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MOROCCO TRIUMPH IN TUNIS

By Hichem Riani

The Morocco team is the 2006 African Nations' Cup (CAN 2006) winner beating Algeria in the Final. The tie went through deciding mixed doubles rubber in a thrilling final day on Saturday 11 November 2006 at the National Tennis Centre in Tunis.

The Morocco team started the tie 1/0 after withdraw of Algerian number 1 player and Men's Single Champion Slimane Saoudi. Abdelhak Hamerlaine joined forces to defeat Anas Fattar 6/4 4/6 6/2. The Algerian number 2 women's player Sarra El Meghoufel defeated Moroccan player Fatma Zahra El Allami 6/4 7/5 and offered an advantage for Algeria to lead 2/1. Bahia Mouhtassine (Morocco) joined force to defeat Algerian number 1 women's player Samia Medjehdi after a "Marathon match" 5/7 6/4 6/1.

Fattar & Mouhtassine took the vital fifth point beating Hamerlaine & Medjehdi by 5/7 6/2 6/3 and offered to Morocco the title of Team's African Champion 2006.

In the Single and Double events, Bahia Mouhtassine, runner-up in 2005, went one better this time around, winning the women's singles, defeating top seed Samia Medjahdi 64 63 in the final, while Moroccan Anas Fattar and Mehdi Ziadi took the men's doubles title with a 63 62 victory over the Algerian pairing of Slimane Saoudi and Abdel-Hak Hamerlaine. Ziadi had lost earlier to Saoudi in the men's singles final, the Algerian winning 64 64. Madagascar also got onto the roll of honour when Natacha Randriantefy and Sehen Razafindramaso lifted the women's doubles crown. They were leading 6-5 in the first set of the final when their opponents, Marianne Giraud and Astrid Tixier from Mauritius were forced to retire due to an injury of Tixier.



Tarak Cherif, CAT President giving the Team competition's Trophy to Morocco (Photo. Hichem Riani)

Decisions and Recommendations from CAT Executive Committee Meeting in Tunis on 9 November 2006

An Executive Committee Meeting of the Confederation of African Tennis took place in Tunis on Thursday 9 September 2006 with the attendees of Mr Tarak Chérif, Johann Koorts, Mohamed Bouabdallah, Houmed Houssein, Dave Miley (ITF), Ismail El Shafei (ITF), Frank Couraud (ITF) and Hichem Riani (CAT) and took several decisions and recommendations concerning different matters:



AJC 2007 :

- * Approbation of the organisation of the AJC in Botswana in 2007.
- * Organising a meeting with African Delegates in Gaborone following the AJC in order to evaluate the new Format.

African Competitions :

- * Approbation of the idea to organize an African Circuit of 14 years and under with a CAT grant of 2000\$ for each country referring this competition with a recommended financial support from the ITF beginning on 2008 that will be predicted in its Development Budget.
- * Approbation of the proposition of granting 500\$ countries that follow JTI and CPP program provided that they are updated with their annual affiliation to CAT, the concerned countries for 2007 are: Swaziland, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda, Uganda, Gabon, Côte d'Ivoire.
- * The ITF/CAT 13 & under Circuits will be maintained in 2007, they would be replaced by the 12 & under Circuits in 2008 if the new 14 & under Project will face a good start in 2007 and a big surge in 2008.
- * Approbation of the proposition to encourage Juniors 14& under and 16& under to participate in the ITF Junior Tournaments in creating new formulas , such as the « feed-in » for the first and second round losers, and recommendation to transmit it to the ITF Junior Committee for a study.
- * Recommendation to Avoid having 2 Professional tournaments occurring during the same week no matter what African region is, due to the lack of African officials (Supervisors).
- * Recommendation to Increase money allowance of the Prize Money tournaments from 4500\$ to 5000\$ with an ITF contribution of 2500\$+ balls and 2500\$ from the host country.
- * Decision to maintain the organisation of the African Nations' Cup (CAN) in 2007 in spite of the organisation of the All African Games in July 2007 and recommendation to correspond with all African nations wishing to be candidates of its organisation. in 2007.
- * Approbation of the project to launch an ITF Junior tournament Grade 1 in Africa and recommendation to upgrade the AJC Warm up from grade 3 to grade 2 in 2008 and also organizing 2 ITF Juniors Grade 5 in Central Africa, and 2 ITF Grade 5 in Namibia and Botswana in 2008 without hospitality for the first year.

Officials and Coaches Education :

- * Approbation of the project regarding officiating education in 2007 in all African regions proposed by Mr Adel Aref and to allow a total budget of 23 000\$ (50% ITF and 50% CAT).
- * Recommendation that CAT logo should figure as the ITF logo on all certificates of coaches of different levels, which will lead eventually the recognition of diplomas given by the CAT, in addition to the National Federations.

Presidency of the Development Committee :

- * Approbation that the President of the CAT Development Committee should be a member of the coming Executive Committee.

