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Namibia National Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games Association announces Anri Parker as New CEO

The Namibia National Olympic Committee (NNOC) and Commonwealth Games Association is thrilled to announce the appointment of Anri Parker as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective 1 September 2025. Parker brings a wealth of experience in sports administration, strategic leadership, and a deep commitment to advancing Namibia's Olympic Movement and Commonwealth Sport, making her the ideal candidate to lead the NNOC into a new era of excellence.

As a respected figure in Namibian sports, she has a proven track record of fostering athlete development and promoting the Olympic and Commonwealth Games values. With a background in organizing high profile sport events, Parker has demonstrated exceptional leadership in sports governance, community engagement, and international collaboration. Her vision aligns seamlessly with the NNOC's mission to develop and protect the Olympic Movement in Namibia, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and Commonwealth Games Association.

As CEO, Parker will oversee the strategic planning and execution of NNOC initiatives, including the organization of Namibian athletes' participation in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, enhancing athlete support systems, and strengthening partnerships with national and international sports bodies. Her leadership will focus on creating a sustainable environment to improve the quality of life for Namibians through sport, while fostering unity and inspiring the next generation of athletes.

“I am deeply honored to take on the role of CEO for the Namibia National Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games,” said Anri Parker. “Sport has the power to transform lives and unite communities, and I am committed to building on the NNOC’s legacy to empower our athletes, promote inclusivity, and elevate Namibia’s presence on the global stage. Together, we will strive for excellence and create opportunities for our athletes to shine.”

NNOC President, Dr. Ndeulipula Hamutumwa, expressed confidence in Parker’s appointment, stating, “Anri’s passion for sport, coupled with her strategic vision and dedication to athlete welfare, makes her the perfect leader to guide the NNOC forward. We look forward to her contributions in advancing our mission and achieving new milestones for Namibian sport.”

He also thanked the outgoing Secretary General, Mrs. Joan Smit for her many years of service and dedication, for which the Board remains very thankful.

The NNOC remains committed to its vision of becoming a leading National Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games in Africa, fostering a culture of excellence and mutual understanding through sport. With Parker at the helm, the organization is poised to inspire and support Namibian athletes to achieve their highest potential.

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About the Namibia National Olympic Committee:

Founded in 1990, the Namibia National Olympic Committee (NNOC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to organizing and supporting Namibian athletes’ participation in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. Governed by the Olympic Charter, the NNOC works in close collaboration with the Namibia Sports Commission to promote the Olympic ideals of excellence, friendship, and respect, aiming to enhance the quality of life for Namibians through sport. (<https://olympic.org.na/about/about-us>)