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THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE RECEIVED Mr TARAK CHERIF, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS

Mr Tarak Chérif, President of the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) was received on Monday 22 October 2007 in the Presidential Palace in Abidjan by **His Excellency Mr Laurent Gbagbo**, **President of the republic of Côte d'Ivoire**. The CAT President was accompanied by **Master Georges N'Goan**, President of the Fédération Ivoirienne de Tennis (FIT) and its Executive Committee.



The hearing allowed by **HE Mr Laurent Gbagbo**, to both responsibles of African and Ivorian Tennis expresses the great support of HE to Ivorian Tennis and the one of the Economic Community of the West African States (CEDEAO). It's important to mention that Côte d'Ivoire has hosted in August 2007 a great tennis event gathering junior players from all CEDEAO nations which knew a total success. This Tournament was honored by the attendance of HE the President of the Republic who presented to **Mr Georges N'Goan**, President of the Fédération Ivoirienne de Tennis his compliments for all his actions to enhance the value of the Ivorian tennis internationally, wishing to see Côte d'Ivoire becoming one of the leaders of sport in Africa. « I want that this land of Côte d'Ivoire will be also the land of tennis and all other sports and not only football » commented the Chief of the State.

Mr Tarak Cherif, CAT President paid tribute to His Excellency the President Laurent Gbagbo and has offered to him on behalf of CAT a gift recognizing his great support to the Ivorian and African Tennis and declared « côte d'ivoire, in its dynamic of national reconciliation is doing great efforts in all domains. Concerning sport, and particularly tennis, the President of the Republic and his government resorts all necessary measures de develop this sport to higher level. CAT will

Mr Georges N'Goan, FIT President has from his part offered to His Excellency on behalf of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) a gift recognizing his support to the development of Tennis in Côte d'Ivoire.

be at the disposal of Côte d'Ivoire to pulled off this Challenge by hosting continental events, particularly CAN 2008 »





The Fédération Sénégalaise de Tennis and its President Mr Issa Mboup did not save any effort to insure the best conditions of the reopening date of the Centre one week before the start of the school in Senegal

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Senegal has offered a furnished villa to host around twelve players and coaches. Training and practice will be held at the tennis courts of Dakar Meridien Hotel A minibus will ensure transportation of players between the courts, the school and the villa.











Mr Mariani(Méridien) & Issa Mboup ITF/CAT/FST Staff received in the MYS

Ivorian Clément Ngoran former Davis Cup players assume the function of Technical Director of the Centre; he will be assisted by Lamine Diedhiou and Omar Kha under the supervision of Amine Ben Makhlouf, Development Officer in West & Central Africa and management by Fédération Sénégalaise de Tennis (FST) and Confederation of African Tennis (CAT).

Moreover, The reopening of a training centre for West and Central Africa has been the main priority of the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) and its President Mr Tarak Cherif since it was first discussed at the 2006 CAT AGM in Cairo.

Hichem Riani, CAT General Manager and Frank Couraud ITF Administrator Development Projects have visited Dakar on October 2nd to oversee the opening of the Centre.

Great successes to the ITF/CAT/FST French speaking Tennis Centre, a lot of thank to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and its Development Department Managed by Dave Miley and assisted by Frank Couraud for their great support.

15th Worldwide Coaches Conference Asuncion – Paraguay 22 - 27 October 2007

13 African Coaches attended the Conference

Three-hundred and eighty Coaches coming from 76 countries took part in the 15th Worldwide Coaches Conference held in Asuncion - Paraguay from 22 to 27 October 2007, with successful presentations conducted by some of the World's leading experts, such as Louis Cayer (CAN), Antoni Girod (FRA), Bruce Elliott (AUS), Doug Mac Curdy (USA), Steven Martens (BEL), Machar Reid (AUS), Ann Quinn (AUS), Dave Miley (ITF), Miguel Crespo (ITF) and Ivo Van Aken (BEL) who has received from the ITF a special award for services to the game as a Tennis coach.