CAT Vice Presidents :

- * Decision, based on the constitution, to dismiss Mr Ichame Kamach from the Executive Committee due to his multiple absences in meetings and his unavailability as a President of Africa Zone III.

CAT General Meeting in 2007 :

- * In order to offer all conditions of success and a massive participation of representatives of affiliated nations to CAT, in its coming AGM and based on the fact that Africa will host the next ITF AGM (Tunis, June 21st & 22nd 2007), the Executive Committee has decided unanimously to organize the coming Annual General Meeting of CAT on June 20th 2007 in Tunis, which is one day before the ITF AGM. It is also to mention that the Asian Tennis Confederation took profit of the organization of the ITF AGM in Asia, Seoul - South Korea in 2006, to organize its Annual General Meeting one day before the ITF AGM.

Affiliation to CAT :

- * Remind countries which did not yet regularise their affiliations fees for 2006 and the preceding years to pay their arrears at the latest on 1st March 2007, otherwise they will be subject to risks of eventual suspensions during the coming AGM.
- * Acceptation of a new membership of Chad that will be submitted in the coming AGM of 2007 for approbation.

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5th ITF African Regional Coaches Conference 2006 Cairo – Egypt 20 – 24 November 2006.



Seventy-two coaches from 11 nations attended the 5th ITF African Regional Coaches Conference, which ended on Friday 24th November. The Conference was held in co-operation with the Egyptian Tennis Federation, CAT and the Smash Tennis Academy, at the Novotel Airport Hotel, Cairo and was designed to bring coaches from throughout the region up-to-date on the latest coaching and sports science news.



All Speakers



Mr Tarak Cherif & Mr Ismail El Shafei

The Conference featured keynote international speakers Steven Martens (BEL) and Frank Zlesak (CZE), whom made presentations both on-court and in the lecture room. Martens is the Technical Director of the Flemish Tennis Federation and has worked with players such as Sabine Appelmans, Kim Clysters, Justine Henin, Xavier Malisse and Olivier & Christophe Rochus. Martens' presentations focused on the development of a power serve, discussing the key biomechanical principles in and giving many on-court tips.



Amine B. Makhoulf



Dave Miley



Dermot Sweeney



Hisham Nasser



Frank Slezak



Mark Bullock

Zlesak gave 5 interesting presentations on a range of topics including psychology, fitness training and talent identification. Other speakers included: Samuel Lopez (ESP): Drills for high performance players, Dermot Sweeney (ITF): Advanced drills for improving the return of serve, Prince Madema (ITF): How deep focus on the ball influences technique in 14&under players, Karl Davies (ITF): Essential skills for junior players & Five ways to use your forehand as a weapon on clay, Khaled Farouk (EGY): Bridging the gap between practice and real match situations, Amine Ben Makhoulf (ITF): Tactical/technical approach through situation training, Hichem Nasser (ETF): delivering quality coaching and Hichem Riani (CAT): Feeding balls to advanced players in the 5 situations of game. ITF Development Director, Dave Miley gave 2 excellent presentations on increasing tennis participation worldwide.



Hichem Riani



Karl Davies



Samuel Lopez



Steeve Martens

Patrick McNerney, ITF Assistant Research Officer did a great job during this conference.

Mr Tarak Cherif, CAT President and Mr Ismail el Shafei, ETF President and ITF Board honoured by their presence this Continental Coaches Conference.

The Confederation of African Tennis would like to thank Olympic Solidarity for supporting the event, as well as the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the Egyptian Tennis Federation and Smash Tennis Academy which coordinated the event."



All Participants

CAT Development Committee Meeting

Following the African Nations' Cup, a CAT Development Committee Meeting was held in Tunis on Tuesday 7th November 2006. Many subjects were discussed during that meeting and valorous recommendations were forwarded to the CAT Executive Committee for approval, including African competitions – 14 & under circuits, JTI& CPP program, grants, 13& under circuits, junior tournaments, Professional events, Prize Money Circuits and African Nations' Cup - Education Courses for Coaches and Officials – Five years plan – African calendar – Davis Cup & Fed Cup zones events.

Leon Friemond, Hisham Nasser, Thierry Ntwali, Frank Couraud, Hichem Riani, Adel Aref and the ITF Development Officers Karl Davies and Amine Ben Makhoulouf have attended the Meeting.



CAT Development Committee with CAT President

Obituary

Death of President of Mauritania Tennis Federation

African Tennis in Mourning

We are distressed to announce the Death of Mr Ishaac Ould Rajel, President of the Mauritania Tennis Federation on the 5th of October 2006 in Paris after a long illness.

Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) presents its Sympathy & Condolences to the family of Mr Ishaac Ould Rajel, to the Mauritanian Tennis Federation and to the large African Tennis family.



