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## REPORT OF ACC PRESIDENT TO 2020 FIDE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABU DHABI, UAE (FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 1, 2020)

### A. TOURNAMENTS

The African Chess Confederation successfully hosted six Continental and seven Zonal Championships.

#### i. 2019 African Schools Individual Chess Championships

The 2019 African Schools Individual Chess Championships were hosted by the Uganda Chess Federation in the Ugandan Capital, Kampala from 26th June 2019 (arrival) to 4th July 2019 (departure).

Due to media reports highlighting the potential risk of the Ebola outbreak spreading across the border into Uganda from neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo, the tournament turnout was very low with only 63 participants from six federations attending this event; 50 of whom were from the hosting Federation.

In his regard only three sections were categorized; with the Under 17 (Open), Under 11 (Open) and a Merged Girls Section.

The summarized results were as follows:

Under 17 Open Section: Gold Medal- Charles Cleophas (TAN) 8.5/9  
Silver Medal- Sharif Ssenabulya (UGA) 7.0/9  
Bronze Medal - Grace Amisi Batambuze 6.5/9

Under 11 Open Section: Gold Medal- Thuto Mpene (BOT) 8.5/9  
Silver Medal-Tawananyasha Mawire (ZIM) 7.5/9  
Bronze Medal- Shiloh Tandeka (UGA) 7.0/9

Girls Merged Section: Gold Medal - Mary Kevin Ndagire (UGA) 9.0/9  
Silver Medal (UGA) - Sivakumar Hamssadhwane (UGA) 7.0/9  
Bronze Medal (UGA) - Mubiru Janice Namiiro UGA)

**ii. 2019 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 African Individual Chess Championships were held in the Tunisian town of Hammamet from **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (arrival) to **July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (departure).

A total number of 44 players in the Open Section and 22 players in the Women's Section representing a record number of eighteen federations participated in this Continental event.

The Open Section was won by GM Ahmed Adly of Egypt with a score of 8/9, whilst the Women's Section was won by WGM Shrook Wafa, also of Egypt, with a score of 8.5/9

The summarized medal positions were as follows:

Open Section: Gold Medal- GM Ahmed Adly (EGY) 8/9  
Silver Medal- GM Bassem Amin (EGY) 7.0/9  
Bronze Medal- Essam El Gindy (EGY) 6.5/9

Women's Section: Gold Medal- WGM Shrook Wafa (EGY) 8.5/9  
Silver Medal- WIM Sabrina Latreche (ALG) 6.0/9  
Bronze Medal- WIM Ayah Moaataz (EGY) 6.0/9

As GM Ahmed Adly had already qualified to represent the African Continent at the 2019 FIDE World Cup by winning the 2019 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships held in Kenya, the two qualifying places from the 2019 African Individual Chess Championships were awarded to the Silver Medalist, GM Bassem Amin and the Bronze Medalist, GM Essam El Gindy.

**iii. 2019 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (2019 AFRICAN GAMES)**

The successful re-introduction of the Chess Sport Code at 2019 African Games held in Morocco from August 23 to August 29, 2019 resulted in a fine performance by the Egyptian players in both the Mixed Team and individual events.

The overall final medal positions were as follows:

I. **MIXED TEAM**

Gold EGYPT  
Silver ALGERIA  
Bronze ZIMBABWE

II. **RAPID OPEN**

Gold GM Ahmed Adly EGY  
Silver GM Bassem Amin EGY  
Bronze FM Harold Wanyama UGA

III. **RAPID WOMEN**

Gold WGM Shrook Wafa EGY  
Silver WFM Lorita Mwango ZAM  
Bronze Sabrina Latreche ALG

IV. **BLITZ OPEN**

Gold GM Bassem Amin EGY  
Silver Ahmed Adly EGY  
Bronze Bilel Bellahcene ALG

iv. **2019 ZONE 4.4 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships were held in the Ghanaian Capital, Accra from **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (arrival) to **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (departure).

A record total number of 54 players in the Open Section and 18 players in the Women's Section representing seven federations participated in this event to make it the most successful Zonal Championship in African chess history.