It is also important to mention that in spite of the long distance Separating Africa to Paraguay, and in addition of Hichem Riani, (TUN), ITF Coach Commission Member & CAT General Manager, Amine Ben Makhlouf (MAR), ITF Development Officer of West and Central Africa and Prince Madema (ZIM), ITF Development Officer of East Africa, 10 other African Coaches have attended the Conference, representing Egypt (2), South Africa (3), Namibia (1), Rwanda (1), Angola (1), Kenya (1), Swaziland (1) and Botswana (1). All successful to these coaches and a lot of thanks to their National Associations and to the ITF for helping them to attend the Conference

Following the Worldwide Coaches Conference, the ITF Coaches Commission Chaired by Mr Ismail El Shafei (EGY) met on Monday 22nd October 2007 and discussed the preliminary plans for the Regional Coaches Conferences 2008, as well as other coaches' education issues such as courses, publications and research projects. Also on the agenda was the issue of ethical guidelines for coaches, on-court coaching and coaching matters as related to Davis Cup, Fed Cup and professional tennis. The Commission considered and approved the proposal of the Spanish Tennis Federation presented through its General Manager and Commission member, Alberto Riba, to host the Worldwide Coaches Conference 2009 in Spain.



African Coaches



ITF Coaches' Commission

Tori Billington Exceptional career in the ITF



Umpires – Officials Level 2 School

The Officiating Department of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) organised in Cape Town - South Africa from 18 to 21 October 2007, a Level 2 School Exams for African Level 1 Chair umpires. We notice that 17 candidates out of 22 passed this school conducted by Wayne McKewen and Alison Lang instructors of the ITF Officiating team.



The following students are now certified as White Badge Officials. Congratulations to:



Paul Arinze



Atang Mokgware





Ivan Bridges

Stanley

Rudhu

(ZIM)



Walid Chemek

Tigele Nleya (BOT)

(RSA)





Eric

(CMR)

Siphiwe Green

Jacob Klassen (RSA)



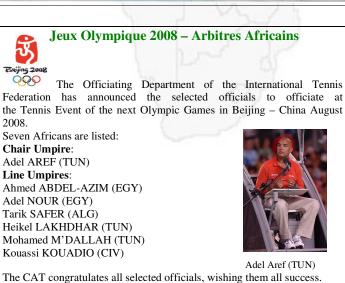
Mxolisi Matyolo (RSA)





George

Phiri



Randriamalala (MAD)









DEMOCTRATIC CONGO

KINSHASA OPEN – From 10 to 17 OCTOBER 2007 SUCCESS IN ALL DOMAINS



The Fédération Congolaise Démocratique de Lawn Tennis (FECODELAT) organized from 10 to 17 October 2007 with the support of several local sponsors and the Ministry of Youth & Sports, its International Tennis Tournament – The Kinshasa Open, registering a great success in all domains.

A total of 78 players men and women representing different Provinces of the Democratic Congo- Kinshasa, Katanga, North-Kivu, Kasaï-Occidental, Kasaï-Oriental, Low-Congo - ; in addition of Congo Brazzaville and Gabon, some withdrawals were registered at the last moments from representatives of Central Africa, Burkina Faso and Togo due to air flight disturbs.

Mr Jacob Ndombe, President of FECODELAT and African Zone III President, considered that this gathering was very benefit, allowing Congolese tennismen to discover and to evaluate the level of each other coming from the different region of the country and to compete with players coming from neighbor countries and to develop tennis activity in the African Zone III. Mr Ndombé, addeded: « I can promise that we are going to work closely with all countries of the Central Africa region by organizing many tennis events in 2008 ».



HE the Minister around Mr Ndombe and Mr Koshi



Mr Ndombe with FECODELAT Treasurer & a Sponsor

Mr Germain Ickonga, President of the Congo Brazzaville Tennis Federation has visited his players in Kinshasa, Mr Samuel Minko Mindong, Président de la Fédération Gabonaise de Tennis has also attended the event. Concerning the results, in the women draw Sifa Nana (COD) won the single title after beating her compatriot Tania Basambi. In the mens' Single the victory returned to Indondo Denis Aboma (COD) after beating in the final match his compatriot Besombi Toubi, in doubles, the pair of Democratic Congo Indondo & Pave defeated in the final match Gnitou & Bemba from Congo Brazzaville.