Death of two Namibian Tennis Players

The CAT was saddened to learn of the death of Namibian sisters 19-year-old Janine and 18-year-old Suzelle Davin, who tragically died following a car accident in Swakopmund on 8 and 9 December respectively. Both sisters represented Namibia in Fed Cup, and competed in the African Junior Championships and on the ITF Junior Circuit between 2002 and 2006. They benefited from ITF Grand Slam Development funding and attended the ITF Training Centre in Pretoria.

News from Djibouti

The National Olympic & Sport Committee of Djibouti (CNOSD) organised in October 2006 its Congress in order to amend the constitution. Presidents of all National Sport Federations participated at this important congress. Mr Houmed Houssein, Djibouti Tennis Federation's President and Vice President of the Confederation of African Tennis, President of East Africa Zone was honoured to be received by HH the President of Republic of Djibouti.



Mr Houmed received by the President of the Republic of Djibouti

ITF Men's Futures Professionals Tournaments in Africa

By Hichem Riani

In 2006, African Nations from different regions of the Continent organised 30 Men's Future Tournaments and 2 Satellites, a total of 38 weeks of competition shared out as follow: 24 in North Africa 63.1%, 7 in West Africa, 18.4%, 4 in East Africa, 10.5% and 3 in Southern Africa, 7.8%. Looking to the following table, we can remark some significant proportions. Effectively, if we take into account the attendance of African players into the Main Draws of these 38 weeks, we register the following:

- 463 players were accepted into the Main Draws, which represents 38 % of the total number of accepted players
- 224 players reached the 2nd Round which represents 36.84%.
- 112 players reached the ¼ Finals, which represents 36.84%.
- 68 players reached the ½ Finals, which represents 44.7%.
- 16 players were Runner-ups, which represents 42%
- 16 were the Winners, which represents 42%.

It is also important to mention that 16 African Doubles Teams won 16 Doubles titles over the 38 weeks.

All this database will allow us to conclude that the organisation of Men's Professional Events in the African Continent as Futures endowed by 10 000\$, & 15 000\$ in addition of 25 000\$ satellites are very beneficial for the African players whose registered very satisfactory performances with the great support of ITF, CAT, GSDF and all National African Federations.

We wish that these events will continue to exist in Africa and why not to be multiplied and to begin right now to do the same with women's professional events.

Events & Dates	1 st Round	%	2 nd Round	%	¼ F	%	½ F	%	R.U	%	W	%
Nigeria F1 20-26/2/06	18	56.25%	11	68.75%	5	62.50%	2	50%	1		0	
Nigeria F2 27/2-5/3/06	19	59.37%	7	43.75%	5	62.50%	2	50%	0		0	
Morocco F1 6-12/3/06	12	37.50%	5	31.25%	3	37.50%	3	75%	1		1	
Egypt F1 6-12/3/06	9	28.12%	3	18.75%	2	25%	0	0%	0		0	
Egypt F2 13-19/3/06	8	25%	3	18.75%	0	0%	0	0%	0		0	
Morocco F2 13-19/3/06	12	37.50%	7	43.75%	3	37.50%	2	50%	0		0	
Morocco F3 20-26/3/06	16	50%	5	31.25%	2	25%	0	0%	0		0	
Egypt F3 20-26/3/06	8	25%	5	31.25%	3	37.50%	1	25%	0		0	
Morocco F4 10-16/4/06	16	50%	6	37.50%	3	37.50%	1	25%	0		0	
Morocco F5 17-23/4/06	14	43.75%	6	37.50%	6	75%	3	75%	0		1	
Tunisia F1 29/5-4/6/06	15	46.87%	10	62.50%	3	37.50%	2	50%	1		0	
Tunisia F2 5-11/6/06	16	50%	8	50%	3	37.50%	1	25%	1		0	
Tunisia F3 12-18/6/06	13	40.62%	5	31.25%	0	0%	0	0%	0		0	
Tunisia F3A 19-25/6/06	15	46.87%	6	37.50%	4	50%	4	100%	1		1	
Egypt S1 W1 24-29/7/06	11	34.37%	6	37.50%	3	37.50%	3	75%	1		1	
Egypt S1 W2 30/7-5/8	10	31.25%	4	25%	4	50%	2	50%	1		0	
Egypt S1 W3 7-12/8/06	8	25%	5	31.25%	5	62.50%	3	75%	1		1	
Egypt S1 W4 14-19/8/06	6/24	25%	5	31.25%	3	37.50%	3	75%	1		1	
Senegal F1 31/7-6/8/06	13	40.62%	4	25%	2	25%	2	50%	1		1	
Senegal F2 7-12/8/06	14	43.75%	10	62.50%	5	62.50%	3	75%	1		0	
Egypt S2 W1 4-9/9/06	13	40.62%	7	43.75%	4	50%	3	75%	1		1	
Egypt S2 W2 11-16/9/06	14	43.75%	7	43.75%	3	37.50%	3	75%	0		1	
Egypt S2 W3 18-23/9/06	12	37.50%	7	43.75%	4	50%	2	50%	0		1	
Egypt S2 W4 25-30/9/06	9/24	37.50%	7	43.75%	4	50%	3	75%	1		1	
Sudan F1 11-17/9/06	8	25%	4	25%	2	25%	1	25%	0		0	
Rwanda F1 18-24/9/06	9	28.12%	4	25%	2	25%	1	25%	0		0	
Uganda F1 25/9-1/10/06	9	28.12%	4	25%	2	25%	1	25%	0		0	
Kenya F1 2-7/10/06	9	28.12%	3	18.75%	2	25%	1	25%	0		1	
Nigeria F5 9-4/10/06	16	50%	7	43.75%	3	37.50%	2	50%	0		0	
Nigeria F6 16-21/10/06	15	46.87%	9	56.25%	3	37.50%	2	50%	1		0	
Namibia F1 9-14/10/06	9	28.12%	4	25%	1	12.50%	0	0%	0		0	
Botswana F1 16-22/10/06	13	40.62%	5	31.25%	4	50%	3	75%	0		1	
Ghana F1 23-29/10/06	23	71.87%	12	75%	7	87.50%	4	100%	1		1	
RSA F1 23-29/10/06	14	43.75%	7	43.75%	4	50%	1	25%	1		0	
Tunisia F4 13-19/11/06	8	25%	2	12.50%	1	12.50%	1	25%	0		1	
Tunisia F5 20-26/11/06	7	21.87%	3	18.75%	2	25%	2	50%	1		0	
Tunisia F6 27/11-2/12/06	5	15.62%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0		0	
Tunisia F7 4-10/12/06	5	15.62%	1	6.25%	1	12.50%	1	25%			1	
Total & Proportions	463	38%	224	36.8%	112	36.8%	68	44.7%	16		42%	42%

