



## **OCEANIA NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE 2018 ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TOKYO, JAPAN**

### **2018 ONOC Annual General Assembly & ONOC Strategic Plan (2018-2021)**

The XXXVIII (38<sup>th</sup>) ONOC Annual General Assembly was held on June 16 in Apia, Samoa. Samoa will be hosting the 2019 Pacific Games for the third time since its inception in 1963, and as has been customary, the ONOC General Assembly and associated meetings are held a year before the Games to allow the various stakeholders to interact with their local counterparts to assist them in their preparations for the event.

A number of meetings were held concurrently in the lead up to the AGM at three different venues which included:

- \* Regional Olympic Forum - NOC Games Preparation workshop (June 13 and 14)
- \* Polynesian Sub regional Leadership workshop for Women and Sports in Oceania
- \* NOC Delegates Workshops
- \* Pacific Games Council AGM and Venues Tour
- \* Organisation of Sports Federations in Oceania (ONOC)

In the NOC delegates' workshop, we introduced our new Strategic Plan (2018-2021) which was presented by the ONOC Executive Board following consultation with our 17-member countries, key stakeholders and partners. The four core functions for the next four years are based on:

1. Building and Strengthening NOC Capacity
2. Cultivating Strategic Partnerships
3. Contributing towards Sporting Excellence and
4. Leading by Example

Apart from hearing about strategic priorities for 2018-2021, our NOC delegates heard from Guest Speakers who presented on the Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5 and 13 namely Good Health and Wellbeing, Quality Education, Gender Equality and Climate Action.

Susan Greinig and Kirsty Burrows took the opportunity of their visit to present the "IOC Toolkit for NOCs and IFs for the prevention of abuse and harassment in Sports." to workshop participants as well as to school students, medical students, national federations in Samoa

In summary, a number of recommendations came out of these workshops, some of these include:

1. That the IOC Agenda 2020 and the Basic principles of Good Governance (PGG) become the guiding standard to improve sport organizations.
2. That ONOC use the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) framework as the basis of resource support to NOC and their NF's.
3. That ONOC supports 'Safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse' through policies and training with NOC and NF's.
4. That ONOC supports the Pacific Sport Compass project – a project that will help develop a Pacific Action Plan and coordination mechanism for sport, physical activity and physical education.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ONOC COMMISSIONS**

#### **ATHLETES COMMISSION**

The ONOC AC had a number of activities this year and these can be summarised under the broad titles of:

1. Representing the views of athletes at regional and international meetings
2. Encourage and support NOC Athletes Commissions in the region
3. Build the capacity of Oceania athletes through the OSEP programme and the appointment of athlete leaders as Chefs de mission or Team officials to International events
4. Ensure the wellbeing of Oceania athletes

In line with Core Function 1 of our Strategic Plan – Building and Strengthening NOC Capacity and under strategic priority “Promote Olympic Values”, the ONOC AC conducted the Voices of Athletes outreach program at this year’s Micronesian Games in Yap, FSM from 15-27 July 2018.

With its five messages of:

- (a) Play Safe - STOP HIV Aids
- (b) Stay Healthy – Prevention of NCDs
- (c), Play True - Say No to Doping,
- (d) Go Green - Sustainable Coastlines
- (e) Be A Leader.

The outreach program had a 33% reach of Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel from the 10 participating member countries. A number of recommendations came out of the experience and the ONOC AC hopes to operationalize some of these at next year’s Pacific Games in July in Apia, Samoa.

#### WOMEN IN SPORT COMMISSION (WASO)

This year’s highlight would have to be the three Sub-Regional Leadership Workshops conducted in Samoa (12-13 June), Papua New Guinea (18-19 August) and Guam (9-10 November). WASO funded the Polynesian Workshop from its allocated budget, and with financial assistance from the Olympic Solidarity World Programmes was able to extend the program to Melanesia (PNG) and Micronesia (GUM).

All 17 NOCs were represented, and participants either came from NOCs or as representatives of some 20 National Sport Federations.

Titled " Stepping Up" and using an external facilitator, the workshops aimed to build confidence in women who had potential for positions of leadership. Each NOC was invited to send three participants, one of whom must be a male "Champion of Change". The inclusion of men in the workshops brought a fresh dynamic to the conversations and reinforced the concept of men and women working together to achieve desired goals. The ratio 1/3 was a resounding success and will be part of WASO initiatives going forward.

#### EDUCATION COMMISSION (Oceania Sport Education Program)

Our flagship program, Oceania Sport Education Program (OSEP) carried out a number of activities this year. The two that stand out include OSEP’s support towards the Solomon Islands NOCSI and the inaugural Long-term athlete development (LTAD) Symposium held in Nadi, Fiji.

In line with Core Function 1 of our Strategic Plan – Building and Strengthening NOC Capacity and under strategic priority “Facilitate compliance with 7 Principles of Good Governance”, OSEP worked with the Solomon Islands NOC this year to help the NOC and their member Federations in their preparations towards the successful hosting of the 2023 Pacific Games.

