forum, two positions in the ONOC Athletes Commission will be up for elections and the nomination process will commence once official communication that comes from the ONOC President and Secretary-General reaches NOCs.

Strategic Objectives for the ONOC Athletes Commission in 2022

New terms of Reference (TOR) for implementation

- The previous strategic objectives set for the ONOC AC were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and a lot of flexibility had to be mustered.
- Focus was placed on the agenda relating to Athletes Rights and Responsibilities.

Support Digitalisation

- The second one strategic objective will need NOC Support and that is to **support athletes' commissions to go digital**. The last two years of the pandemic has seen key activities being moved online and it is imperative that Oceania athletes not be left behind due to technology, connectivity and accessibility constraints. NOCs were encouraged to embrace digitalisation in order to ensure athletes could access programmes, support groups and services, and training and capacity building opportunities.

Enhance and support the effectiveness of NOCs

- The last strategic objective is to enhance and support the effectiveness of NOCs. Acknowledgement was extended to the Athletes Commissions in NOCs in Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea for being active even during the pandemic in working with athletes.

Change in the Olympic Charter

- There was a recent change to the Olympic Charter, requiring all NOCs to establish a monthly commission and for Athletic Commission reps. elected representatives to be included assemblies and also in the Executive Board of every NOC.
- NOCs were encouraged to reach out for advice and guidance.

Acknowledgement for IOC Member, James Tomkins completion of term and for services to Oceania

- Acknowledgement was extended to James Tomkins of Australia who has now completed as a member of the IOC, and therefore, also ceased as a member of the ONOC Athletes' Commission. James Tomkins was a very active athlete representative and he did a lot of very good work. Gratitude has been extended through the ONOC AC but this message is reiterated before all NOCs and Partners as well in recognition of the legacy of work toward athletes.

Rebranding and new Athletes' Commission microsite

- The ONOC AC and the flagship Voices of the Athletes' Programme have been rebranded and this has been approved at ONOC Executive Board. The ONOC Communications team were also acknowledged for the new ONOC AC microsite which all NOCs are encouraged to promote with their Member federations and athletes.

Acknowledgement of ONOC Communications team

- The ONOC AC also extended gratitude to the ONOC secretariat, in particular, the ONOC Communications team for the support provided toward all communications products and initiatives.

15. REPORT OF THE ANOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION: CHAIR KARO LELAI

ANOC AC - Athletes' Commissions of Continental Associations to have TORs

- The Committees acknowledged Karo Lelai, Chair of the ANOC Athletes' Commission who reiterated the point that all Athletes Commissions of the Continental Associations need to revise and review their Terms of Reference. The ONOC AC has achieved that objective.
- The ANOC Athletes' Commission is also looking at new strategic objectives going forward and both will be announced in Greece during the ANOC Annual General Assembly (AGA).

IOC Athletes' Commission - as Oceania Liaison

- That current topic of importance and that NOCs are encouraged to follow is on Athletes Inclusion and Fairness Framework which touches on the topic of transgender athletes. The IOC Athletes Commission is currently working on input and at some point in the future it will be communicated.
- Extended gratitude to the ONOC Secretariat, the President Robin Mitchell, Secretary-General Blas and the Executive Board for continued support to the Commission. At IOC, gratitude was extended to the Athletes Department, Javier and the team, and at Olympic Solidarity to James MacLeod and Nicole Girard Savoy. NOCs were also

encouraged to send questions and queries to the ONOC Athletes Commission at any time for advice or guidance.

16. John Coates, Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) President and IOC Vice President

AOC President John Coates: shared the following key highlights:

- A full report will be shared with the IOC in December and will be shared with the NOCs after the IOC meeting tabling. There was great pride in the way the Olympic Movement came together to deliver the first ever postponed Games in the face of a pandemic when there were so many voices calling for the games to be postponed.
- Gratitude was extended to everyone for the extra effort in preparing teams for participation.
- Acknowledgement was also made about the election of Brisbane 2030 to the Australian Olympic Committee and a decision was made that this was an 'Oceania' Games and it weighed heavily on the Future Host Commission. There were questions on what this meant and initiatives from Sydney 2000 and the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games were shared as a response to the questions. It was shared that given this, commitments have been made to make Brisbane 2032 and 'Oceania Games' and to look after the Oceania teams in the lead up to the Games during Pre-Games preparation and not just at the Games.

Appointment of Brisbane 2032 Coordination Commission Members

- Recently the IOC President Thomas Bach appointed Auvita Rapilla (PNG) and Baklai Temengil (PLW) to the Coordination Commission. This brought much joy.
- Emphasised the changes that were made concerning the requirement for all NOCs to have elected representatives and elected Athletes Commissions.