Wheelchair Tennis in Africa

The wheelchair tennis department in the ITF which is affiliated with the IWTA (International Wheelchair Tennis Association), has currently 60 member nations, only 3 African nations are affiliated: Cameroon, Nigeria and South Africa and we are sure that other nations will follow this way and will be also affiliated to this Association, especially when we focus on number of wheelchair activities were recently organised in different parts of our Continent: **Nigeria, Egypt, Gambia, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Tunisia, Morocco...**

Mark Bullock, ITF Wheelchair Tennis Development Officer has just returned from a 2 week visit to Africa, where he visited **Egypt, South Africa, Gambia and Nigeria**.

He has attended and presented at the 5th ITF African Coaches Workshop in Cairo **Egypt** from 20 – 25 November 2006 and also gave a demonstration at the **Palm Aroussy Tennis Academy (PATA)**. Mark commented “I was impressed with the level of interest in wheelchair tennis in Africa. I am certain that more and more coaches will get involved”.

In **South Africa** Bullock was joined by **Miranda Van Holstein from the Cruyff Foundation**. They attended the ACSA Border Open, a part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour in East London. Sixty players have competed many of whom came from programmes initiated by the Silver Fund project in South Africa. Each day Bullock gave a coaches workshop for the eight coaches attending the event.



Wheelchair Tennis in RSA

Gambia is a new country in the Silver Fund programme. Bullock ran a clinic for 25 players and 6 coaches as part of the celebrations for the International Day for the Disabled. The ITF are working closely with the English based organisation VSO in the Gambia. Adrian Mills (GBR) is based in Banjul for six months with VSO and is working closely with the Gambian Tennis Federation and the Gambian Sports Association for the Disabled.



Wheelchair Workshop in Gambia



Female Player from Gambia

On arrival at the National Stadium in **Lagos – Nigeria**, Bullock and Van Holstein were met by close to 50 players. They were informed that nearly 300 players competed in the recent National Championships. Bullock commented to the press conference attended by 12 journalists ‘What the Nigerian Tennis Federation and the National Wheelchair Tennis Coach Frank Tarmena have achieved is incredible. “I am impressed both by the large numbers of players and the level of play”, said Bullock.



Beginner Player with Mark in Nigeria



Players in Camp in Nigeria

Photo Gallery Wheelchair Tennis

Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition in Tunisia CAN 2005 & CAN 2006.



Wheelchair Tennis in Zimbabwe



Wheelchair Tennis in Gambia



East Africa Future Circuit 2006.

With the Support of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Grand Slam Development Found (GSDF), four ITF Future Tournaments were well organised in the Eastern region from 11 September to 6 October successively in Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya.

Sudan – Khartoum Future 1, 11-17 September 2006.

Men Singles: Adam Vejmelka (CZE) (1) - Andemir Karanashew (RUS) 6/2 6/4

Men Doubles: Leonte (ROM) / Miron (ROM) (1) – El Sadig (SUD) / Gasigwa (RWA) 3/6 6/3 6/2

Rwanda – Kigali Future 1, 18 – 24 September 2006.

