

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN KICKBOXING CONFEDERATION (WAKO AFRICA) FROM 2012 TO JULY 2018

2012:

- General Assembly in Madagascar in the presence of Mr ENNIO FALSONI President of WAKO;
- Organization of African Championships 2012 in Antananarivo October 2012 06 Nations (Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa, Mauritius, Nigeria, Special Guest, Reunion)

2013:

- International Libreville - Gabon with the participation of Europe, Asia, South America, Africa.
- Accession of the confederation to UCSA (Union of African Sports Confederations);
- During the General Assembly of Association of African Sports Confederation (AASC) known also as Union des Confederations Sportives Africaines (UCSA) held on 22 November 2013 in Brazzaville, Congo, the application of affiliation membership of African Kickboxing Confederation was voted and African Kickboxing Confederation has been granted the recognition as official member of AASC/UCSA in charge of Kickboxing Sport in Africa.
- Accession of the confederation to the CSSA (Higher Council of Sport in Africa). Today the African Union Commission: Sports and Leisure which opens us the doors of the African Games;

2014:

- Tunisia withdrew for the organization of the 2014 African Championships.
- Organization in rush of 2014 African Championships in Yaounde - Cameroon from 1st to 7th April 2014 by President Emmanuel Essissima with participation of 9 Nations (Tunisia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Cameroon)
- Intercontinental Championship Pro Cameroon, Turkey in April 2014,
- General Assembly with reappointment of the Executive Board Members of the Confederation in the presence of Vice President WAKO Nasser Nassiri - President of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) and Driss ElHilali Vice President of the Confederation and Board Member of WAKO,

- Visit as well as working meeting in OSTA (African Labor Sport Organizations) Head Office in the presence of OSTA President Dr. Evele Malik Atour, Emmanuel Essissima President of the Confederation, Nasser Nassi President of Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) and Vice President of WAKO and Mr. Driss ELHILALI, Vice President of African Kickboxing Confederation and WAKO Board member and other executives.

2015 :

- Participation in the Elective General Assembly of UCSA in Egypt from 17 to 21 October;
- April 25th: Organization of International Meeting Mali - Cameroon in Yaounde;
- May 30: Mali - Cameroon - Nigeria - Gabon International Meeting in Libreville - Gabon;
- July 24th to 26th: Yaounde Zone IV Championship Organization, with participation of 4 Nations (Gabon, Congo, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea);

2016:

- Libreville International – Gabon June 15th to 19th with participation of 9 Nations (Mauritius, Madagascar, Gabon, Cameroon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria),
- Inclusion of Kickboxing sport for the first time in the Cameroon National Games;
- After postponing from April to December 2014, Madagascar withdraws at the last moment the organization of the 2016 African Kickboxing Championships following its disappointment due to the refusal of WAKO to give it the organization of the World Championships Despite all the guarantees of the Malagasy State;
- Following WAKO President Requesting at the Board meeting at the end of November 2016 in Greece to organize absolutely the K1 Rules African Championships before the end of December 2016, Morocco in a spirit of solidarity has agreed to host the K1 Championships at the qualifications of the teams. World Games from 20th to 23 December 2016 very few participants alas!

It should be note that most of African national Federations members of African Kickboxing Confederation are official governing body of Kickboxing in their own countries. Accordingly, they shall follow specific rules and any official participation to a sport event should be communicated to the sport national authorities 3 months in advance.

The President Essissima and Mr. Driss El Hilali informed WAKO Board and in particular, Mr. Pelevic about the strong risk of not participation of the members when calling for African Championships within 3 weeks but unfortunately, it was confirmed that IWGA requested that the qualification should be done before end of December 2016.

Qualification of African Athletes for the Kickboxing competition during the World Games 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland, were held in Rabat, Morocco, from 23rd - 25th December 2016.

The competition were held in rush and organized in short notice of only 3 weeks by African Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO AFRICA) organizing committee with Royal Morocco Kickboxing & Thaiboxing Federation lead by its President Mr. El Hilali Abdelkarim, and its President fonder, Vice President of WAKO AFRICA and WAKO board member Mr. Driss El Hilali as host and with coordination and assistance of Mr. Nasser Nassiri, President of Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) and Vice President of WAKO.

Mr. Emmanuel Essissma, the President of African Kickboxing Confederation who was coordinating the organization of the event for the last 3 week together with Mr. Nassiri and Mr. Driss Elhilali could not obtain the visa entry on time. Mr. Essissma we duly represented by Mr. Driss Elhilali and Mr. Nasser Nassiri during the competition.

Many African countries could not take part in the competition because of short notice imposed by IWGA for qualification of African Athletes. In fact, after postponing from April to December 2014, Madagascar withdraws at the last moment the organization of the 2016 African Kickboxing Championships following its disappointment due to the refusal of WAKO to grant them the organization of the World Championships Despite all the guarantees of the Malagasy State.

