

**Fide General Assembly**

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**Report**

**1- All African Games (AAG)**

The AAG started on Sept. 3 and ended on Sept. 18. They took place in Maputo in Mozambique.

Chess happily was among the 20 Sport arts that were competed among 53 African Nations.

14 Men Teams and 8 teams participated to the All African Games. A record participation when compared with the previous ones ( in Nigeria and in Algeria). It is to regret however that some of the neighbouring countries did not participate to Chess Events.

**2- Competitions**

Except the African Junior which was not organised due to special circumstances, all our planned events could take place: the three Zonals, The African Open Championship, the African Women Championship, the African Youth. It is to notice however that many Federations, as usual, stay absent from these competitions.

This year, the same competitions were planned, taking into account our passed experience. We are making sure all of them will be organised.

**3- Seminars**

For 2012, each zone is having one Seminar for Trainer's and one for Arbiter's. We couple them usually, if possible, with competitions. By the end of this year, they will all be organised in cooperation with Fide Commissions concerned.

### **3- New affiliations**

There are still many countries in Africa not represented in Fide. A campaign took place in order to affiliate as many new members as possible. This year, 3 applications for membership (Lesotho, Gambia and Togo) will be examined by Fide. Africa members will reach then 40.

Next we are aiming at affiliating new countries with the cooperation of National Olympic Committees. The following countries targetted are: Guinee, Cape Verde, Benin and Tanzania.

Congo (Brazzaville) will be specially looked at as this country will host the next All African Games.

A meeting of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa will take place at the end of this year. As this meeting concerns also all African Confederations involved in the African games, this will give an opportunity to meet with Sport Authorities of the countries cited above in order for them to help create National Chess Federations.

As decided by the Presidential Board in Al Ain (2006) Fide is to provide to new affiliated Federations an initial assistance of chess sets and clocks as a welcome gesture, with a total of 130 Chess sets and 30 clocks.

### **4- Chess in Schools**

Chess in school is considered to be an efficient tool to spread and popularise Chess in Africa. Already many discussions are carried with the Fide Commission concerned to help african Federations introduce Chess in schools.

A concrete plan should be prepared and implimented to this effect.

### **5- Zone re-structuring**

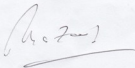
The actual zoning of Africa exists since the end of the nineties. It is no more adapted to the reality of today, especially as the number of affiliated members has increased drastically. That is why an additional Zone is needed. See the proposal annexed to this report for approval.

## 6- Fide support

Of course the assistance is crucial for the development of Chess in Africa. The majority of our member Federations suffer many problems: lack of trainers and arbiters, absence of titled players, sometimes even of rated players, few events, lack of equipment and most of all lack funds.

The actual support for development is no more adapted and is well behind our needs.

A special program has to be prepared and implemented in the next few years and which should include all aspects that hinder the development of Chess in Africa. This program should involve the Development Commission, the School's Commission, the Trainer's Commission and also the Fide Executive Director and be proposed to the PB for adoption as soon as possible.

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### Proposal for the re-organization of the Zones in Africa

1- The criteria for the re-organization taken into account here are those which have been adopted by Fide and which have been published in the Handbook, chapter Standing orders.

These criteria can be summed up as follows:

- a) geographic reasons
- b) number of affiliated Federations
- c) strength of organization
- d) combined number of players
- e) number of titled players
- f) number of rated players
- g) encouragement of play among affiliated Federations.

2- On the basis of the above criteria, what would be the optimal re-zoning of Africa?

In order for the Zones to be viable and active, we emphasize on the balance between zones in terms of number of players, rated and titled players, as well as the geographic situation of member Federations.

We think that, when having in mind a global image of Chess in Africa, the practical and at the same time optimal re-zoning would be to divide our Continent in 4 Zones, roughly situated, North, South, West and East.

We are aware that for some Federations, this proposal seems inappropriate for geographical reasons mainly, but if we look at the other criteria, we find out that the re-organization suggested here is, on the whole, more suitable and most of all, acceptable to Fide.

3- Proposed Zones:

#### ZONE 4.1

1. ALGERIA
2. LIBYA
3. MALI
4. MAURITANIA



5. MOROCCO
6. SENEGAL
7. TUNISIA

**ZONE 4.2:**

1. BURUNDI
2. EGYPT
3. ETHIOPIA
4. KENYA
5. RWANDA
6. SEYCHELLES
7. SOMALIA
8. SUDAN
9. UGANDA

**ZONE 4.3:**

1. ANGOLA
2. BOTSWANA
3. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of Congo
4. MALAWI
5. MADAGASCAR
6. MAURITIUS
7. MOZAMBIQUE
8. NAMIBIA
9. SOUTH AFRICA
10. ZAMBIA
11. ZIMBABWE

**ZONE 4.4 :**

1. NIGERIA
2. CAMEROON
3. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
4. GABON
5. SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
6. SIERRA LEONE
7. COTE D'IVOIRE
8. GHANA