Acknowledgement of the work of the IOC Legal Affairs Commission Boxing and weightlifting issues

- Acknowledged the existing challenges with two major sports: Boxing and Weightlifting, both of which were very important to the Oceania Continent.

Amendment to the Olympic Charter

- IOC Executive Board are ensuring that governance issues were being properly addressed and at the IOC Session in Tokyo, amended the Olympic Charter to give the Session for membership, the power to remove a sport from the programme, maybe Olympic Games, for non compliance with the charter, non compliance with anti doping, or manipulation of competitions, or for tarnishing the reputation of the Olympic movement.

Boxing

- There have also been some changes to the Boxing constitution after manipulation of competitors was noticed. The accounting firm looking after results in Tokyo were carefully monitored. There were real concerns about the President that had been proposed and about suitability to lead and be involved in the Olympic movement. The issue will be addressed so that Boxing can reclaim its proper place in the Olympic Movement.

Gender in sport

- Acknowledged the comments on gender equality and on the Commissions by ONOC Equity Commission Chair Helen Brownlee.

Rule 50.2 of the Olympic Charter

- The IOC Legal Affairs commission also assisted the IOC Athletes Commission and the Executive Board, in the deliberations over protests and demonstrations under Rule 50.2 of the charter.
- Athletes of the world were strong with the view that freedom of expression is critically important but without causing problems on the podiums or as demonstrations in the field of play. This was a reasonable outcome.
- Tokyo 2020 did have moments where athletes used this right and these were conducted well, however, there was still a disciplinary commission that dealt with a couple of matters.
- Acknowledgement was extended to ONOC Athletes Commission Chair Karo Lelai for guidance and work in this area.

17. REPORT OF THE ONOC MEDICAL COMMISSION

The Committees acknowledged Dr Chris Milne, Chair ONOC Medical Commission: who shared the following Key Highlights:

Tokyo 2020

- Congratulated the IOC and ONOC for the hard work in the delivery of a safe Games in the middle of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, saying it was lovely to see faith restored.

Tokyo 2020 Playbooks a great innovation

- Acknowledged the immense value of the Tokyo Playbooks as a great innovation and shared that these need to be factored into any major event planning for the foreseeable future. Global elimination of this virus is looking highly unlikely for a whole raft of reasons.

ONOC Shared Services Medical Clinic

- Paid tribute to the ONOC Shared Services Medical Clinic and shared that this model has proved its worth over several iterations at the Olympics and has served athletes and entourages from small NOCs very well.

Acknowledgement of Cook Islands and Tonga delegates

- Paid special respect to colleagues from Tonga and Cook Islands for the challenges in traveling back to their home countries and wished them safe journeys in due course.

Vaccine hesitancy and possible use of athletes as vaccination champions

- Recommended that NOCs look into the use of national champion athletes as advocates for vaccination given the vaccine hesitancy in the island countries and communities.

18. REPORT OF THE ONOC EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Committees acknowledged the short update on the ONOC Education Commission presented by Chair, James Tobin. The highlights include the following:

Acknowledgement of Commission Members

- Acknowledgement of all ONOC Education Commission members for work in the last quad in representing ONOC to the NOCs and Partners.

Tokyo 2020 acknowledgement

- Special recognition to see Australia, New Zealand and Fiji NOCs for their excellent results of their athletes winning medals at Tokyo 2020. Congratulations to the athletes and teams.
- The Commission was proud to have two members who have helped their NOCs to win medals - Makarita Lenoa (FASANOC President) and Helen Brownlee (AOC) Margarita, the Vice President of Australia.
- The Commission had not met this year. Terms have been extended to May 2022, at the next AGA and election.
- Gratitude was extended to OSEP Coordinator Sainimili Saukuru and the OSEP Team for continual leadership in sport education.

Comments from ONOC-OSEP Programme Coordinator, Sainimili Saukuru

The Committees acknowledged OSEP Coordinator Sainimili Saukuru's comments: where gratitude was extended to Jim Tobin and everyone at the AGA for their support, including in particular, the ONOC Education Commission and the ONOC President and Secretary-General.

19. COMMENTS FROM FSMOC SECRETARY-GENERAL JAMES TOBIN ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BERNEY MARTIN

The Committees acknowledged comments from the FSMOC Secretary-General which centred on the following highlights:

- ONOC was acknowledged for their professional work at Tokyo 2020 during the hard times of the pandemic and also thanked President Robin Mitchell and SG Ricardo Blas. In particular, gratitude was extended to all ONOC staff that worked at the Games Village; Meli [Cavu], Siti [Tawakevou] Inoke [Bainimarama] and Mike [Kohn] for doing things beyond their normal scope of work.
- Congratulations were extended to President Robin Mitchell on reelection to the IOC Executive Board.