Finally we have registered the attendance of HE the Minister of Youth & Sport of Democratic Congo and many important personalities

Côte D'Ivoire - OS Coaches Course - Specific Themes





The Federation Ivoirienne de Tennis (FIT) with the assistance of the National Olympic Committee of Côte d'Ivoire and Olympic Solidarity organized an OS regional coaches' workshop.

A total of 32 local coaches spent the first 5 days (24-28 September) trying to master all aspects of beginners players which included topics from the Play & Stay program, communication, technique and tactics, amongst others.





All participant with FIT Official & Tutors

Twenty coaches from 8 different countries attended the second part of the course, which took place from 29^{th} September to 3^{rd} October 2007.

The course tutors were Amine Ben Makhlouf, ITF Development officer for West & Central Africa and Jennifer Longin former WTA tennis player and tennis coach in a French tennis Academy.



A. Ben Makhlouf & J. Longin

President of the FIT, Mr Georges NGOAN, who is an ardent proponent of coaches' education, stated: "Tennis can't be developed without developing coaches' education. The FIT in conjunction with the NOC & ITF will try their best to organize at least one coach's courses every year."





The first East Africa Regional Coaches workshop came to close on Saturday 7th October 2007 at the Parklands Sports club Nairobi, Kenya. A national workshop 27th September to 1st October was immediately followed by a regional one from the 2nd to the 6th of October 2007 in the same site in Nairobi. Both workshops attracted a total of 50 coaches coming from 8 countries of the East African region. : Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and host nation Kenya.



All Participants The workshop was conducted by The ITF South African training centre director, Dermot Sweeney, Vjeran Friscic, former Federation Cup Captain from Croatia and Prince Madema ITF Development Officer for East Africa. The combined experience of the three experts helped to improve the coaches' knowledge.



On the lecture room session



The KLTA Chairman. Francis Mutuku thanked the ITF and Olympic Solidarity for their continued support in the coaches' education program. He felt that bringing all coaches together is "good since it gives coaches an opportunity to share information and address the problems of the region collectively."

Challenger of Tunisia 35,000\$ + H Successful in all domains



The Tunisian Tennis Federation (FTT) organized from 4 to 11 November 2007 its 1st Men's Challenger endowed with 35,000\$ + H added to their 6 Futures organized in 2007. The FTT and its President Mr Tarak Chérif took all necessary dispositions to make this event successful. We registered the participation of players coming from more than 30 countries with high level (10 players were ranked top 200 ATP).

Spanish Guillermo Garcia Lopez (106 ATP) won the final when he defeated Suisse Michael Lammer after aclose match, 64 76.

We have registered in the Main Draw the participation of number of African players such as Lamine Ouahab (ALG), recently winner of the All African Games, Komlavi Loglo (TOG), Oualid Jallali (TUN), Slah Mbarek (TUN) and Mohamed Maamoun (EGY). Only Oualid Jallali (TUN) acceded to the 2nd round of this tournament to be defeated by Russian Yuru Schukin (124 ATP) 61 60.

The closing ceremony took place at the Center Court of the National tennis Complex in El Menzah with the attendance of Mr Tarak Chérif, FTT & CAT President and many other officials and personalities.



Algeria, Specific Theme Course Tipaza – 26th October – 1st November 2007

The Algerian Tennis Federation organized from 26 October to 1st November 2007, in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) a training course for tennis coaches with the following themes:



- Usual traumatisms in tennis, presented by Dr Radouane Bouhalila.
- Physical preparation for tennis players, presented by Mr Dalibor Spasojevic.
- Planing and program of yearly training, par Mr Dalibor Spasojevic.

This course was held in Hotel Grand Bleu in Tipaza, directed by Mr Moncef Ali Tatar, Technical Director of the Algerian Tennis Federation (FTA), with the participation of more than 50 tennis coaches.

CAT congratulates the FTA for the initiative and wishing it great success.

