



OCEANIA NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

REPORT TO THE 2015 ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY Washington DC, United States of America.

MEETINGS

2015 ONOC Annual General Assembly

The 2015 ONOC General Assembly and associated meetings were held in Suva, Fiji from the 25th April to the 3rd May and involved many meetings of the major stakeholders in Sport in Oceania.

The series of meetings began with the **Athletes** Commission meeting on the Island resort of Leleuvia on the 25th April. This was followed by a 2 day **Regional Athletes Forum** involving representatives of the 17 NOCs in Oceania as well as the 7 Associate members.

26th April – 2nd May – **Regional Sports Media Conference** involving selected representatives from the region as well as representatives from main media organisations in the Host country. The focus of the meeting was to update media representatives on the Olympic movement and during the course of the week attend the different workshops being conducted, according to their interest. The Media group also set up a Press centre to disseminate information on the conference to the region as well as provide daily live broadcasts and interviews to the region.

28 – 29th April **IOC Regional Olympic Forum** “Preparing an Olympic Team”
Coordinated by: Toshio Tsurunaga (USA) IOC / NOC Relations Department, and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Organising Committee
Participants: National Olympic Committee delegates and Oceania Chef de Missions

30th April 2015 UNESCO - **Asia Pacific Consultation on MINEPS V** “Declaration of Berlin”
Participants: Oceania Sports Ministers, National Olympic Committees, Oceania Sports Federations
World Health Organisation, Commonwealth Secretariat

1st May – ONOC and the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO) conducted parallel meetings during the course of the day. OSFO were celebrating their 10th anniversary and held their General Assembly at the start of the day before beginning their series of workshops involving both NOCs and Sports Federations.

Other workshops included presentations by Organising Committees:

2015 Pacific Games, Port Moresby, PNG

2015 Commonwealth Youth Games, Apia, SAM

2017 Pacific Mini Games, Port Vila, VAN

2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, AUS

2020 Tokyo Olympic Games – “Sport for Tomorrow”

as well as presentations by the

ONOC Management

ONOC Athletes Commission / Voices of the Athletes programme

Oceania Sports Education Programme / Education Commission

ONOC Medical Commission

Women and Sports Oceania

Oceania Regional Antidoping Organisation.

The traditional ceremony of welcome to the IOC President Thomas Bach and his entourage and the official opening of the ONOC General Assembly were held on the evening of the 1st May.

2nd May – 32nd ONOC General Assembly

ONOC was honored with the first visit to the region in his role as the IOC President. President Thomas Bach accompanied by IOC Director General Christophe de Kepper, IOC Deputy Director General Pere Miro, IOC Director of Communications Mark Adams, Marina Baramia IOC Head of Protocol, to attend and address the ONOC General Assembly in Fiji.

He also visited Australia prior to the Fiji visit and after the assembly, visited Vanuatu and New Zealand, meeting with NOCs as well as the Head of State and Head of Government in these countries.

During his stay in Suva he met individually with all NOCs and had a group meeting with the Associate members of ONOC, as well Regional Sports Federation representatives.

Also present at the Assembly was the Secretary General of ANOC, Mrs Gunilla Lindberg who updated members on the work of ANOC and the preparations for the ANOC General Assembly in Washington.

OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA General Assembly

ONOC members were invited to attend the General Assembly of the OCA that was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on the 15 & 16th September.

Representatives of 14 NOCs and 3 Associate members together with the President and Secretary General of ONOC traveled to Ashgabat to attend the various meetings around the OCA General Assembly, as well as take the opportunity to visit the venues and facilities for the 17th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games (AIMAG). Delegates were most impressed with the excellent facilities and infrastructure already in place for the Games and are looking forward to competing in the biggest ever Indoor Games with close to 70 countries from Asia and Oceania taking part.