The high quality of the organization, very good quality of fights with a real spectacle for more than 1000 spectators. On the event, three Ambassadors of participating countries and WAKO President Dr. Borislav Pelevic as well were present.

The competitions were held only in 12 weigh categories (8 Men and 4 Women) in K1 Rules style required for IWGA 2017.

Below is the list of medalist (first and second place) in each category. The gold medalists (the first place) in each category below are qualified athletes from the African continent for Kickboxing competition of the World Games.

Men -63,5 kg

Sailane Brah (Morocco) (gold medal)
Fahdy Khaled (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Men -67 kg

Settouti Youssef (Morocco) (gold medal)
Khazami Chakib (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Men -71kg

Quabissi Saad (Morocco) (gold medal)
Sifi Merouane (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Men -75 kg

Lazrak Mohamed (Morocco) (gold medal)
Aberadi Mohamed (Egypt) (silver medal)

Men -81 kg

Agathe Vejaye I (Mauritius) (gold medal)
Merzak Soufiane (Morocco) (silver medal)

Men -86 kg

Fallak Aziz (Morocco) (gold medal)
Bouaziz Mehdi (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Men -91 kg

Yacoubi Tawfik (Morocco) (gold medal)
Arfaoui Badredine (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Men +91kg

Darkaoui Med (Morocco) (gold medal)
Achraf Mohamed (Egypt) (silver medal)

Female -52kg

Ahlam Elghoul (Tunisia) (gold medal)
Bourkadi Ilham (Morocco) (silver medal)

Female -56 kg

Housni Halima (Tunisia)(gold medal)
Raaoui Fatima (Morocco) (silver medal)

Female -60 kg

Tabit Nabila (Morocco) (gold medal)
Zaafouri Arij (Tunisia) (silver medal)

Female -65kg

Naili Soukaina (Morocco) (gold medal)
Sayeh Soukaina (Tunisia) (silver medal)

2017:

- Coordination of the first national championships of Mali;
- WAKO Pro African Championship in Bamako in December 2017 with participation of 3 Nations (Mali, Nigeria, Cameroon)
- Follow-up of the administrative procedures to include Kickboxing in the next African Games.

2018:

- General Assembly with participation of 15 African official national Kickboxing Federations members and decision of renewal of the Executive and election of new members of the Board of the African Kickboxing Confederation at the AASC headquarters in Yaoundé;
- Visit of the President of the Cameroon Olympic Committee, President of ANNA Zone IV, President of the African Athletics Confederation, Vice President of the International Athletics Federation and future candidate for ANOCA;
- Organization of the African Championships with 3 styles (Full Contact - Low Kick - K1 Rules) with participation of 13 Nations (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Mali, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo, Central Africa, Madagascar, Reunion Island, Cameroon);
- Presentation of Donations to the President of the Federation of Central Africa in the presence of the President of the Cameroonian Olympic Committee;

- In anticipation, Kickboxing participation in the Cameroon National Games in December 2018.
- In August 2019: African Games in Morocco; Various zone championships: Zone 1 Libya; Zone 2 Mali or Ivory Coast; Zone 4 Cameroon;

Finance:

The African Kickboxing Confederation has not any income because the members do not pay the affiliation to the confederation. The African Kickboxing Confederation has not any kind of subsidies. President Mr. Emmanuel Essissima finances all activities of the African Kickboxing Confederation from his own funds.

There is an accounting, which is held by the office, which for many years shows a deficit since there is expenditure but no income. The financial sheets of 2013, 2014 and 2015 have already been communicated to WAKO in time. The assessment, 2016, 2017 and 2018 will be presented to the members at the next General Assembly.

Bank account:

The African Kickboxing Confederation has not bank account for many years following refusal of the bank to open the account. The presence of many foreign national citizens in the board of Directors seems a major difficulty as well as lack of income.

The Secretary General of the Confederation had tried to open an account about ten years ago but it was denounced by the bank following the problems mentioned above.

Conclusion :

The African Kickboxing Confederation by my voice as the its President and those of all those volunteers who work in difficult conditions for the promotion of our sport would like to thanks Mr. Nasser Nassiri for his ethical, physical and moral support.

The President deplores all the shenanigans made by some members of the WAKO to destabilize our confederation and especially the use of a language at the limit of irresponsibility with a taste of racism used against it which is in contrary to sports and Olympic ethics.

Emmanuel ESSISSIMA
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African Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO AFRICA)



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President Essissima avec le Président de l'UCSA en 2015

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**African Kickboxing Confederation General Assembly at the headquarters of
AASC in Yaoundé – Cameroon 28/04/2018**

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Family Picture with General Director of AASC during the African Kickboxing Confederation General Assembly at the headquarters of AASC in Yaoundé – Cameroon 28/04/2018



President of African Kickboxing Confederation during ASSC General Assembly



President Emmanuel Essissma with new President of AASC after General Assembly in Egypt

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Meeting with the Ministry of Sport of Mali



Kickboxing Gala in Mali with the presence of Sport Ministry