Diverses informations :



Mr Fall entouré de H. Riani & F.Couraud

of the French speaking Tennis training centre based in Senegal. Mr Fall declared being very satisfied by the opening of this Francophone Centre and promised to support this project for better functioning.

Association of African Sports Confederations A.A.S.A

11 Session of the A.A.S.A General Assembly Congo Brazzaville – 17 December 2007

The Association of African Sports Confederations A.A.S.A chaired by Mr Mustapha Larfaoui informs all African Sports Confederations that the 11th session of its General Assembly will be held in Brazzaville following the 21st Session of the the General Assembly of the S.C.S.A.

In its Agenda appears notably:

occasion of the opening

- Admission of new members.
- A.A.S.A President's policy message.
- Secretary General's Report of activities.
- 2005.2006 & 2007 Finance report.
- 2008 & 2009 action plan.
- Budget for the 2008 & 2009 financial years. Mr Mustapha Larfaoui
- Date and venue for the 12th General Assembly venue.

African Tournaments' Results: Men's Professional Circuits – Results: *Egypt F7 Futures 2007 - 03 - 09 / 09 / 2007 - Cairo, Egypt - Clay Men's Singles: Sherif SABRY (EGY) (7) D Mohammed MAAMOUN (EGY) (1) 6-0 4-6 6-2 Men's Doubles: MAAMOUN (EGY) / SABRY (EGY) (2) D EL AMRANI (MAR) / RACHIDI (MAR) (1) 7-6(0) 6-2 *Egypt F8 Futures 2007 - 10 - 16 / 09 / 2007 - Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt - Clay Men's Singles: Mohammed MAAMOUN (EGY) (1) D Karim MAAMOUN (EGY) (3) 6-3 6-2 Men's Doubles: MAAMOUN (EGY) / MAAMOUN (EGY) (1) D EL AMRANI (MAR) / RACHIDI (MAR) (2) 6-4 6-3 *Tunisia F4 Futures 2007 - 15 - 21 / 10 / 2007 - Sfax, Tunisia - Hard Men's Singles: Francesco PICCARI (ITA) (1) D Ivan BJELICA (SRB) (7) 7-6(7) 6-4 Men's Doubles: ARNABOLDI (ITA) / JALLALI (TUN) D EYSSERIC (FRA) / INZERILLO (FRA) (4) 6-4 6-2 *South Africa F1 Futures 2007 - 22 – 28 / 10 / 2007 – Cape Town, South Africa – Hard Men's Singles: Danila ARSENOV (RUS) D Alexander SOMOGYI (SVK) 7-6(5) 6-4 Men's Doubles: KLAASEN (RSA) / SEATOR (GBR) D ARSENOV (RUS) / FILENKOV (RUS) (2) 4-6 6-4 [10-8] *Tunisia F5 Futures 2007 - 15 - 21 / 10 / 2007 - Monastir, Tunisia - Hard Men's Singles: Francesco PICCARI (ITA) (1) D Jonathan EYSSERIC (FRA) 6-1 6-3 Men's Doubles: EYSSERIC (FRA) / INZERILLO (FRA) D GROZDANOV (BUL) / IVANOV (BUL) 6-4 6-1 *Namibia F1 Futures 2007 - 29 / 10 – 04 / 11 / 2007 – Windhoek, Namibia – Hard Men's Singles: Claudio GRASSI (ITA) (6) D Jurgens STRYDOM (NAM) 6-3 6-2 Men's Doubles: RUCKELSHAUSEN (AUT) / STEINBERGER (AUT) D MARK (ISR) / STEELE (ISR) (3) 3-6 6-4 [10-3] *Tunisia F6 Futures 2007 - 29 / 10 - 04 / 11 / 2007 - Djerba, Tunisia - Hard Men's Singles: Jonathan EYSSERIC (FRA) D Marsel ILHAN (TUR) 7-5 6-4 Men's Doubles: BETAU (BLR) / CHADAJ (POL) (1) D JEBAVY (CZE) / ZEMAN (CZE) 6-0 6-3 Women's Professional Circuits - Results: *\$10,000 Cape Town 2007 - 22 - 28 / 10 / 2007 - Cape Town, South Africa - Hard Women's Singles: Lizaan DU PLESSIS (RSA) (1) D Chanel SIMMONDS (RSA) 6-1 6-0 Women's Doubles: DU PLESSIS (RSA) / MARSHALL (RSA) (1) D EDWARDS (RSA) / LEMMENS (BEL)(2) 6-2 6-3 **Prize Money Tournaments - Results :** * Prize Money East Africa II – Ethiopia – 11 – 14 / 10 / 2007 Men's Singles: MELKAMU (ETH) D ASFAW (ETH) 63 63 Men's Doubles: MELKAMU (ETH) / ASFAW (ETH) D WAHIL (SUD) / GAFFAR (SUD) (1) 62 75 Women's Singles: Evelyn OTULA (KEN) D Samia MOHAMED (KEN) 64 76(4) * Prize Money East Africa II - Sudan - 18 - 21 / 10 / 2007 Men's Singles: Francis ROGOI (KEN) D. Melkam ABERA (KEN) 64 76 Men's Doubles: F. ROGOI / M. ABERA (KEN) Def. G. NOUR ELDIN / W. NOUR ELDIN (SUD) 63 75 Women's Singles: Samaya MOHAMED ISMAIL (SUD) Def. Evelyn OTULA (KEN) 64 63 Women's Doubles: * Prize Money East Africa II - Kenya - 25 - 28 / 10 / 2007 Men's Singles: Martin DZUWA (ZIM) (3) D Francis ROGOI (KEN) (2) 61 62 Men's Doubles: ROGOI (KEN) / GASIGWA (RWA) (1) D DZUWA (ZIM) / HUSSEIN (TAN) (2) 62 36 31 DEFAULT Women's Singles: Caroline ODUOR (KEN) (2) D Evelyn OTULA (KEN) (1) 62 46 61 Women's Doubles: OTULA (KEN) / ODUOR (KEN) (1) D MDUGUA (KEN) / ZACHARIA (KEN) 61 62