MAJOR EVENTS

Vth Pacific Games, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The 15th edition of the Pacific Games was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), from 4-18 July 2015. The Pacific Games, which are recognized as the continental multi-sport event for the Oceania region, brought together the 22 member nations and territories of the Pacific - 15 of who are NOCs - and for the first time, invitations were issued to the Australian and New Zealand Olympic Committees to participate in 4 of the 28 sports on the programme.

In total 3,330 athletes, accompanied by 1,065 team officials, participated in the 15th Pacific Games.

The host country invested about \$1.4 billion Kina in building new facilities and renovating existing sports facilities, funding a well prepared Team PNG and providing the necessary infrastructure within the city to showcase the capital city of the second largest country within the Oceania region.

The games opened with a dazzling Opening Ceremony showcasing the diversity of PNG's culture that was then followed by the unique Pacific way in the parade of athletes, where most contingents paused on centre stage to perform cultural items. This set the scene for two weeks of intense competition followed by enthusiastic supporters and spectators.

The main highlights were in the pool with Ryan Pini (PNG) and Lara Grangeon (New Caledonia) winning multiple titles and being named, respectively, Male Athlete and Female Athlete of the Games. Other notable performances came in Athletics, with PNG's Toea Wisil winning four track titles; Fiji's Men's Football team qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games; Guam's Men's Basketball team being adjudged the Best Team of the Games; and in Women's Va'a (Outrigger Canoe) where both Cook Islands and PNG scored very rare gold medals over the historically dominant Tahiti team.

The 2015 Pacific Games were highly successful for the host nation, as PNG topped the medal tally for the first time since 1991. The Games also left substantial legacies for the future athletes of both PNG and the wider Pacific region in the form of tremendous new sporting facilities which has PNG well placed to bid for other major international sporting events.

The 15th Pacific Games set new benchmarks for the Games movement as they head to Vanuatu for the 10th Pacific Mini Games in 2017 and then on to Tonga in 2019 for the next full edition - the 16th Pacific Games.

SPORTS ON THE PROGRAMME

Athletics, Basketball, Body Building, Boxing, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Golf, Karate, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Outrigger Canoeing, Powerlifting, Rugby League Nines, Rugby Sevens, Sailing, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Touch Rugby, Triathlon, Volleyball Indoor & Beach, Weightlifting.

MEDAL TALLY

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Papua New Guinea	88	69	60	217
2	New Caledonia	60	50	56	166
3	Tahiti	39	34	41	114
4	Fiji	33	45	37	115
5	Samoa	17	23	11	51
6	Australia	16	19	11	46
7	Nauru	7	10	5	22
8	Solomon Islands	7	6	15	28
9	Tonga	7	1	9	17
10	Cook Islands	6	7	15	28
11	Guam	3	3	7	13
12	Kiribati	3	1	5	9
13	American Samoa	3	1	4	8
14	Micronesia	3	1	0	4
15	Vanuatu	2	8	12	22
16	Norfolk Island	2	3	2	7
17	New Zealand	1	9	10	20
18	Wallis and Futuna	1	1	5	7
19	Tuvalu	1	0	3	4
20	Niue	0	1	1	2
21	Palau	0	1	1	2
22	Marshall Islands	0	0	5	5
	Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0
23	Tokelau	0	0	0	0
	Totals	299	293	315	907

2015 Commonwealth Youth Games, SAMOA

Apia, Samoa was the host of the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games that were held over 5 days in early September. 926 athletes aged 14 – 18 from 65 nations and territories of the Commonwealth competed for a total of 107 Gold Medals in Aquatics, Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Lawn Bowls, Rugby Sevens, Squash, Tennis and Weightlifting.

Standout performances at this Commonwealth Youth Games included Kenya's Kumari Taki, who clocked 3:39.90 to take the boy's 1500m title, South African Tiotliso Gift Leotlela who won the 100m in 10.20secs and English Weightlifter Rebekah Tiler who won gold with a score of 211 in the 69kg category.