Rwanda F1 has taken place at the “Cercle Sportif de Kigali”, with Adam Vejmelka taking the singles title. Adam Vejmelka continued his good run of form after winning the previous week in Sudan by also taking the singles title in Rwanda.

Vejmelka only lost one game in his first two matches against Dmitry Ivanov (UZB) and Maxime Bonami (FRA). A tougher match against Laurent Bram from Luxembourg followed, but Vejmelka came through strongly to win 36 64 62. In the semi finals, Vejmelka was a set up before his opponent Motaz Abou El Khair was forced to retire. He then took on Marcel Miron from Romania in the final, winning 63 63. In the doubles, both top seeded teams made it through, with Bogban Leonte and Miron not dropping a set on their way to the final. They came up against Jaco Mathew and Vishal Punna, but in a close final the number one seeds, Leonte and Miron took the title 64 36 76(5).

Uganda – Kampala Future 1, 25 – 30 September 2006.

Adam Vejmelka won his third consecutive singles title at the Uganda F1 Futures tournament, held at the Lugogo Tennis Club in Kampala. This was the first Futures tournament to be held in Uganda and it is hoped that the series of events held in Africa will help to develop tennis in the region. Vejmelka continued with the good run of form he had shown at the previous two weeks, not dropping a set throughout the whole event. Again the top seed, he breezed through the early rounds, taking on Bogdan-Victor Leonte in the final and winning the title 75 61.

In the doubles, all four top-seeded teams were all eliminated in the first round, which greatly opened up the draw to the other doubles teams. Oualid Jallali (TUN) and Talal Ouahabi (MAR) defeated the number one seeds, but were halted in the semi finals by the Russian pair of Andem Karanashew and Timur Lomtadze. In the final they came up against the British pairing of Alex Miotto and Edward Seator. The first set went to a tie-break, won easily by the Russians who went on to take the title in straight sets, winning 76(1) 63.



Kim & Ouahabi



Adam Vejmelka (CZE) Winner of 3 successive Futures



Future Khartoum - Attendance

Kenya – Mombassa Future 1, 1 – 6 October 2006.

Talal Ouahabi from Morocco won the Kenya F1 Futures held at the Mombasa Sports Club. The Kenya F1 Futures follows the successful events that have taken place in the region during the three previous weeks in Sudan, Rwanda and Uganda.

In the singles, Talal Ouahabi (MAR) beat Cheong-Eui Kim from Korea in the final 64 62.

The seventh seed had beaten the top seed Victor Bruthans in the semi finals 63 16 64 and carried this form through to take the title. This was Ouahabi's first singles victory of 2006.

In the doubles, Victor Bruthans (SVK) and Bogdan Leonte (ROM) defeated the Indian pair of Jacob Mathew and Vishal Punna 62 57 62.



Mr Dennis Makoi President Kenya L.T.A



Coaches Education Level I Courses in Africa



Four Level I Coaches Courses were recently organised in different part of Africa gathering au total of 73 candidates including 27 whom completed successfully their courses and became Level I Coaches.

Over nine days, candidates learnt about mini-tennis, play tennis, technique, tactics, mental and physical aspect for coaches working with beginner and intermediate players

- 1- **Malawi – 12 – 20 September 2006:** **Karl Davies**, ITF Development Officer of the Southern Region has conducted this course with 21 candidates, only 2 of them, **Allan Abdi** and **David Paul** have completed successfully the Course and became qualified as Malawi Lawn Tennis Association Level I Coaches, meanwhile, 10 Coaches have to retake one exam to be qualified.
- 2- **Gambia – 14 – 22 October 2006:** **Amine Ben Makhoulf**, ITF Development Officer of Western & Central Region has conducted this course with 10 candidates, 4 of them, **Badou Colley**, **Daniel Able Thomas**, **Sulayman F. Job** and **Kelfala Jalloh** have completed successfully the Course and became qualified as Gambia Lawn Tennis Association Level I Coaches, meanwhile, 4 Coaches have to retake the written exam to be qualified.
- 3- **Burundi – 11 – 19 November 2006:** **Thierry Ntwali**, member of CAT Development Committee has conducted this course with 18 candidates, only 2 of them, **Hussein Shabani** and **Ndayizigiye Assumani** have completed successfully the Course and became qualified as Burundi Tennis Federation Level I Coaches and meanwhile, 5 Coaches have to retake one exam to be qualified.
- 4- **Egypt – 14 – 20 November 2006:** **Karl Davies**, ITF Development Officer of the Southern Region and **Mostafa Naim**, a Level II Egyptian Coach have conducted this course with 24 Egyptian candidates at the Smash Tennis Academy in Cairo, the level of candidates was very good and we register 19 Coaches whom completed successfully the Course and became qualified as Egypt Tennis Federation Level I Coaches and only 3 coaches whom have to retake one exam to be qualified. The 19 Level I Coaches are: **Mohammed Ramadan Wafa**, **Dina Hany Khalil**, **Mohammed Hassen Aly Ghonem**, **Mohammed Mahmoud Shorbagy**, **Ingy Ahmed El Tawil**, **Amr Mohammed El Tawel**, **Mohammed Fawzy**, **Ali Amr Roshdy El Sherbini**, **Mohammed Abd Elazim Ahmed**, **Mohammed El Sayed Tantawy**, **Ragab Saad Mohammed**, **Rawad Ahmed Sakr**, **Marwa Mahmoud El Shorbagy**, **Essam Mohammed Ibrahim**, **Kareem Gomaa Halaby**, **Ahmed Alaa Helal**, **Mostafa Bahsany**, **Ashraf Kamel**, **Mohammed Sayed Elian**.