FM Daniel Anwuli of Nigeria became the first African player to qualify for the 2019 FIDE World Cup edition.

The summarized results are as follows:

Open Section: Gold Medal- FM Daniel Anwuli (NGR) 7.5/9  
Silver Medal- Ajibola Olanrewaju (NGR) 7.0/9  
Bronze Medal- Abdulraheem A. Akintoye (NGR) 7.0/9

Women's Section: Gold Medal- Toritsemuwa Ofowino (NGR) 8.5/9  
Silver Medal- WFM Perpetual Eloho Ogbiyoyo (NGR) 7.5/9  
Bronze Medal- Vivian Dzaayem (NGR) 6.5/9

**v. 2019 ZONE 4.1 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 Zone 4.1 Individual Chess Championships were hosted by the Algerian Chess Federation in Oran from **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (arrival) to **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** (departure).

Due to the very few entries in only the Open Section was contested with a total of 10 players from four federations.

The event was won by GM Bellahcene Bilel of Algeria with a perfect score of 9/9 to clinch the Gold Medal and qualify for the 2019 FIDE World Cup.

The Silver Medal was won by IM Zaibi Amir of Tunisia with a score 7.5/9 whilst the Bronze Medalist, FM Bengherabi Khalil, also of Algeria scored 6.0/9.

**vi. 2019 ZONE 4.3 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships were hosted by the Madagascar Chess Federation from **April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (arrival) to **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (Departure).

A total of 16 players in the Open Section and 10 players in the Women's Section from eight federations took part in a very competitive event.

IM Fy Rakotomaharo of the host federation was the winner in the Open Section with a score of 7.5/9 and he became the third African qualifier for the 2019 FIDE World Cup.

The summarized results are as follows:

Open Section: Gold Medal- IM Fy Rakotomaharo (MAD) 7.5/9  
Silver Medal- IM Rodwell Makoto (ZIM) 7.0/9  
Bronze Medal- FM Harifidi Ralison (MAD) 7.0/9

Women's Section: Gold Medal- WIM Esperance Caxita (ANG) 8.5/9  
Silver Medal- WIM Onkemetse Francis (BOT) 8.0/9  
Bronze Medal- WFM Naledi Marape (BOT) 6.0/9

**vii. 2019 ZONE 4.2 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships were hosted by the Chess Kenya Federation in the Kenyan coastal town of Mombasa from **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (arrival) to **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019** (departure).

A total of 31 players in the Open Section and 14 players in the Women's Section from a total of eleven federations took part in this event.

GM Ahmed Adly of Egypt emerged victorious in the Open Section with a score of 8.0/9 to become the fourth African qualifier for the 2019 FIDE World Cup.

The Women's Section was won by WFM Ivy Amoko of Uganda with a score of 7.5/9.

The summarized results are as follows:

Open Section: Gold Medal: GM Ahmed Adly (EGY) 8.0/9

Silver Medal- FM Haruna Nsubuga (UGA) 7.5/9

Bronze Medal- IM Arthur Ssegwanyi (UGA) 7.0/9

Women's Section: Gold Medal- WFM Ivy Amoko (UGA) 7.5/9

Silver Medal- Alaa Moataz (EGY) 6.5/9

Bronze Medal- WFM Sohayla Abdelmenaem (EGY) 6.5/9

**viii. 2019 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships were hosted by the Sierra Leone Chess Federation in Freetown, Sierra Leone at the Hotel Barmoi from September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (arrival) to September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Departure).

Due to the relatively low turnout of twenty-seven players (from six federations), inclusive of only three female players, the 2019 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships were reduced to only two categories of the Under 1700 Open and an Under 2300 Open.

The three female participants played in the Under 1700 Category event with the top placed female player, Peace Sampson (NGR) qualifying to represent African Continent at the 2020 World Amateur Chess Championships to be held in Hersonissos Crete in Greece.

The highest played Under 2000 player in the Under 2300 Category, Charles Haji Kiadii (LBR) also qualified to represent the African Continent at the 2020 World Amateur Chess Championships.