The athlete taking home most medals is swimmer Clyde Lewis of Australia, who dominated the pool winning five Gold medals, two Silver medals and one Bronze medal. The host nation Samoa

also had cause for celebration as Weightlifter Maeu Nanai Livi won Gold on the penultimate day of competition in the 85kg category. Australia and New Zealand dominated the Lawn Bowls greens, Malaysia won all five squash titles, whilst South Africa and Australia won the Men's and Women's Rugby Sevens titles respectively.

Australia topped the medal tally followed by South Africa and England. The host country Samoa finished in 12th position winning 12 medals over the course of the competition.

Commenting on the overwhelming success of the Commonwealth Youth Games, CGF President Louise Martin CBE said: "Samoa has truly delivered, in every sense, the warmest, friendliest Commonwealth Youth Games ever."

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY.

ONOC Continental Programmes include:

- * National Solidarity programmes
- * Regional Olympic Solidarity Programmes (in conjunction with Oceania International Federations)
- * Information Technology
- * Olympoecania
- * Oceania Sports Information Centre
- * Regional / National Games Support
- * IF / NOC Technical Experts programme
- * ONOC Administration Grant
- * Regional Development Fund

Oceania Olympic Values programmes are delivered via:

- * Oceania Sports Education Programme
- * Oceania Athletes Commission
 - Voices of the Athletes programme/Sustainable Coastlines
- * Oceania Regional Antidoping programme
- * Oceania Women in Sport Commission
- * ONOC Medical Commission

World Programmes (conducted by ONOC on behalf of Olympic Solidarity)

- * Regional Olympic Forum
- * Administrative Subsidy to NOCs

Oceania Sports Education Program (OSEP)

OSEP is seen by the ONOC as the basis of sport development in the region, across all countries. OSEP is a core strategic direction for ONOC aimed to lift sports delivery performance.

Our Mission - OSEP is committed to the training and development pathway for Pacific sport volunteers and professionals, to inspire more sport participants in communities and produce champions at international levels through the provision of quality sport education.

OSEP investment and partnerships with Regional Sport Federations, National Olympic Committees and National Federations increased in 2015.

A summary of these milestones achieved between November 2014 and September 2015 is outlined below:

* 10 national administrators, of which 70% were women, graduated from Olympic Solidarity and **OSEP Oceania MOSO IV**. Graduates were from American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, Tonga and ONOC. A total of 30 participants trained to date.

OSEP courses delivered in the region (Nov 2014-Sept 2015)

Sport in Communities Administrator (Total 125)
FSM 17; FIJ 35; KIR 35; SAM 28, TUV 10
Community Coach & Official (Total 15)
KIR 8; TUV 7
Management in Sporting Organisations (MISO) – Total 27)
SAM 18; FIBA Oceania 9
Competition Coach (Total – 29)
FSM 14; FIJ 15
Strength & Conditioning Coach (Total: 45)
FSM 12; FIJ 15; KIR 18; SAM
Presenter & Assessor (Total 19)
FSM 14; SAM 5
Educator (Total 21)
FSM 2; FIJ 2; KIR 8; SAM 7; TUV 2.
Master Educator (Total 10)
FSM 1; FIJ 2; KIR 2; SAM 5

Other Key milestones

- * 7 new staff recruits - OSEP coordinator for the north pacific zone and 6 new national Staff in FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Is., PNG, Samoa and Tuvalu.
- * Second edition of OSEP Sport in Communities administrator and Community coach and official courses launched.
- * New edition of the OSEP Educator and Master Educator resources completed

ONOC Athletes Commission

The Athletes's Commission under the dynamic leadership of Barbara Kendall continues to develop its role within the Oceania region and beyond. The requirement of all of our NOCs to have an active Commission as required by our Constitution, has kept the Commission leadership busy in following up with our membership, the work of Commission within NOCs.