- Acknowledgement was made of the great work done by John Coates as a leader of the Olympic Movement and this brought immense pride to FSM and Oceania Continent as a whole.
- Recognition for Michael Kohn who works for ONOC but who performed the role of chef-de-mission for Team FSM. Mike Kohn took over as chef-de-mission and did an outstanding job.

20. REPORT OF THE ONOC EQUITY COMMISSION

The Committees acknowledged the report shared by Chair Helen Brownlee which comprised the following Key Highlights:

Oceania swung above its weight in Tokyo 2020

- Oceania had 50%, or more women athletes
- 41% of women were chef-de-missions or deputy CdMs - a really outstanding achievement
- Oceania, there were 12 Sports represented (excluding Australia and New Zealand) which was another achievement
- ONOC compiled comparisons between results for Rio with results for Tokyo and there was an increase in best performances right across the board. This demonstrated the great work happening amongst the sports and supported by the NOCs but there was still much room for improving these statistics.

Updated Statement of Purpose - collaboration with ONOC Communications team for all digital platforms

- Shared that the Commission had updated its Statement of Purpose
- The only change is that now there is specific articulation that the Commission will collaborate with the ONOC Communications team for all digital platforms.
- Notification of the change had been communicated to the ONOC Executive Board.

Masterclass Workshop

- Shared that there was a successful master class workshop in Fiji in 2019 with 50% men 50% women.
- There are plans underway for participants to attend another Masterclass in Auckland on 4 May 2022. This is in conjunction with the IWA World Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, which is from the 5th to 8th May 2022.
- Invitations had gone out to the 2019 women and men cohort of the Masterclass.
- Reconnections with the first Masterclass alumni are set to begin with a Virtual Meeting on 10 November [next month/2021] and notifications have been sent. The objective is to discuss the IWA World Conference and the part that Oceania can play.

21. REPORT OF THE ONOC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Committees acknowledged the report shared by Chair, Baklai Temengil-Chilton who shared the following Key Highlights:

- The IRC continued to engage with regional priorities with NGOs and government to ensure that support is always presented to build ONOC's engagement, international sports in development in the Pacific, according to governance strategy and the direction moving forward with regional and global partnerships.
- In 2021, the International Relations Commission has also engaged with partners in the work of the sports Pacific activity, Physical Education Task Force, the Commission has worked with key regional partners from education.
- Other UN agencies who support sports policy development in the Pacific, in this series of PIF's outcome may be presented soon to all the members.
- The work of the IR Commission is also engaging with the University of South Pacific (USP) that has agreed to take the role of support for the Physical Activity and Physical Education Action Plan forward as a Secretariat.

22. REPORT OF THE ONOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

The Committees acknowledged the report shared by Chair, Baklai Temengil-Chilton who shared the following Key Highlights:

- The Sustainability Working Group Report was shared prior to all delegates.
- The IOC Sustainable Commission, adoption of Agenda 2020+5 Recommendations is a greater opportunity for all, to take a more active role in the ONOC Sustainability Commission to add value in terms of our environment and climate change actions for meeting our strategy targets in SDG target goals.
- Met the staff of the IOC Sustainability Commission with President Robin Mitchell and Meli Cavu.

Linking to existing climate action work in the Pacific Islands

- Engaged in dialogue on the critical priority areas in terms of climate and environmental actions in the region and how to contribute to these. It was noted that key partner agencies such as UN agencies and other civil society organisations worked in this area and there was potential for partnerships based on Olympic Values and the work of the ONOC Athletes' Commission and their role in activities in our region.

NOCs to complete survey on listing climate action priorities to inform future Commission programmes

- A questionnaire for the NOCs to record priorities was jointly compiled with the IOC Sustainability Commission and Members were encouraged to list the actions on climate action and environment to enable harnessing and value adding to existing work and linking to regional priorities - a great opportunity for Brisbane 2032 having climate and environmental actions forward.

Oceania champions in sustainability acknowledged

- Sarah Walker and Auvita Rapilla were cited as having great examples of ongoing work in communities.
- Sarah Walker was commended for actively voicing out the role of athletes in terms of climate action in relation to the global IOC initiative on the Olympic Forest project.

23. REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (ANOC)

The Committees acknowledged the report shared by Dr Robin Mitchell comprising the following Key Highlights:

- The message of the ANOC Secretary General was on file and had been shared with delegates prior.
- The minutes of the last meeting of ANOC were also on file and had been shared with delegates prior.
- The ANOC Executive Committee Meeting will be held in Crete on 23 October 2021.
- The ANOC Annual General Assembly will be held in Greece from 24 - 25 October 2021.
- It was noted that most Oceania Members would be joining online and questions relating to the ANOC reports were to be tabled in that meeting.

ANOC Special Fund - acquittals

- It was shared that the deadline for ANOC acquittals was the end of September and NOCs were advised to get in touch with ANOC should they not have spent their funds to determine retention of funds or return.

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24. REPORT OF THE OCEANIA AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

The Committees acknowledged **Kevan Gosper, President of the Oceania Australia Foundation** for extended gratitude and congratulatory messages to ONOC, and the ONOC President and Secretary-General for the work in Tokyo.

The Committees acknowledged **Helen MacMurray, Secretary-General of the Oceania Australia Foundation** who shared the following two highlights:

- First, OAF swimmers have returned to Iowa Lakes, one of OAF's initial colleges. The great news there is that the head coach is Jordan Harris, a Marshall Islands male athlete who went on a scholarship in 2013 which is a remarkable achievement. Jordan Harris is delighted to provide the opportunity to keep the programme going.

- Second, OAF is working with Griffiths University. Inaugural scholarship recipient is athlete Helena Young from Fiji. She is a graduate student in Business Studies and training with Oceania Athletics.

25. REPORT OF THE OCEANIA REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANISATION (ORADO)

The Committees acknowledged the congratulatory messages and warm welcome extended by ONOC President Dr Robin Mitchell to the ORADO new leadership - thanking the outgoing ORADO Chair Cyrille Mainguy, from Vanuatu, for the work in ORADO since 2017, noting the busy schedule of work around cyclones and other disasters, hence the deep appreciation of support to the ORADO Team over several years. There was a welcome extended to the incoming ORADO Chair, Dr Teariki Puni, a member of the ONOC Medical Commission as new Chair of the ORADO Executive Board and the new Vice Chair, Ms Kerrie Punivalu who was also acknowledged for contributions to the sport of swimming.

The Committees acknowledged the new ORADO Executive Board Chair, Dr Teariki Puni (Cook Islands) who is a Member of the ONOC Medical Commission and ORADO Executive Board Vice-Chair Kerrie Punivalu (Samoa).

The Committees acknowledged ORADO Executive Officer, Natanya Potoi who presented the ORADO Report focused on the following Key Highlights:

- Thanked ONOC and IOC for continued support since inception in 2004 and with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) since 2005 and said ORADO looked forward to strengthening partnerships with UNESCO and Pacific islands governments, then extended gratitude to Sports Integrity Australia, the Australian Government and Drug Free Sports New Zealand (DFSNZ) for continuing support.
- ORADO changed its Terms of Reference (TOR) or what is expected that the Oceania regional anti doping organisations or regional anti doping organisations are expected to deliver as per the 2021 world anti doping code, and streamlined programming into five specific programmes - Anti-Doping; Capacity Building; Education, Research and Development; Communications and Awareness; and Partnerships.
- ORADO conducted 55 tests in 14 out of 16 Member Countries despite the challenges of COVID-19 to date in 2021. It was also shared that under its Education programme, there was a new weekly initiative on ORADO social media where athletes, sports leaders and administrators were interviewed in a 30-minute session called 'Lunch Bites'.

- the **ORADO Executive Board Meeting of September 2021** which had the following key updates:

ORADO Strategic Plan

- ORADO is in the process of identifying an independent facilitator to design its new Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025.

Review of ORADO Constitution and update of Governance structure

- ORADO has chosen a new Vice Chair and there will be a review of its Governance Structure in the Constitution to accommodate the new appointment.

Need for two new positions: Finance Officer and Education Officer

- Moving forward, ORADO has identified the need for two new positions: a Finance Officer and an Education officer and this will involve restructuring of current staff. The position of ORADO Executive Officer will also be advertised or readjusted to accommodate the changing structure and work of the organisation.

ORADO Education Plan completion to finalise 2022 Budget

- NOCs were requested to forward their Education Plans for Anti-Doping so that these could be incorporated with ORADO and aligned or included in the 2022 Budget as this will also allow fundraising.