In November 2017, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) International Relations office supported three OSEP staff and Educator to be part of its International Coach Enrichment Certification program (ICECP) and observe their Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

With the support of Carolina Bayon - USOC Director, International Cooperation and Policy; two speakers namely Chris Synder - USOC Director Coaching Education and Richard Way - Canadian Sport for Life CEO, were part of the Oceania LTAD symposium in September 2018. Their technical expertise and experiences contributed to the symposium goal of collating the building blocks to develop what has now come to be known as the Pacific Long-Term Athlete, Sport and Physical Activity (PLTASPA) framework.

## MEDICAL COMMISSION

In collaboration with the Oceania Sport Education Program (OSEP), our Medical Commission Members underwent the OSEP Master Educator training on March 8-10. Our ONOC MC members usually facilitate medical courses in the region, so the course would equip them with competencies such as facilitation and delivery skills as well as assessing course participants effectively.

The Commission also provided support at Games time during the Pacific Mini Games in Port Vila (VAN) in December 2017 as well as at the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap, FSM in July.

In 2019, the ONOC Medical Commission proposes to resume its ECG Screening project at next year's Pacific Games in Samoa in addition to supporting the Host Medical group in providing services as required for the athletes and officials attending the Games.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

### Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat meeting and plans for the future - Raising the Voice of Sport in the Pacific Project

This year's Forum Economic Ministers meeting in Palau in April, emphasized the role of sport in achieving sustainable development in the region and called for the development of a Pacific Action Plan for Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education (SPAPE), to maximize the contribution of sport to sustainable development in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT).

The five priority action areas of the SPAPE Action Plan are:

- (i) policy development and capacity building,
- (ii) regional coordination and consultation,
- (iii) advocacy and communication
- (iv) monitoring and evaluation and
- (v) research and education.

The Pacific Regional Sports Taskforce (PRST) and the Pacific Regional Sports Reference Group (PRSRG) are the structure of the proposed regional coordination mechanism to deliver the Pacific Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education (SPAPE) Action Plan 2019 – 2030.

The ONOC Executive Board has approved ONOC's participation in the PRST.

## **REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games, KOR** Three Oceania countries took part in the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games with Australia winning 2 Silver and 1 Bronze medal, New Zealand 2 Bronze Medals, and Tonga taking part for the first time in the Cross-Country skiing event.

**2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, AUS** The 21st edition of the Commonwealth Games was held in the Gold Coast from the 4th to the 15th of April. A total of 71 nations and territories participated across 23 sports, the largest ever sports programme in games history with the inclusion of Beach Volleyball, Para-triathlon and Women's Rugby for the first time. Gold Coast 2018 was the first ever major multi-sports event to offer an equal number of medal opportunities for men and women. 4600 athletes competed at the Games.

5 Commonwealth countries won their first ever Commonwealth medals, three of these included Cook Islands, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. 9 World Records and 83 Games records were set during the competition. Congratulations to Australia for hosting an excellent Commonwealth Games together with a successful performance by their athletes in topping the medal tally winning 80 Gold Medals, 59 Silver and 59 Bronze Medals.

New Zealand finished in 5th place with 15 Gold, 16 Silver and 15 Bronze medals. Samoa won 2 Gold Medals and 3 silver medals in weightlifting to finish the best of the Pacific Island countries and was ranked 17th.

- PNG was ranked 22nd winning 1 Gold and 2 Silver Medals.
- Fiji was ranked in 23rd place with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals.
- Nauru – 34th with 1 Silver Medal;
- Vanuatu – 37th with 2 Bronze Medals
- \* Cook Islands, Solomon Island & Norfolk Islands – 39th with 1 Bronze Medal.

Oceania won a total of 262 out of the 840 medals contested which is 31% of the total medals won by 14 Oceania member and associate member countries.

## **2018 Micronesian Games**

The 2018 Micronesian Games were held on the island of Yap, FSM on July 15-27.

The purpose of the MicroGames is to promote a unique, friendly, world-class sporting event and to develop sport for the benefit of the people, the nations and the territories of the Micronesian community. A total of 10 Micronesian Games Associations (MGAs) or entities participated in this Games, namely, Chuuk, Guam, Kiribati, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Northern Marianas, Palau, Pohnpei and Yap. These entities represent 7 countries which are the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Northern Marianas and Palau.

Aside from Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Field, Table Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling, Va'a Canoe and Open water swimming, the Micronesian Games also featured sports unique to the Pacific islands. This includes Spearfishing and Micro all around – Combination (Swim/Dive/Run), Spear throwing, Coconut tree climbing and coconut husking and Grating.

### **ONOC PARTNERSHIPS**

ONOC has had an MOU with the University of the South Pacific (USP) since 1997 when the Oceania Sports Information Centre (OSIC) was established. This project was established as a joint project of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), ONOC, the Australian Sport Commission, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Culture Organizations (UNESCO) and the University of the South Pacific. OSIC is the official archives of the Pacific Games Council

This year, the USP is celebrating its 50th anniversary and ONOC together with USP held a Pacific Research Symposium on Sport and Sustainable Development in June. The Symposium featured keynote addresses from international experts, round-table discussions on contemporary challenges in Sport for Development and Peace, and sessions across the core themes of:

- The Contribution of Sport to the Sustainable Development Goals
- Sport and Public Policy
- Measuring the Impact of Sport on Society
- Leaving no one behind in Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education

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- World Antidoping Agency, ASADA, Drug Free Sports NZ & ORADO
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- Pacific Island News Association
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