Apart from being represented on the ONOC Executive by two IOC Athletes Commission members, athletes are represented on our Medical, Education and Women and Sports Commission, as well as on the Oceania Regional Antidoping Agency. The Pacific Games Council has a new representative on the Commission, Ryan Pini (PNG) who was elected by his peers at the 2015 Pacific Games recently held in Port Moresby. It is anticipated that at the Rio Olympic Games, an Athlete Liaison representative will be part of the ONOC Administration support staff based at the Olympic Village.

One of the concerns voiced by our Athletes is the selection process for National teams to regional and international games. An extension of the Selection Justification Commission present in older

NOCs in the region, together with education and implementation of this process at the National Federation level may help allay these concerns, particularly if Selection criteria and known in advance by athletes and their entourage.

Educational programmes being delivered by the Athletes Commission and members throughout the region include the Excellence for Life programmes as well as Voices of the Athletes programmes.

Voices of the Athletes (VOA) Programme is an initiative developed by the Oceania National Olympic Committee's Athletes Commission (ONOC-AC) in partnership with the Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO), to help encourage, engage and empower Oceania athletes as leaders in their respective sport and country, advocating for doping-free sport, prevention of HIV/AIDS, and environmental issues that focuses on how to love our coast.

The VOA Programme, first launched its Outreach Programme at the 2007 South Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. The programme was well received by the Pacific Games Council (PGC) and its 22 Pacific Games Association members, athletes, and athlete support personnel.

The PGC then decided to integrate VOA in all its Pacific & Mini Pacific Games (2009 Rarotonga; 2011 Noumea; 2013 Wallis & Futuna; 2015 Port Moresby) as well as the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia.

The popularity of the VOA Outreach programme has increased since its inception, and has been invited to be a part of other sport events which includes:

- Regional Sport Federation competitions for Basketball, Hockey, Judo, Karate, and Rugby.
- Sub-regional Games (Micronesia Games in Palau 2010 and FSM 2014)
- National Events (Fiji Secondary School Coca Cola Games and National Team Camps)

NOC's being targeted for VOA and E4L June – December 2015

Tuvalu, Marshall Is, American Samoa, Kiribati

ONOC MEDICAL COMMISSION

The annual meeting of ONOC Medical Commission was held in Suva, Fiji in conjunction with the ONOC General Assembly.

The ONOC Medical Commission discussed a range of issues and we were pleased to welcome Florence Salesa of American Samoa as the representative of the ONOC Athletes' Commission on the ONOC Medical Commission. In particular, we discussed the challenges faced by Pacific Island nations with regard to non-communicable diseases. One of the strategies put in place to educate our young athletes was a promotion at the recent Youth Commonwealth Games held in Samoa in September 2015. This is an excellent example of collaboration between the ONOC Athletes' Commission and the ONOC Medical Commission.

A couple of courses have been run in Oceania this year. The first of these was in American Samoa and was directed at sports trainers and other pitch-side assistants. It was well attended and the educational material proved worthwhile. The second course was arranged in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, immediately prior to the Pacific Games held in July. This course was directed at doctors and physiotherapists providing medical cover for those Games. Lecturers included Mark Brown and Maria Constantinou, physiotherapists from Australia, and Dr Chris Milne, Chair of ONOC Medical Commission. The general skills of the PNG clinicians were very high, and this

course served to add a sports specific flavour to management of a range of common injuries and medical problems.

For 2016, courses are planned for the Federated States of Micronesia plus Marshall Islands NOCs.

One of the major challenges in the Pacific relates to cardiovascular disease. With many developing countries in our region, there are many young people dealing with the sequelae of rheumatic fever. However, there is a paucity of good data on this condition and its effects on our athletes. In addition, we have no substantive data on the relative frequency of cardiac conditions such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in Pacific populations. In an attempt to remedy this, we plan to undertake a study prior to the 2017 Pacific Mini Games due to be held in Vanuatu. Dr Larissa Trease of ONOC Medical Commission is likely to be heavily involved in coordinating this project.

