



AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION CONFÉDÉRATION AFRICAINE DES ÉCHÉCS



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AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION END OF 2020 PERIOD REPORT

A. INTRODUCTION

A broad range of chess activities across the world were negatively affected by the crisis arising from the restrictions and general economic downturn brought about by the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The African Chess Confederation membership experienced disruptions in scheduled tournaments, meetings, and capacity building programmes such as seminars, workshops, and training camps.

Whilst the initial process of adjusting to online alternative replacement programmes was hampered by various technical challenges, this process is reaching an acceptable level of implementation and the new year of 2021 should see a boom in these online activities.

The online programme opportunities brought about by the referred challenges provide the African chess community with very viable routes for the development and popularization of chess to complement future over-the-board chess tournaments and physical meetings, seminars, and other capacity building gatherings.

B. TOURNAMENTS

Due to the previously referenced onset of the global Covid-19 pandemic, the African Chess Confederation only managed to host one major over-the-board event in the 2020 calendar year.

This was the 2020 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships that was hosted by the Sierra Leone Chess Federation.

All the other scheduled Zonal and Continental over-the-board events had to be cancelled upon the escalation of the global Covid-19 pandemic from the end of the month of March in most areas of the African Continent.

Of the revised online Continental Championships that had been contemplated, only the 2020 African Schools Online Individual Championships were hosted on the Tornelo Chess Platform.

The African Individual Online Championships had to be rescheduled to the start of the 2021 calendar year.

Of the Zonal initiated events, FIDE Zone 4.5 was the only African Zone to host a structured online event when they hosted the 2020 Zone 4.5 Team Championships.

In official global tournaments, African Federations participated in the FIDE Online Olympiad and the FIDE Online World Cadets & Youth Rapid Chess Championship.

i. **2020 ZONE 4.2 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2020 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships were held in the Sierra Leone Capital, Freetown from **March 14th, 2020** (arrival) to **March 22nd, 2020** (departure).



Group photo of officials and players

A total number of 30 players from five Federations were grouped in the Open Section, which was merged with the Women's Section on account of only a handful of female entries.

As the Covid-19 pandemic gathered momentum in the region during the event, the organisers had adjust the programme to rush through the final rounds of the event.

Despite the indicated challenges, the event was concluded successfully.

The Championship was conducted under Classic, Rapid and Blitz Time Controls.

Ajibola Oranrewaju of Nigeria had a stellar tournament by winning all the three Time Control events.

The summarized medal positions were as follows:

Classic Time Control: Gold Medal- Ajibola Oranrewaju (NGR) 8.5/9
Silver Medal- IM Adu Oladapo (NGR) 7.5/9
Bronze Medal- FM Oragwu Chukwunonso (NGR) 7.0/9

Rapid Time Control: Gold Medal- Ajibola Oranrewaju (NGR) 6.5/7
Silver Medal- FM Barcon Harmon (LBR) 6.0/7
Bronze Medal- Thomas Saah (LBR) 5.0/7

Blitz Time Control: Gold Medal- Ajibola Oranrewaju (NGR) 9/9
Silver Medal- FM Oragwu Chukwunonso (NGR) 7.0/9
Bronze Medal- FM Barcon Harmon (LBR) 7.0/9



Ajibola Oranrewaju, the indefatigable triple Gold Medalist



Chief Arbiter IA Béchir Messaoudi congratulating Ajibola Olanrewaju



Ms. Nadezda Marochkina from Russia but playing for Senegal shakes hands with Ajibola Olanrewaju

ii. **2020 ZONE 4.5 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2020 Zone 4.5 Team Championships were concluded on the Lichess.org Platform after 9 rounds played over the weekend of 16th to 18th October 2020.

The total number of participants was 121, including 4 International Masters, 4 Women International Masters, 5 Fide Masters, 6 Women Fide Masters and 13 Candidate Masters.

The Angolan team emerged victorious to be crowned champions of the 2020 Zone 4.5 Online Team Chess Championship.

Of the ten Federations in the FIDE Zone 4.5, only Mozambique was unable to feature any team on account of unexpected internal challenges.