The winners in both categories qualified as the African representatives at the indicated World Amateur Chess Championships.

The summarized results are as follows:

**Under 1700 Open Category**

Joel O. Ebiekuta(LBR) 8.0/9  
Alfred J. Kollie (LBR) 6.5/9  
K. Zinnah Kengo (LBR) 6.5/9

**Under 2300 Open Category**

FM Oragwu Chukwunonso (NGR) 7.5/9  
FM Degondo Simplicie Armel (CIV) 6.5/9  
Charles Haji Kiadii (LBR) 6.5/9

**ix. 2019 AFRICAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2019 African Junior Chess Championships were held in Accra, Ghana from October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (arrival) to November 3, 2019 (departure).

The turn out of a total of thirty-eight players from eleven federations was satisfactory and the regions looks to building on these numbers.

The Open Section had twenty-six players whilst the Girls' Section had twelve.

GM Fawzy Adham of Egypt was crowned 2019 African Junior Open Champion whilst WFM Luzia Pires of Angola is the 2019 African Junior Girls Champion.

**Under 20 Open Section**

GM Fawzy Adham (EGY)7.5/9  
IM Rakotomaharo Fy Antenaina(MAD)7.0/9  
FM Djabri Massinas (ALG)7.0/9

**Under 20 Girls Section**

WFM Pires Luzia ANG 8.0/9  
Djerroud Chahrazed ALG7.5/9  
WCM Gabatshwarwe Refilwe BOT 7.5/9

**x. 2019 Zone 4.3 Youth Under 16 Team Championships**

The Sao Tome and Principe Chess Federation hosted the 2019 Zone 4.3 Youth Under 16 Team Chess Championships at the Palácio Dos Congressos in Sao Tome from 21st September 2019 (arrival) to 28th September 2019 (departure).

Three Federations from Zone 4.3 were in attendance with Cape Verde having been invited as guests to make the total of four Federations.

With the hosts fielding three teams, the event was played as a six team round robin event.

The Sao Tome and Principe “A” Team won the event with 10 Match Points from their five team victories.

They were followed by the Sao Tome and Principe “B” Team on 6 Match Points.

The Gabonese Team was close behind the Sao Tome and Principe “B” Team on 5 Match Points.

**xi. 2019 Zone 4.5 Youth Under 16 Team Chess Championships**

The Blue Mountain Inn Hotel in the Berea area of Teyateyaneng in Lesotho was the venue for the 2019 Zone 4.5 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships from 22nd November 2019 (arrival) to 30th November 2019 (departure).

Four Federations in Zone 4.5 took part in the event.

With the host nation Lesotho fielding three teams, this Zonal Youth Under 16 Team Championships also turned out to be a six team round robin tournament.

The event was won by Botswana on 10 Match Points followed by Lesotho Team “2” on 8 Match Points and Lesotho Team “1” on 6 Match points.

**xii. 2019 Zone 4.4 Youth Under 16 Team Chess Championships**

The Chess Kenya Federation hosted the 2019 Zone 4.4 Youth Under16 Team Chess Championships at the Luke Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya from 5th December (Arrival) to 12th December (Departure).

Four Federations took part in the 2019 Zone 4.4 Youth Under16 Team Chess Championships with Uganda emerging as overall winners followed by the Kenya (Stormy Knights) Team and the Kenya (Blitzkrieg) Team in third place.

**xiii. 2019 African Youth Chess Championships**

The African Youth Chess Championships for 2019 were hosted at the Windhoek Country Club Hotel & Casino, Windhoek in Namibia from Saturday, 14 December 2019 to Sunday, 22 December 2019.

A total of 250 young players from sixteen federations participated in the Championships.