WOMEN AND SPORT OCEANIA (WASO)

Statement of Purpose.

The Statement of Purpose reflects the WASO Mission – ‘to strengthen the capacity and capability of women and girls in sport’ and our Values: - ‘Excellence, Leadership, Respect, Integrity and Friendship’.

The core functions of WASO are:

- Leadership and effective management
- Education & training through sport
- Promotion of the Olympic Values
- Communication, advocacy and promotion

WASO Activity across the region continues to show a steady growth with increasing numbers participating in activities organised by those NOC’s who have established Women and Sport Committees.

It is pleasing to see the continuing increase in numbers of women in leadership positions across all member NOC’s, due in no small measure to the positive initiatives being implemented. Reports delivered to our General Assembly noted that there are 45 (41 in 2014) Women Executive Board members (31.69%), 411 (336 in 2014) National Sport positions and 51 (49 in 2014) Oceania Sport positions held by women. Oceania leads the world in the percentage of women on NOC Executive Boards (31.69%) with the global average only 18%.

However, we should not rest “on our laurels”.

A small number of NOC’s have inactive Women & Sport Committees, or need to establish a committee and the WASO Executive is assisting these NOCs to set up and contribute to this work.

The 2014 IOC Trophy for Women and Sport (Oceania) was presented to Sian Mulholland (AUS), at the Awards Dinner in Monaco on 9th December, 2014, following the IOC Session to ratify the 2020 Agenda recommendations. Sian was the first woman to represent Australia in the World Track Cycling Championships (1982) and became a successful coach, producing World and Australian champions on the road and track, in elite and disabled cycling. Congratulations Sian!

Five members of the Women & Sport Commission (WASO) were in attendance at the 2014 ANOC General Assembly and a similar number have been invited to the ANOC Assembly in Washington – thanks to the invitation and support of ANOC. WASO values the opportunity to gain an understanding of the wider Olympic family and network with the other delegates.

Support for our Membership

The 2015 IOA Young Participants Session will be held from 23 May – 06 June, 2015, and the WASO Selection Committee selected the successful participants. WASO is pleased to be able to assist the island NOC's by providing this opportunity for young women to learn more of the Olympic Movement and increase their leadership skills.

In addition, WASO provides scholarships to women administrators to attend OSEP Educational courses.

ONOC COMMUNICATIONS

24 years ago - four organisations - the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) conducted a series of workshops for media from Oceania, in Apia, Samoa.

The IOC conducted the Sport Press Seminar, IAAF facilitated the Athletic Sports Media Seminar and the USOC conducted the Marketing Strategies and Techniques for Developing NOC's seminar.

It is fitting that this is highlighted here in Washington because 24 years on, ONOC has embarked on reviving its relationship with the media in Oceania for the successful delivery and application of IOC's Agenda 2020 and the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The World Bank has noted that 'Good Governance remains a global challenge, therefore a diverse and independent media sector can be an effective way to increase government (NOCs) accountability and to benefit the poor by enhancing their participation and dialogue.'

ONOC on its part, conducted a regional media workshop in conjunction with its General Assembly in May and some of the media personnel were also invited to the IOC and Olympic Council of Asia 'Women and Sport in Media' workshop held in Doha.

Following the Doha meeting, I am proud to report that ONOC has successfully revived the Fiji Sports Journalists' Association and set up a new association in Papua New Guinea.

Building relationships between NOCs and the media in Oceania is critical to the importance of sport in everyday life and across all frontiers. Sport knows no barriers.

Other countries, Vanuatu, Solomons, Tuvalu, Samoa and Tonga have shown interest on forming journalists' associations to work with their NOCs.

The ONOC Communications Department is also working on a multi-platform site that is uniquely placed to drive the flow of content on local, regional and international mediums.