The team format for the event comprised 10 players per team in the following mix:

- a. Board 1 to Board 3-Open
- b. Board 4 to Board 6-Ladies
- c. Board 6 and Board 7- Junior Boys
- d. Board 9 and Board 10- Junior Ladies

Final Team Standings for the 2020 FIDE Zone 4.5 Team Championships

| POSITION | FEDERATION | POINTS | BOARDS | SCORE |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | ANGOLA | 16 | | 63.5 |
| 2. | SOUTH AFRICA | 16 | | 63.0 |
| 3. | BOTSWANA | 13 | | 56.5 |
| 4. | ZAMBIA | 13 | | 51.5 |
| 5. | ZIMBABWE | 10 | | 51.5 |
| 6. | LESOTHO | 9 | | 38.0 |
| 7. | NAMIBIA | 6 | | 24.0 |
| 8. | MALAWI | 5 | | 32.5 |
| 9. | ESWATINI | 2 | | 13.5 |



Dominant Angolans crowned as the 2020 Zone 4.5 Online Team Chess Champions

THE DREAM TEAM
ZONE 4.5 2020 ONLINE TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

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|---|---|--|--|---|
| Board 1 IM Watu Kobese (RSA) | Board 2 IM David Silva (Angola) | Board 3 Cyril Chigodo (Zimbabwe) | Board 4 WCM Kudzanai Charinda (Zimbabwe) | Board 5 WIM Caxita Esperanca (Angola) |
| Board 6 WFM Junior Ednasia (Angola) | Board 7 CM Elias Thabo (Botswana) | Board 8 Mwape Mwewa (Zambia) | Board 9 Jemima Paulo (Angola) | Board 10 Davida Strong (RSA) |

Individual Board Winners for the 2020 FIDE Zone 4.5 Team Championships

iii. 2020 AFRICAN SCHOOLS ONLINE INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 African Schools Online Individual Championships were hosted on the Tornelo platform from December 14 to December 18, 2020.



Due to the lower-than-expected number of registered entries in the designated age groups, the 105 players were split into two combined sections: Open (57 players) and Girls (48 players).



Screenshot of Open Section Entries



Screenshot of Girls Section Entries

The 105 players from 10 Federations were registered as follows: Kenya (30), South Africa (26), Zimbabwe (14), Botswana (12), Algeria (7), Malawi (6), Angola (4), Egypt (3), Morocco (2), Ghana (1).



Screenshot of partial attendees of the Closing Ceremony

Prizes were awarded in the following age groups in each section Under 9 years, Under 11 years, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 years.

Below is the breakdown of medalists in each category.

Under 9 Girls: Gold Medal- Elizabeth Cassidy (Kenya) - 4.5 points
 Silver Medal- Kajol Naidoo (South Africa) - 4.5 points
 Bronze Medal- Fantalís Nduta (Kenya) - 4.5 points

Under 9 Boys: Gold Medal- Dave Chief Quansha Acheampong (Ghana) – 6 points
Silver Medal- Adham Mohamed Hossam (Egypt) - 6 points
Bronze Medal- Rannveer Tak (South Africa) - 5 points

Under 11 Girls: Gold Medal-Naila Nour Ramoul (Algeria) - 6 points
Silver Medal- Suhana Patel (Kenya) - 6 points
Bronze Medal- Nouha Lamis Aouachira (Algeria) - 6 points

Under 11 Boys: Gold Medal- Leonel Soares (Angola) - 6 points
Silver Medal- Abinavah Sathish (South Africa) - 6 points
Bronze Medal-un-Yu Chang (South Africa) - 5 points

Under 13 Girls: Gold Medal- Jemima Paulo (Angola) - 6 points
Silver Medal- Natalie Katlo Banda (Botswana) - 6 points
Bronze Medal- Arona Moshoboro (Botswana) - 5.5 points

Under 13 Boys: Gold Medal- Michael Simpson (South Africa) - 6 points
Silver Medal- Chifundo Boshoma (South Africa) - 6 points
Bronze Medal- Jamie Sonhy (Angola) - 6 points