Upcoming Tournaments ITF juniors: *ITF East Africa Circuit 1 - Burundi - G5 - 25 - 29 / 11 / 2007 *ITF East Africa Circuit 2 - Uganda - G4 - 01 - 05 / 12 / 2007 *SATA 3 EL Junior ITF Tournament - G5 - 01 - 06 / 12 / 2007 *SATA 4 EP Junior ITF Tournament - G5 - 07 - 12 / 12 / 2007 *ITF East Africa Circuit 3 - Kenya - G4 - 07 - 11 / 12 /2007 **Men's Professional Circuits:** *Botswana F1 Futures - Gaborone - \$10000 - 05 - 11 / 11 / 2007 *Rwanda F1 Futures - Kigali - \$15000 - 12 - 18 / 11 / 2007 *Uganda F1 Futures - Kampala - \$15000 - 19 - 25 / 11 / 2007 *Sudan F1 Futures - Khartoum - 15000 - 26 / 11 - 02 / 12 / 2007 *Sudan F2 Futures – Khartoum – 15000 – 03 – 09 / 12 / 2007 *Nigeria F3 Futures - Lagos - \$15000+H - 10 - 16 / 12 / 2007 *Nigeria F4 Futures - Lagos - \$15000+H - 17 - 23 / 12 / 2007 Women's Professional Circuits: *\$25000 Lagos - Nigeria - 10 - 16 / 12 / 2007 *\$25000 Lagos - Nigeria - 17 - 23 / 12 / 2007 **ITF/CAT Prize Money Circuit:** *ITF/CAT Prize Money West Africa II – Burkina Faso – 29 / 11 – 02 / 12 / 2007 *ITF/CAT Prize Money West Africa II - Benin - 05 - 08 / 12 / 2007 *ITF/CAT Prize Money East Africa III – Djibouti – 13 – 16 / 12 / 2007