Tennis to join Commonwealth family

The Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) has welcomed the decision of the Commonwealth Games Federation this month to admit tennis to the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in New Delhi, India. Tennis was one of two new sports added to the programme for 2010, along with archery.

Davis Cup & Fed Cup Zone Groups in 2007

The ITF has confirmed the dates and venues for the 2007 Fed Cup and Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Zone Groups II and III.

Fed Cup:

Europe /Africa Zone Group II Phoenix, Mauritius 18 -21 April 2007.

Europe/Africa Zone Group III Phoenix, Mauritius 23 - 29 April 2007.

Davis Cup :

Europe / Africa Zone Group III , Tunisia 7 – 14 May 2007

**ITF/CAT African Junior Championships 2007.
West & Central Africa**

**Abuja – Nigeria
21 – 27 December 2006.**

Abuja, Capital of Nigeria will hold from 21 to 27 December 2006, the ITF/CAT West & Central African Junior Championships for 14 and 16 years in its new format, the event will take place at the National Stadium and the Sheraton Hotel in Abuja. The National Stadium has 6 hard courts and the Sheraton Hotel has 4 hard courts. Nine nations have already confirmed their entry in this important Tennis event. The winner in each category will receive a medal and with it, the title of **2007 ITF/CAT West & Central African Junior Champion**. The top 6 players in each age group at the West & Central African Junior Championships will qualify to play in the main event of the African Junior Championships, which will take place in April 2007 in Botswana. In addition, in each age group, one wildcard selected by the ITF/CAT will be offered to a player from the region. The best nation in the country ranking will win the **ITF/CAT West & Central African Junior Championships Team Trophy**. Trophies will also be awarded to the teams in 2nd and 3rd place.

Nations which confirmed their participation are: **Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Togo and Nigeria.**



Mr Aminu Opeyemi Tournament Director

**ITF/CAT African Junior Championships 2007.
East Africa**

**Nairobi - Kenya
6 – 12 January 2007.**

Nairobi, Capital of Kenya will hold from 6 to 12 January 2007, the ITF/CAT East African Junior Championships for 14 and 16 years in its new format, the event will take place at the "Nairobi Club" in Nairobi which has 9 clay courts. Six nations have already confirmed their entry in this important Tennis event. The winner in each category will receive a medal and with it, the title of **2007 ITF/CAT East African Junior Champion**. The top 5 players in each age group at the East African Junior Championships will qualify to play in the main event of the African Junior Championships, which will take place in April 2007 in Botswana. In addition, in each age group, one wildcard selected by the ITF/CAT will be offered to a player from the region. The best nation in the country ranking will win the **ITF/CAT East African Junior Championships Team Trophy**. Trophies will also be awarded to the teams in 2nd and 3rd place.

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African Tournaments' Results

Men's Professional Circuits – Results

* Future Uganda - Kampala F1: 10 000 \$ 25 September – 1 October 2006.

Men Singles: Adam VEJMEKKA (CZE) (1) defeated Bogdan-Victor LEONTE (ROM) (3) 75 61

Men Doubles: KARANASHEV (RUS) / LOMTATIDZE (RUS) defeated MIOTTO (GBR) / SEATOR (GBR) 76(1) 63

* Future Kenya – Mombassa F1: 10 000\$ 2 – 7 October 2006.

Men Singles: Talal OUAHABI (MAR) (7) defeated Cheong-Eui KIM (KOR) 64 62

Men Doubles: BRUTHANS (SVK) / LEONTE (ROM) (1) defeated MATHEW (IND) / PUNNA (IND) (3) 62 57 62

* Future Nigeria – Lagos F5: 15 000\$ 9 – 14 October 2006.

Men Singles: Ivan DODIG (BIH) (3) defeated Ilya MARCHENKO (UKR) (6) 63 64

Men Doubles: DODIG (BIH) / KADRIC (BIH) (3) defeated KILIAN (NED) / WESTERHOF (NED) 63 76(2)

* Future Namibia – Windhoek F1: 10 000\$ 9 – 14 October 2006.

