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SQUASH FEDERATION OF AFRICA

WSF 2022 AGM REPORT

- **Covid Pandemic**

Squash in Africa was affected by the Covid pandemic which made playing impossible for 2 years. With massive vaccination drives and resultant low cases, squash activities have been allowed to resume and a lot of tournaments have taken place this year.

- **2021 SFA AGM**

The Federation held an Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2021 and 28 May 2021 respectively. For the first time in the history of the Federation, the highest turnout of country representation of 18 attended these meetings. The World Squash Federation President Zena Woodridge, Chief Executive Officer William Louis Marie and Championship Co-ordinator Charles Houlton attended the virtual meeting. The meeting was conducted in English and French.

- **Constitution**

The 1992 Constitution has been circulated to members and recommendations for areas of edition have been received and will need ratification at an Extra-Ordinary General meeting this year.

- **Strategic plan 2021-2025**

The SFA has been operating for a long period without a strategic roadmap. Our aim is to create a document that will guide us to achieve our objectives. This strategic plan has to be aligned to our mother body WSF's vision and mission. The WSF is currently working on its 2021-2025 Strategic plan and SFA will work in tandem with the WSF. We are aiming to finalise the Plan before the end of year.

- **Rebranding of SFA**

SFA has rebranded and a new logo has been adopted. Our presence on social media platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram is now prominent. A new website is now in place.

- **Committees**

5 Committees that were constituted last year have been meeting. They are:

Championship and Development

Commercial and Business Development

Ethics and Disciplinary

Finance and Auditing

IT and Marketing

- **2022 All Africa Juniors and Senior championships**

The Juniors championship which was supposed to be held in Mauritius was cancelled as their Ministry of Sports could not sanction the tournament. The Seniors tournament in Zimbabwe will take place from 14-21 October and preparations are at an advanced stage. 14 countries will be participating in the championships namely; Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- **Other tournaments**

The 2022 Francophonie Games that was supposed to take place in Kinshasa, Congo will not take place. Efforts have been directed to the 2023 Africa Games that will take place in Accra and Kumasi, Ghana. There is some impasse between the Ghana Games LOC and the Association of African Sports Confederation AASC on some hosting rights. We are hoping for a positive development before the end of 2022.

- **2022 Commonwealth Games**

Africa was represented at the 2022 Squash Commonwealth Games by Ghana, Zambia, Kenya, Botswana, Seychelles and Uganda. Sadly, countries like Nigeria,

Tanzania and South Africa failed to attend the Games as there were disagreements between the Squash authorities and the Olympic Committees, as the latter preferred sport codes that had a chance of winning medals.

- **Smart Partnerships**

The Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham, our partner, assisted Zambia, Uganda and Kenya in arranging training sessions and friendly matches during the Commonwealth Games.

The WSF and PSA Foundation have come in handy with donations for our Africa Junior development programmes.

- **Membership**

The membership of SFA has grown from 4 paid up members in 2019 to 20 in 2021 and currently 22 and we are hoping to reach 30 with the proposed affiliation membership.

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