Under 15 Girls: Gold Medal- Naledi Marape (Botswana) - 6. 5 points
Silver Medal- Priyasha Santosh Shiryan (Malawi) - 6. 5 points
Bronze Medal- Amy Leigh Gibson (South Africa) - 6 points

Under 15 Boys: Gold Medal- Viraj Shah (Kenya) - 7.5 points
Silver Medal- Michael Oosthuizen (South Africa) - 6.5 points
Bronze Medal- Brandon Fourie (South Africa) - 6 points

Under 17 Girls: Gold Medal- Ines Belatter (Algeria) - 8.5 points
Silver Medal- Yara Allam (Egypt) - 8 points
Bronze Medal- Shalom Kapende (Malawi) - 6 points

Under 17 Boys: Gold Medal- Beghriche Rami Tedjeddine (Algeria) - 8 points
Silver Medal- Abdeldjalil Bidi (Algeria) - 7 points
Bronze Medal- Pascal Kiptoo (Kenya) - 6.5 points

iv. 2020 FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD

The African Continent was represented by 38 Federations at the 2020 FIDE Online Chess Olympiad which was hosted on the Chess.com Platform from July 24 to August 30, 2020.

The five nominated teams from the African Continent, which qualified to be in the TOP DIVISION, were the highest placed African Federations in the Gaprindashvili Cup of the 2018 Chess Olympiad in Batumi.

These were EGYPT, ALGERIA, MOROCCO, SOUTH AFRICA, and ZIMBABWE.

a) BASE DIVISION

The teams from the Federations of BURUNDI, CAPE VERDE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, GABON, GAMBIA, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MALI, MAURITANIA, AND SOMALIA were placed in the BASE DIVISION.

Upon completion of the BASE DIVISION games, (LIBERIA from Pool B) and MAURITANIA (from Pool C) qualified to DIVISION 4 by both finishing FOURTH in their respective Pools.

b) DIVISION 4

The teams from LIBERIA and MAURITANIA were joined in DIVISION 4 by the directly qualified teams from the following African Federations; ANGOLA, CAMEROON, ESWATINI, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, KENYA, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SUDAN, TANZANIA, TOGO, and UGANDA.

c) DIVISION 3

Qualifying from DIVISION 4 were the following African Federations; ANGOLA (First in Pool D), MAURITANIA (First in Pool C), MOZAMBIQUE (Third in Pool B), and NIGERIA (Third in Pool C).

The Qualifiers from DIVISION 4 were joined by teams from the African Federations of BOTSWANA, MADAGASCAR, TUNISIA, and ZAMBIA, that had qualified directly.

d) DIVISION 2

Unfortunately, none of the African Federation teams managed to qualify from DIVISION 3 to DIVISION 2.

The team from ZAMBIA narrowly missed out by finishing in FOURTH place in Pool C.

e) TOP DIVISION

The TOP DIVISION comprising the elite chess playing nations from across the globe provided extremely tough competition for the African representatives to the 2020 FIDE Online Chess Olympiad.

Despite the noted tough competition, the African representatives acquitted themselves well, with the team from EGYPT finishing a respectable position 8 in Pool C of the TOP DIVISION.

f) COMMENDATION

Commendation to all the teams that managed to fulfil their obligations as representatives of the African Continent to the 2020 FIDE Online Chess Olympiad.

Special praise to the team of MAURITANIA, who rose successively from the BASE DIVISION to join the other top African Federation teams that qualified to DIVISION 3.

v. 2020 FIDE ONLINE WORLD CADETS & YOUTH RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FIDE Online World Cadets and Youth (Under 10 – 18) Rapid Chess Championships were organised by the Georgian Chess Federation, under the auspices of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and hosted on the Tornelo Chess Platform from November 27 to December 24, 2020.

The tournament was played in TWO sections (Open and Girls) of FIVE different age groups of Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

a) CONTINENTAL SELECTION STAGE

The African Continental Selection stage was held from 28th to 30th November 2020.