Men Singles: Mustafa GHOUSE (IND) (4) defeated Paris GEMOUCHIDIS (GRE) 67(5) 64 64

Men Doubles: HORECNY (SVK) / HROMEK (SVK) (2) defeated GHOUSE (IND) / HODEL (ROM) (1) 62 76(4)

* Future Botswana – Gaborone F1: 10 000\$ 16 – 22 October 2006.

Men Singles: Talal OUAHABI (MAR) (4) defeated Clement MOREL (FRA) (3) 46 76(6) 63

Men Doubles: JALLALI (TUN) / OUAHABI (MAR) (4) defeated HORECNY (SVK) / HROMEK (SVK) (2) 46 64 76(3)

* Future Nigeria – Lagos F6: 15 000\$ 16 – 21 October 2006.

Men Singles: Ilya MARCHENKO (UKR) (6) defeated Komlavi LOGLO (TOG) (1) 75 63

Men Doubles: BABALOLA (NGR) / LOGLO (TOG) (1) defeated DODIG (BIH) / KADRIC (BIH) (2) 75 75

* Future Ghana – Accra F1: 10 000\$ 23 – 29 October 2006.

Men Singles: Oualid JALLALI (TUN) (8) defeated Reda EL AMRANI (MAR) 76(5) 75

Men Doubles: EL AMRANI (MAR) / FATTAR (MAR) (3) defeated BABALOLA (NGR) / LOGLO (TOG) (1) 46 63 64

* Future South Africa – Pretoria F1: 10 000\$ 23 – 29 October 2006.

Men Singles: Clement MOREL (FRA) (3) defeated Pieter CALITZ (RSA) (4) 67(3) 61 61

Men Doubles: DE BONNEVIE (FRA) / MOREL (FRA) (2) defeated BAPTISTE (RSA) / DE VILLIERS (RSA) 63 76(6)

* Future Tunisia – Sfax F4: 10 000\$ 13 – 19 November 2006.

Men Singles: Mohammed MAAMOUN (EGY) (2) defeated Alexander JAKUPOVIC (GRE) 16 76(5) 75

Men Doubles: NORBY (DEN) / PEDERSEN (DEN) defeated MELSKENS (DEN) / SITAK (RUS) (4) 67(5) 64 62

* Future Tunisia – Monastir F5: 10 000\$ 20 – 26 November 2006.

Men Singles: Orest TERESHCHUK (UKR) (2) defeated Karim MAAMOUN (EGY) (1) 75 60

Men Doubles: KONING (NED) / MIDDELKOOP (NED) (1) defeated CRUCIAT (ROM) / GAVRILA (ROM) (2) 61 61

* Future Tunisia – Hammam Sousse F6: 10 000\$ 27 November – 2 December 2006.

Men Singles: Franco SKUGOR (CRO) defeated Michel KONING (NED) 63 61

Men Doubles: PATHANJALI (IND) / SIPAHEYA (IND) (3) defeated PANFIL (POL) / TERESHCHUK (UKR) (1) 64 57 63

* Future Tunisia – Megrine F7: 10 000\$ 4 – 10 December 2006.

Men Singles:

Men Doubles:

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* Nigeria – Lagos 25 000\$ 9 – 15 October 2006.

Women Singles: Magdalena KISZCZYNSKA (POL) defeated Laura SIEGEMUND (GER) (7) 64 62

Women Doubles: MIHALACHE (ROM) / SIEGEMUND (GER) (4) defeated SABINO (ITA) / TANGPHONG (THA) (3) 63 63

* Nigeria – Lagos 25 000\$ 16 – 22 October 2006.

Women Singles: Magda MIHALACHE (ROM) (1) defeated Agnes SZATMARI (ROM) (6) 61 36 64

Women Doubles: DE BEER (RSA) / SZATMARI (ROM) (2) defeated BHAMBRI (IND) / CHAKRAVARTHI (IND) (3) 63 61

* South Africa – Pretoria 10 000\$ 23 – 29 October 2006.

Women Singles: Surina DE BEER (RSA) (1) defeated Monica GORNY (RSA) 62 6

Women Doubles: CAFFA (FRA) / DE BEER (RSA) defeated OATES (RSA) / SWANEPOEL (RSA) 60 62

* Egypt – Cairo 10 000\$ 13 – 19 November 2006.

Women Singles: Liana-Gabriela BALACI (ROM) defeated Alexandra DULGHERU (ROM) (8) 61 61

Women Doubles: DULGHERU (ROM) / KOEK (NED) defeated EDWARDS (RSA) / PAVLOVA (UKR) 63 62

* Egypt – Cairo 10 000\$ 20 – 26 November 2006.

Women Singles: Liana-Gabriela BALACI (ROM) defeated Varvara GALANINA (RUS) (4) 62 64

Women Doubles: DULGHERU (ROM) / KOEK (NED) defeated HAIDNER (AUT) / PAVLOVA (BUL) (3) 76(4) 36 76(5)

* Egypt – Cairo 10 000\$ 27 November – 3 December 2006.

