

**A.C.E.S.**

African Confederation of Equestrian Sport

# AFRICAN CONFEDERATION OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT

## THE LAST 4 YEARS

ORAN, MARCH 2022  
GAYLE HANSSEN  
SECRETARY GENERAL

# CONFEDERATION - BACKGROUND

- Constituted in 2016 – now going into 6<sup>th</sup> year as an active African Confederation
- CURRENT BOARD

Position	Incumbent	Country	Term of office
President	Hesham Hatab	EGY	6 years
VP North	Fahima Sebiane	ALG	6 years
VP South	Mary Binks	EGY	6 years
Secretary General	Gayle Hanssen	ZIM	5 years
Treasurer	Theola Barclay	ZAM	4 years
Board Member	Hussam Zermitt	LIB	6 years
Board Member	Ibrahima Wade	SEN	3 years

# CONFEDERATION - BACKGROUND

- Well constituted
- Annual General Assemblies (disrupted by Covid for a 2 year hiatus)
- Monthly Board Meetings
- Good relations with both the IF and Continental Organisations
- WEBSITE: <http://acesafrica.org>



# PARTICIPATION IN AYG & AG

- 2018 – African Youth Games – ALGERS

- 8 Nations
- Team and Individual Champions



- 2019 – African Games – RABAT

- 6 Nations
- Team and Individual Champions



# OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION – YOUTH

- Equestrian Sport in Africa is getting more traction at Olympic Level, and Regional and Continental Games are a critical stepping stone
- **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**
  - Team Bronze Singapore 2010
  - Team Bronze Buenos Aires 2018
- YOG will be held in SENEGAL in 2026 – and is the first time an Olympic Games will be in Africa. Equestrian Sport will be represented and currently Africa has programmes to increase the medals from the Continent on home soil.
- Programme from 2019 to 2022 to prepare African Athletes for YEG (Youth Equestrian Games) to be held by the IF as a replacement for the postponed YOG

**SINGAPORE 2010**



**BUENOS AIRES 2018**



# OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION - SENIOR

## SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

- |                    |             |            |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| ■ 1952, 1956, 1960 | 3 athletes  |            |
| ■ 1964-1992        | No athletes |            |
| ■ Barcelona 1996   | 3 athletes  |            |
| ■ 1996-2004        | No athletes |            |
| ■ Hong Kong 2008   | Individual  | 1 athlete  |
| ■ London 2012      | Individual  | 3 athlete  |
| ■ Rio 2016         | Individual  | 4 athletes |
| ■ Tokyo 2020       | 2 Teams     | 9 athletes |

- EGY team placed 11<sup>th</sup> world wide
- – best achievement ever

**Dramatic improvement in performance since the constitution and active involvement by ACES**



# OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TO BE DONE IN AFRICA



Qualification for Tokyo 2020 was in RABAT in October 2019 – 1 month after the AAG, and certainly assisted in creating the opportunity for Africa to qualify 2 teams to the games

**Team EGY and Team MAR qualified  
For Jumping**

**EVENTING – 1 qualification in Europe  
DRESSAGE - 2 qualifications in Europe**

# FEI – ACES SOLIDARITY

- 4 year programme 2019 to 2022
- Interrupted by COVID and curtailed
- Visit all ACES members that applied with a “Talent Spotters” programme
  - ALG, TUN, SEN, ZIM, ZAM, BOT, NAM, ESW, MRI
- Should have been followed up prior to YEG Qualification Event, but due to COVID this did not happen
- QUALIFICATION FOR YEG – 2021, was difficult due to COVID and travel of the required Judges from WJC.
- 1<sup>st</sup> TRAINING CAMP – MORROCO 5-8<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TRAINING CAMP – GERMANY June 2022
- YOUTH EQUESTRIAN GAMES – June / July 2022