The following 31 players from the African Continent won the right to participate in the final stage of 2020 FIDE Online World Cadets and Youth Rapid Chess Championships:

Under 10 Girls: Naila Nour Ramoul (Algeria)

Salma Hawas (Egypt)

Lilya Chemaou (Morocco)

Under 10 Open: Caleb Levi Levitan (South Africa),

Hossam Mohamed Adham (Egypt)

Raphael Felix (ACC)

Under 12 Girls: Davida Strong (South Africa)
Joy Romany (South Africa)
Kenza Tabich (Morocco)

Under 12 Open: Martin Mena (Egypt)
Kevin George Micheal (Egypt)
Ahmed Kandil (Egypt)

Under 14 Girls: Anri De Villers (South Africa),
Naledi Marape (Botswana)
Priyasha Santosh Shiryan (Malawi)

Under 14 Open: Michael Simpson (South Africa)
Mohamed-Jad Toumi (Morocco),
Mohammed Abderrahim Taleb Mohamed (Mauritania)

Under 16 Girls: Yara Allam (Egypt)
Ahlam Makhoul (Morocco)
Refilwe Gabatshwarwe (Botswana)
Naya Gosrani (Kenya)

Under 16 Open: Yashil Modi (South Africa)
Devon Smit (South Africa)
Michal Jacobus Oosthuizen (South Africa)

Under 18 Girls: Yara Allam (Egypt)
Luzia Pires (Angola)
Laurie Ann Shaw (South Africa)

Under 18 Open: Johann Emil Shnabel (South Africa)
Desire Macinya (Botswana)
Dante M Beukes (Namibia)

b) FINAL STAGE

The final stage of the 2020 FIDE Online World Cadets and Youth Rapid Chess Championships consisted of ten separate knock-out tournaments in the two sections (Open and Girls) of five different age groups of Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

The First Round each of the knock-out competitions in this Final Stage consisted of 16 players.

Unfortunately, all the 31 qualifiers from the African Continental Selection stage could not proceed beyond the First Round each of the knock-out phase.

C. CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINARS

i. ARBITERS SEMINARS

The African Continent conducted seven Arbiters' Seminars in 2020.

Four of these were conducted online whilst the other three had physical attendance.

- a) The South Africa Chess Federation organised a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar in Benoni, South Africa from January 5 to 8, 2020.



The seminar was conducted in the English language with a participation of 18 arbiters from South Africa.

All the 18 participants took part in the examination test and 13 passed.

- b) The Togolese Chess Federation, in conjunction with the Lome Chess Academy, organised an Arbiters' Seminar from 27th to 30th January 2020 at the Agla Hotel in the Togolese capital, Lome.

The Seminar was conducted in the French language with English translation.



Of the 38 participants from Nigeria, Ghana, and Togo, 33 took part in the examination from which all the 33 were successful.

- c) The Tunisian island town of Djerba hosted a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar, organised by the Tunisian Chess Federation from 17th to 21st February 2020.

The Seminar was conducted in the Arabic language with French translation.



Of the 7 arbiters from Algeria and Tunisia who participated in the Seminar 5 took part in the examination test and all passed.

- d) The Nigeria Chess Federation conducted a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar on the sidelines the National Championship in the Osun State town of Iwo from 11th to 14th March 2020.



The Seminar was conducted in the English language with all 18 participants coming from Nigeria.

All the 18 participants took part in the examination test out of which there were 2 candidates that passed.

- e) The Kenya Chess Federation organised an Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar in the English language from 15th to 19th June 2020.

Nineteen participants from ten federations took part in the Seminar, with all of them participating in the examination test.

There were 13 successful candidates from the examination.