African Rankings

ATP Men Professional Ranking 05 November 2007		
1- (128) DE VOST RIK	RSA	
2- (173) EL AYNAOUI YOUNES	MAR	
3- (204) MOODIE WESLEY	RSA	
4- (215) ANDERSON KEVIN	RSA	
5- (304) OUAHAB LAMINE	ALG	
6- (310) VAN DER MERWE IZAK	RSA	
7- (327) WOLMARANS FRITZ	RSA	
8- (329) MAAMOUN MOHAMED	EGY	
9- (365) CHAKI RABIE	MAR	
10- (382) LOGLO KOMLAVI	TOG	
11- (403) WHITEHOUSE WESLEY	RSA	
12- (447) EL AAREJ MOUNIR	MAR	
13- (485) AL AMRANI REDA	MAR	
14- (469) SAOUDI SLIMANE	ALG	
15- (520) ZIADI MEHDI	MAR	
16- (585) SABRY SHERIF	EGY	
17- (603) MAAMOUN KARIM	EGY	
18- (630) ADJEI-DARKO HENRY	GHA	
19- (647) SANON VALENTIN	CIV	
20- (684) JAZIRI MALEK	TUN	

WTA Women Professional Ranking 05 November 2007		
1 (166) SFAR SELIMA	TUN	
2 (204) GRANDIN NATALIE	RSA	
3 (212) SCHEEPERS CHANELLE	RSA	
4 (295) GIRAUD MARINNE	MRI	
5 (374) DE BEER SURINE	RSA	
6 (597) MEDJAHDI SAMIA	ALG	
7 (610) DUPLESSIS LIZAAN	RSA	
8 (895) MARSHALL LISA	RSA	
9 (1094) EDOUARDS TEGAN	RSA	
10 (1094) AZIZ MAGY	EGY	

ITF Junior Ranking -Top Twenty - Boys 05 November 2007		
1- (51) HUME DAMIAN	RSA	
2- (52) GARANGANGA TAKANYI	ZIM	
3- (66) SAFWAT MOHAMED	EGY	
4- (124) ROELOFSE RUAN	RSA	
5- (144) EMMANUEL SUNDAY	NGR	
6- (147) RAMIARAMANANA LOFO	MAD	
7- (164) IVE GRANT	RSA	
8- (177) MAAMOUN KARIM MED	EGY	
9- (197) BENKIRANE SAAD	ALG	
10- (258) JOUINI ZINELAABIDINE	TUN	
11- (264) EL ESAWY TAREK	EGY	
12- (266) O'BRIEN DEAN	RSA	
13- (311) HAMDY SHERIF	EGY	
14- (313) MUGABE DUNCAN	UGA	
15- (347) KHADDARI HICHAM	MAR	
16- (390) ATSEYE HENRY	NGR	
17- (401) HAPPY TAKURA	ZIM	
18- (420) COERTZEN HENDRIK	RSA	
19- (433) NDIMANDE MBONISI	ZIM	
20- (436) BELAMINE YOUSSEF	MAR	

ITF Junior Ranking -Top Twenty - Girls 05 November 2007		
1- (76) LALAMI NADIA	MAR	
2- (90) OATES ANDREA	RSA	
3- (92) GORNY MONICA	RSA	
4- (93) SWANEPOEL BIANCA	RSA	
5- (142) EL ALLAMI FATIMA	MAR	
6- (178) POTGIETER CHRISTI	RSA	
7- (211) DAVIDSON BRONWYN	RSA	
8- (226) BENNANI LINA	MAR	
9- (227) SHER KAYLEA CHANA	RSA	
10- (262) SIMMONDS CHANEL	RSA	
11- (309) HINES CHANE	RSA	
12- (318) EL NAGDY MENNA	EGY	
13- (319) SMITH NICOLE	RSA	
14- (365) DHAOUI OLFA	TUN	
15- (416) ABBES NOUR	TUN	
16- (435) SIMONS ANASTACIA	RSA	
17- (468) VAN RENSBURG MADELIE	RSA	
18- (488) LAKHANI YESHA	KEN	
19- (490) MAMO FLORE-JEANETTE	CMR	
20- (518) OLIVIER ABIGAIL	RSA	

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