**Under 8 Open**

George Samir David (EGY) 9/9  
Hossam Mohamed Adham (EGY) 7.0/9  
Moonsammy Ethan Ryan RSA 7/9

**Under 8 Girls**

Naidoo Kajo (RSA) 7.5/9  
Budhram Kaylee RSA 6.5/9  
Miya Minentle Tshegofatso RSA 6.5/9

**Under 10 Open**

George Micheal Kevin (EGY) 7.0/9  
Oudina Mohaned (ALG) 7.0/9  
Wael Sabry Mina (EGY) 6.5/9

**Under 10 Girls**

Zerarga Imene (ALG) 8.0/9  
Romany Joy (EGY) 7.5/9  
WCM Moshoboro Laone Phoebe (BOT) 7.0/9

**Under 12 Open**

Simpson Michael (RSA) 9/9  
Palmer Reegan (RSA) 6.5/9  
Soojay Jorah (RSA) 6.5/9

**Under 12 Girls**

Badenhorst Chloe (RSA) 7.0/9  
Boshoma Chisomo (RSA) 6.5/9  
Paulo Jemima (ANG) 6.5/9

**Under 14 Open**

CM Tamer Ahmed (EGY) 8.0/9  
Smit Devon (RSA) 7.0/9  
Munyere Musa BOT 6.5/9

**Under 14 Girls**

WCM Gabatshwarwe Refilwe (BOT) 6.5/9  
Belattar Ines (ALG) 6.5/9  
Antonio Renelsa Taiane ANG 6.0/9

**Under 16 Open**

Emanuel Mutuna (ZAM) 7.5/9  
Razanadrakotoarisoa Toavina (MAD) 7.5/9  
Okeke Isaac (NGR) 6.5/9

**Under 16 Girls**

WIM Nassr Lina (ALG) 9.0/9  
Boubendir Nesrine (ALG) 7.0/9  
Da Costa Olga (ANG) 6.0/9

**Under 18 Open**

FM Beukes Dante M (NAM) 7.5/9  
FM Leffad Samy (ALG) 7.5/9  
Fouad Mohamed (EGY) 6.5

**Under 18 Girls**

WFM Junior Ednasia (ANG) 8.0/9  
WCM Bwalya Mulwale Lubuuto (ZAM) 6.5/9  
WFM Besa Masaiti (BOT) 6.0/9

**xiv. 2019 WORLD AMATUER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The six category winners of the 2018 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships represented the African Continent at the 2019 World Amateur Championships hosted by the Mexican Chess Federation in the Manzallino, Colima from June 29, 2019 to July 7, 2019.



The six players that ably represented Africa were

NAME	FEDERATION	CATEGORY
1. Joster Kandangwe	ZAMBIA	Under 2000
2. James Dimba	ZAMBIA	Under 2300
3. Constance Mbatha	ZAMBIA	Under 2000
4. Rose Zeko	ZAMBIA	Under 1700
5. Lee Roy Mpala	ZIMBABWE	Under 2000
6. Peninah Nakabo	UGANDA	Under 1700

**xv. 2019 FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled**

The Uganda Chess Federation sent two youth players to the 3rd FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in the USA from July 9-15, 2019 under the sponsorship of the African Chess Confederation.

The two players, pictured below, were excellent ambassadors for African chess.

**xvi. FIDE Confederation Cup for the Disabled People 2019**

Team Africa represented the African Continent at the 1<sup>st</sup> FIDE Confederation Cup for the Disabled People which started on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and ended on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The following six players that valiantly represented Africa are:

1 Eugenio Campos	ANG
2 Zabeib Mohamed	EGY
3 Masood, Mohamed Helmy	EGY
4 Jamal Messala	MAR
5 Mohamed Taha Khabou	TUN
6 Tambuzai Kadilamwando	ZAM

## **B: REZONING OF AFRICAN FIDE ZONES**

Following the approval of the FIDE First Quarter Presidential Board Meeting, the following FIDE Zones became effective commencing on June 1, 2019:

FIDE Zone 4.1: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Tunisia and Morocco

FIDE Zone 4.2: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo

FIDE Zone 4.3: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sao Tome & Principe.

FIDE Zone 4.4: Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

FIDE Zone 4.5: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe

## **C: AFRICAN FEDERATION DISPUTES**

The Federations of Cote d'Ivoire and South Africa are still locked in disputes that have included court process.

Both the Cote d'Ivoire and South Africa disputes are now in the hands of the FIDE Constitutional Commission.

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