NOCs encouraged to get NADOs to work with National Governments

- The NOC Members were encouraged to get their NADOs or equivalent bodies to work more closely with governments and ORADO has 15 member countries who contribute USD5,000 per year so there was opportunity to help NADOs access ORADO services and also to get support letters when applying for funding with Olympic Solidarity and ONOC.
- Members were also advised that ORADO is continuing with its testing programme and education programme and NOCs were encouraged to access these services as it was included in the USD5,000 contribution members make every year so it was important to use it.

- Deep acknowledgement was extended to ONOC President Robin Mitchell and Secretary-General Ricardo Blas for their support to ORADO over the years.

The Committees noted the response from ONOC President Dr Robin Mitchell who stated the following:

- That it was important for ORADO to get funding from Governments because they are signatories to the UNESCO Convention on Anti-Doping in Sport.
- ORADO has not used this facility yet except for one or two Governments but each country can contribute according to their ability.
- There is opportunity through the OS World Programme also which NOCs can access.
- There was also the need to charge higher fees for services when these are upgraded for multi-sport events.

26. REPORT OF THE OCEANIA SPORT INFORMATION CENTRE

The Committees acknowledged the update provided on behalf of OSIC by Dr Robin Mitchell that Coordinator of OSIC Martin Burrows had returned to the United States at term completion and that the University of the South Pacific (USP) was currently advertising the position. The information had been circulated in the USP and OSEP groups. The President of OSFO was welcomed to present their report.

27. REPORT OF THE ORGANISATIONS OF SPORT FEDERATIONS OF OCEANIA (OSFO)

The Committees acknowledged the President of OSFO, Kevan Gosper who shared that OSFO had just completed its Annual General Assembly which was an online meeting via Zoom; Kevan Gosper was reelected as OSFO President and the organisational focus was on reviewing sport performances in Tokyo 2020.

- Acknowledgement was extended to the ONOC Secretary-General for financial arrangements that provide OSFO with freedom to implement activities with wider autonomy.
- OSFO has also welcomed back Australia Swimming as a Member and it is an important member of the organisation.

- Chet Gray the OSFO Secretary-General was acknowledged for delivering well on responsibilities and for being responsive to sporting federation needs.

28. REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

The Committees acknowledged the report presented by Carolina Bayon who shared the following Key Highlights:

- USOPC is working very closely with Sainimili Saukuru the Coordinator of the OSEP Programme at ONOC on the online offering of the ICECP course.
- The virtual edition has been launched and will begin in November 2021 which is soon.
- The virtual edition provides 60 hours of learning from the USOPC experts in physiology and nutrition and there is now a whole new module on Leadership.
- The course can be accessed via a mobile app as well.
- Under the advice of the University of Delaware, the USOPC has divided the course into lectures of 15 to 20 minutes lengths to ensure traction with the content. Each lecture is 45 minutes long and broken into three 15-minute segments with the option to download and return to listen. NOCs are encouraged to promote this.
- The National programme begins in the new year and can be offered for up to 20 coaches in countries.
- Coaches completing the programme will receive a certificate from the University of Delaware and that brings value.

29. REPORT OF THE PACIFIC GAMES COUNCIL

The Committees acknowledged the gratitude and congratulatory messages offered by Vidhya Lakhan, President of the Pacific Games Council.

The Committees acknowledged the Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Games Council, Andrew Minogue who presented the following highlights:

- The PGC Annual General Assembly was to be held in four weeks time.
- PGC congratulated ONOC and all NOCs for the fine performances at Tokyo 2020, including John Coates, Chair of the Coordination Commission for the safe delivery of the Games which was a great comfort to regional games such as the Pacific Games.

- PGC congratulated the Australian Olympic Committee and its partners for winning Brisbane 2032.
- It was announced that on 6 November 2021, the PGC would hold the election of its Executive Board and the host of the 2027 Pacific Games. Voting will be held using a secret ballot system and Ernst & Young will be the scrutineer.
- PGC invited NOCs and Partners to read the Evaluation Report submitted by the PGC Executive Board which contains the bids and to reach out for clarifications.
- The Saipan 2022 Pacific Mini Games will include nine sports and the PGC took time to thank ONOC for the OSEP capacity building course that was recently provided in the Northern Marianas.
- The PGC said that the Regional Sports Grant earlier mentioned by ONOC President Mitchell will be used for 10 Sport Development Officers which is a tremendous help toward future Games plus Honiara 2023 Pacific Games. Martin Rara, President of NOCSI is Chair of the Organising Committee and the new CEO has been hired.

30. NEXT ONOC ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committees noted that the next ONOC AGA was scheduled to be held in May 2022 in Auckland, New Zealand alongside the IWA Conference supporting Women in Sports.

31. ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDIA QUERIES

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