Sport and the Sustainable Development Goals

The contribution of sport to national development and well being have long been recognised, but it is only more recently that sport is playing a more prominent role as a tool for achieving sustainable development. Sport has undoubted health and social benefits, yet has also come under criticism for being elite, for corruption and for its lack of a rigorous evidence base.

The Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Officials of Sport (MINEPS V) held in Berlin, Germany in 2013 is a landmark in driving the agenda of sport for development. The

Declaration of Berlin identifies three key areas to focus the strategic direction of sport as a tool for development:

- a) Access to sport as a fundamental right for all
- b) Promoting investment in physical education and sport programs
- c) Preserving the integrity of sport

In April 2015, ONOC and UNESCO sponsored a workshop on MINEPS V. The workshop and the ONOC General Assembly following, reaffirmed the recommendations in the Declaration of Berlin and mapped out an action plan for the Pacific to implement these recommendations. The action plan has two key components:

- a) Develop models for comprehensive sport policy in Pacific countries
- b) Enhance sport education frameworks.

The proposal was presented at the Regional Sports Minister's meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea prior to the Opening Ceremony of the 15th Pacific Games. The theme of the meeting was "Governments and Sport – Working Together for the Pacific Islands People" At the end of their meeting, the Ministers issued a communiqué which

- a). Acknowledged the value of sport for development in the Pacific, reaffirm the Declaration of Berlin as a set of key recommendations for the future of sport in the Pacific.
- b) Endorsed ONOC as the lead agency for implementation of the Declaration in the Pacific.
- c) Agreed that each country and national governing body of sport approves a focal point to work as a partner in implementation of the Declaration in the Pacific.
- d) Endorsed the short-term first step project on evaluation of the contribution of sport for development in the Pacific for immediate implementation.
- e) Endorsed the longer-term proposal to fully develop the detailed implementation plan by 31 December 2015 based on the recommendations of the ONOC/UNESCO workshop of 30 April 2015, including the call for partnerships and resources.

ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

ONOC's delegates to the ANOC Executive Council are:

President:	Dr. Robin Mitchell (FIJ)
Vice President:	Barry Maister (NZL)
Secretary General:	Ricardo Blas (GUM)
Executive Member:	Mrs Baklai Temengil (PLW) Mrs Auvita Rapilla (PNG)

Current ONOC representatives on ANOC Commissions:

ANOC Events Working Group	Member	Kevan Gosper (Australia)
Audit & Finance	Member	Ken Kramer (MHL)
Athletes	Chair	Barbara Kendall (NZL)
International Relations	Member	Marcus Stephens (NRU)

Juridical	Member	Maria Clarke (NZL)
Marketing & New Sources of Finance	Member	Sir John Dawanincura (PNG)
Medical	Chairman	Dr Robin Mitchell (Fiji)
	Member	Dr Chris Milne (New Zealand)
Modernisation	Chairman	Kevan Gosper (Australia)
Youth Working Group	Members	Isabel-Emma Goodall and Jimmy Jonas (PLW)

CONGRATULATIONS

The 2015 Beyond Sport Awards, supported by Comic Relief announced in London on the 21st October, the results of their annual awards

Congratulations to Australia who were shortlisted for two awards and the Fiji Volleyball Federation for winning the Sport Federation or Governing Body of the Year

Sport for Health Award

The Big Issue's Community Street Soccer Program – The Big Issue in Australia

Sport Federation or Governing Body of the Year

Fiji Volleyball Federation (Fiji) - WINNER

National Rugby League (NRL) (Australia)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7 – 14 th 2016	ONOC General Assembly & associated meeting, Port Vila, VANUATU
May 7 & 8	ORADO Board meeting & workshop
May 9	ONOC General Assembly
May 10 & 11	Pacific Games General Assembly DRM for 2016 Rio Olympic Games
May 11	OSFO General Assembly & workshops
May 12 – 14	2017 Pacific Mini Games / OSFO workshops

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