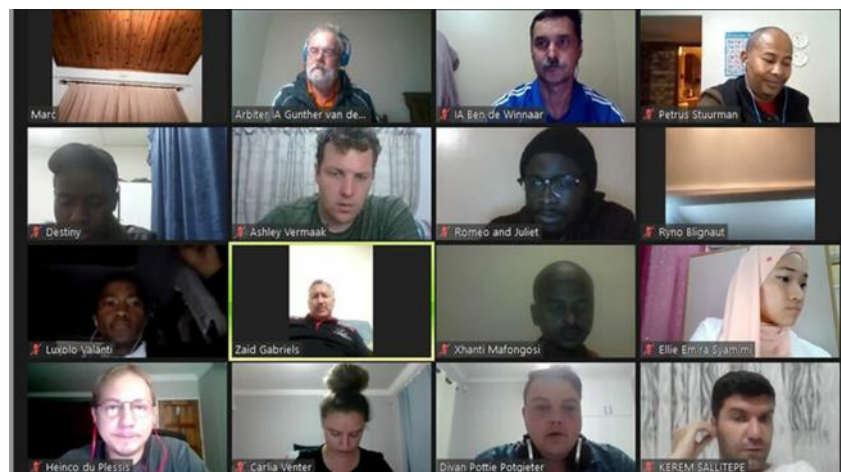
- f) The KwaZulu Natal Chess Academy organised an Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar, on behalf of the African Chess Confederation from 14th to 18th September 2020 in the coastal city of Durban in South Africa.



The Seminar was conducted in the English language.

Twenty participants from seven Federations took part in the Seminar, with all of them taking the examination test which produced eighteen successful candidates.

- g) An Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar in the English language was organised by the South African Chess Federation from 18th to 25th August 2020.



Twelve of the Seventeen arbiters from five Federations that participated in the Seminar and took the examination test, were successful.

ii. TRAINERS SEMINARS

In the calendar year of 2020, the African Continent hosted one physical and four online Trainers' Seminars.

- a) The KwaZulu Natal Chess Academy organised a FIDE Trainers Seminar was in Durban, South Africa from 14-16 February 2020.



There were 21 successful participants awarded titles in the following split distribution: FIDE Instructor (1), National Instructor (8) and Development Instructor (12).

- b) The African Chess Confederation hosted an English language FIDE Online Trainers' Seminar from 18th to 20th December 2020.



Out of the 38 registered Seminar participants from 17 African Federations, 31 took part in the examination, with the following split in the award of titles: FIDE Instructor (1), National Instructor (12) and Development Instructor (18).

- c) The French language FIDE Online Trainers Seminar hosted by the African Chess Confederation from 27th to 29th December 2020 had 26 registered participants from 7 African Federations.



The award of titles to the 25 participants, that took part in the examination test, was as follows: FIDE Instructor (3), National Instructor (8) and Development Instructor (14).

- d) The FIDE Online Trainers Seminar in the Portuguese language hosted by the African Chess Confederation from 27th to 29th December 2020 produced the following split in title awards for the 44 participants from the 4 African Federations: FIDE Trainer (3), FIDE Instructor (2), National Instructor (13) and Development Instructor (26).



The African Chess Confederation is grateful for the additional support from the Portuguese Chess Federation that resulted in more participants from the Portuguese speaking African Federations.

- e) The Arab language FIDE Online Trainers Seminar previously scheduled for December 25th to 27th December 2020 was held from 14th to 16th January 2021.



Of the 24 participants that took the examination test the following split of award of titles resulted: FIDE Trainer (3), FIDE Instructor (10), National Instructor (9) and Development Instructor (2)



The African Chess Confederation appreciates the support of the Arab Chess Federation in ensuring more participation from Arab speaking African Federations.

D. CONTINENTAL COMMISSIONS

The African Chess Confederation established nine Continental Commissions to enhance the implementation of its mission and various programmes.

Each of the Commissions is made up of ten members drawn from all the Five Zones of the African Continent

The Commissions have each been provided with Terms of Reference under which they will operate.

A sample copy of the Terms of Reference for the Continental Development Commission is attached for reference.

The Term of Office for all the Commission Members is Four Years, in synchrony with the FIDE Commissions.

The leadership of the Continental Commissions is as listed here below:

- i. ACC Arbiters Commission**
Chairman: IA Stephen Kisuze (Uganda)
Secretary: IA Samir Zerdali (Algeria)
- ii. ACC Chess in Education Commission**
Chairman: Mothokomedi Thabano (Botswana)
Secretary: Jeffrey Kanguma (Zambia)
- iii. ACC Planning and Development Commission**
Chairman: Austin Apemiye (Nigeria)
Secretary: Fungirayiini Chiweshe Mushananga (Zimbabwe)
- iv. ACC Social and Disabled Commission**
Chairperson: Dr. Lamia Mlayeh (Tunisia)
Secretary: Christiana Naa Merley Ashley (Ghana)
- v. ACC Trainers Commission**
Chairman: GM Ahmed Adly (Egypt)
Secretary: Charles Eichab (Namibia)
- vi. ACC Events and Publicity Commission**
Chairman: Dr. Collen Tongowona (Zimbabwe)
Secretary: IA Peter Duke Michieka King’oina (Kenya)
- vii. ACC Commission for Women in Chess**
Chairperson: Susan Namangale (Malawi)
Secretary: Mario Prosper Kpan (Cote d’Ivoire)
- viii. ACC Players’ Commission**
Chairman: IM Odion Aikhoje (Nigeria)
Secretary: WFM Ivy Amoko (Uganda)
- ix. ACC Technical and Online Commission**
Chairman: IA Hassan Khaled (Egypt)
Secretary: Ayokanmi Ajayi (Nigeria)

E. OBSERVATIONS

- i. The onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic greatly affected over-the board chess tournament activities and physical attendance seminars, meetings, and workshops.
- ii. The shift of focus to online activities is slowly gaining momentum with more Federations seeking the valued access to internet connectivity resources.

The varied cost of data and allied resources required for Federations, their players, and officials to access internet connectivity will lead to a skewed progress for Federations across the African continent, which the ACC Board will seek to address.

- iii. Whilst this shift to online activities has dealt a major disruption to chess development activities, the long-term outlook provides for a useful alternative activity route upon the return to physical contact activities when the Covid-19 pandemic is finally brought under control.
- iv. The increase in online activities will also enhance the integration of the disabled community in more chess activities, thus improving their quality of life as previously alluded to.

F. FUTURE OUTLOOK

The immediate challenge the Board of the African Chess Confederation faces is to assist various Federations have better access to internet facilities to enable them fully participate in the current online alternate development programmes.

The positive outlook is that whatever progress that is made in this venture, will lead to valuable resources designed to expand the future of chess development activities in all the concerned Federations.

Gens Una Sumus!

On behalf of AFRICA



Continental President

Date: 11/02/2021



APPENDIX B – CONTINENTAL PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

CONTINENT: AFRICA

PERIOD: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The Continent is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. It is possible that a Continent may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. Continents can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The Continent is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

| Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Baseline- 2020 ² | End of Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| Players on FIDE List | 36,982 | 45,478 | A 23% increase in FIDE listed players above 2019 figures. |
| FIDE rated players | 9,214 | 10,975 | The FIDE rated players in Africa increased by 19% |
| Certified Arbiters | 436* | 471 | The previously recorded figure of 497 for 2019 included double accounting for IAs, who were also listed as FAs |
| Certified Trainers | 433* | 1,355* | The 2020 figure is as provided by TRG. A reconciliation of the discrepancy is unexpected difference underway. |
| School Chess Teachers | - | - | Data not yet obtained. |
| International Organisers | 35 | | |
| % Federation representation at Continental Chess Events | 31 | 20 | Affected by reduction in activities. |
| Grandmasters | 14 | 15 | Adham Fawzy of Egypt becomes 15 th African GM |
| % Countries engaged in Social Projects | 10 | - | No Social Projects activities recorded. |
| New Federations affiliated to FIDE | 1 | 1 | Chad admitted as new member. |

¹ <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>

² Continent to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



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| Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Baseline- 2019 ² | End of Period | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--|
| Capacity Building Seminars-Technical | 20 | 12 | Reduction due to prevailing global pandemic situation. |
| Capacity Building Seminars-Administrative | 0 | 0 | Work in progress |
| Regional Chess sponsors | 2 | 2 | Negotiations ongoing |
| Regional Strategic Partners E.g., Regional Media or International organisations | 1 | 3 | Negotiations ongoing |
| National NOCs that recognize chess as a sport | - | - | Work in progress |

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ACC CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Introduction

- i. The African Chess Confederation has established the Continental Development Commission to enhance the goals and objectives of the Planning and Development Commission of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) on the African Continent.
- ii. The Continental Development Commission is responsible for developing additional protocols to uplift the development status of African Federations.

Functions

The functions of the ACC Continental Development Commission are:

- i. to ensure that the African activities of the Planning and Development Commission of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) are organised and implemented to the best benefit of the Continent's Federations.
- ii. to work with relevant partners in identifying and recommending additional development programmes for the improvement of the developmental status of the Continent.
- iii. to identify and recommend required additional support for the development of African Federations.
- iv. to provide advice and recommendations to the ACC Board on any other matters affecting the chess development process in Africa.

Composition

- i. Members of the Commission will be appointed by the ACC Board in consultation with the Zonal Presidents; with emphasis on their capacity to contribute to the effective running of the Commission.
- ii. The Commission shall consist of no more than 10 members
- iii. The Chairperson, Secretary and Consultant of the Commission shall be appointed by the ACC President.

- iv. The Commission members will serve for a term of four years.
- v. Some Members of the ACC Board may be appointed as Consultants to the Commission, where appropriate.
- vi. The ACC Board may remove any member of the Commission prior to expiry of their term, if it considers that the member is unable to fulfil his/her duties effectively, has a conflict of interest or has brought the sport of chess, the ACC, or FIDE, into disrepute.
- vii. If a Member of the ACC Board on the Commission resigns, retires, or leaves office as a Board Member, they shall automatically cease their membership of the Commission, unless appointed to fill another position within the Commission.
- viii. The ACC Board may fill any arising vacancy, provided that any such vacancy shall only be filled for the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

Powers

- i. The Commission is a committee of the ACC Board and does not have authority to make any decisions on behalf of, or to bind the African Chess Confederation, unless approved by the ACC Board.
- ii. The Commission shall submit an annual plan and annual budget to the ACC Board no later than November 30 each year for approval.

Once these are approved, the Commission has authority to implement the plan in accordance with the budget.

Should the Commission wish to vary the plan or the budget, such variations must be approved by the ACC Board before implementation.

- iii. The Commission may apply for funds from other organisations (including directly from FIDE Commissions) with the prior approval of the ACC President, provided that such application is for activities, initiatives, or programs within the approved annual plan of the Commission.
- iv. The Commission shall ensure that all promotional material related to its activities complies with procedures of the African Chess Confederation regarding its name, logo, and branding.

Procedures

- i. The Commission shall meet as and when the Chairperson of the Commission considers appropriate.
- ii. Meetings may be held in person or by teleconference or other technological means, provided that all members present can hear each other simultaneously.

Resolutions of the Commission may be made between meetings by electronic means (including texting and email).

- iii. The ACC President and Secretary General may attend meetings of the Commission but shall not be members of it.
- iv. The quorum for a meeting to proceed and decisions to be valid is fifty percent plus one of the total number of registered members.

This also applies to meetings held virtually or by teleconference and to resolutions made by electronic means.

- v. All decisions will be made by consensus or if this cannot be achieved then by majority vote.

The Chairperson of the Commission shall have the right to a casting vote in the event of a tie.

- vi. Minutes of all meetings of the Commission shall be taken and retained.

Copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to the ACC President and Secretary General within 14 days after each meeting.

- vii. The ACC Secretary General or his/her nominee shall provide administrative assistance to the Commission.

- viii. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by the African Chess Confederation for actual and reasonable expenses incurred whilst undertaking duties as a member of the Commission.

Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with the policy of the ACC Board regarding the reimbursement of any such expenses.

- ix. No member of the Commission shall be paid any remuneration or other financial reward for their time and service as a member of the Commission, as the role is a voluntary one.

- x. If a member of the Commission has an interest (whether financial or personal) in an agreement, arrangement or transaction or proposed agreement, of the African Chess Confederation (either directly or through the Commission), he or she must:
 - a) disclose to the Chairperson of the Commission (or in the case of the Chairperson having such interest, disclose to the ACC President), the nature and extent of such interest as soon as the member becomes aware of it, and
 - b) take such other steps as determined by the Chairperson of the Commission (or the ACC President, as the case may be) in respect of such interest which may include, without limitation, abstaining from discussions/deliberations, and/ or any vote regarding such interest or it may result in the member being removed from office by the ACC Board.