Women Singles: Galina FOKINA (RUS) (6) defeated Emilie BACQUET (FRA) (4) 62 76(8)

Women Doubles: BACQUET (FRA) / BROZDA (POL) (1) defeated DAVYDOVA (RUS) / GALANINA (RUS) (2) 61 63

ITF Junior Tournaments – Results

*** ITF East Africa Circuit 1 Sudan G4 27 November – 1 December 2006.**

Boys Singles: Tarek EL ESAWY (EGY) (4) defeated Mohamed SAFWAT (EGY) (1) 75 62

Girls Singles: Nicole SMITH (RSA) (1) defeated Samia MOHAMED (SUD) (2) 64 63

Boys Doubles: EMMANUEL (NGR) / SAFWAT (EGY) (1) defeated MUSHONGA (ZIM) / NDIMANDE (ZIM) 62 61

Girls Doubles: POTGIETER (RSA) / SMITH (CAN) (2) defeated ADAM (SUD) / MOHAMED (SUD) 61 60

*** ITF East Africa circuit 2 Ethiopia G4 2 – 6 December 2006.**

Boys Singles: Sunday EMMANUEL (NGR) (3) defeated Mohamed SAFWAT (EGY) (1) 76(5) 46 76(4)

Girls Singles: Shivika BURMAN (IND) (2) defeated Nicole SMITH (RSA) (1) 75 64

Boys Doubles: EMMANUEL (NGR) / SAFWAT (EGY) (1) defeated O'BRIEN (RSA) / VIERA (RSA) (2) 76(5) 61

Girls Doubles: POTGIETER (RSA) / SMITH (RSA) (4) defeated BURMAN (IND) / KAPOOR (IND) (2) 75 75

*** ITF East Africa circuit 3 Kenya G4 8 – 12 December 2006.**

Boys Singles: Sunday EMMANUEL (NGR) (2) defeated Mohamed SAFWAT (EGY) (1) 64 63

Girls Singles: Shivika BURMAN (IND) (2) defeated Hannah JAMES (GBR) (4) 76(3) 64

Boys Doubles: EMMANUEL (NGR) / SAFWAT (EGY) (1) defeated HAPPY (ZIM) / MUGABE (UGA) 63 63

Girls Doubles: JAMES (GBR) / SLATER (GBR) (1) defeated BURMAN (IND) / KAPOOR (IND) (4) 61 64

*** ITF South Africa 3 G5 14 – 19 December 2006.**

Boys Singles: Ruan Roelofse (RSA) defeated. Dean O'Brien(RSA) 62 64

Girls Singles: Andrea Oates (RSA) defeated. Engela Olivier(RSA) 62 62

Boys Doubles: Damian Hume/Giovanni Vaglietti (RSA)defeated. Jan Engelbrecht/Ruan Roelofse (RSA)64 26 62

Girls Doubles: Abigail Olivier/Engela Olivier (RSA) defeated.Chane Hines/Kaylea Chana Sher (RSA)46 63 76(3)

ITF/CAT Prize Money Circuit - Results

*** Tanzania Dar Es Salaam 16 – 19 November 2006.**

Men Singles: Roland KUPKA defeated Martin DZUWA (ZIM) 62 62

Women Singles: Evelyn OTULA (KEN) defeated Carolyn ODUOR (KEN) 60 61

Men Doubles: KUPKA / KIPINGU (TAN) defeated DZUMA (ZIM) / WAMUKOWA (KEN) 64 64

Women Doubles: OTULA (KEN) / OSOGO (KEN) defeated ORWA (KEN) / ODUOR (KEN) 63 67(4) 61

*** Cameroon Douala 30 November – 3 December 2006.**

Men Singles: Z. Herman FOMETE (CAM) defeated Germain AYINDA (CAM) 64 62

Women Singles: Janette Flore MAMO (CAM) defeated Franka KONG (CAM) 61 62

Men Doubles: A. SEGE / H. FOMETE defeated J. OYEBOG : J. EYONG ETTA 62 63

Women Doubles: J.F MAMO / P. MAMEGAH defeated V. MENOB / M.C NDZOUNDJA 26 64 62

*** Djibouti 14 – 19 December 2006.**

Men Singles: Eric HAGENIMANA (RWA) defeated Jean Paul NSHIMIYMANA (RWA) 46 62 63

Women Singles: Samia MOHAMED ISMAIL defeated Evelyn OTULA (KEN) 61 64

Men Doubles: M. WAMUKOWA(KEN) / J.P NSHIMIYAN (RWA) defeated E. HAGENIMANA (RWA) / Y. ELFTIH (SUD) 76 62

Women Doubles: M. BARRAUD (F.F Dj) / H. FATHI (F.F.Dj) defeated E. OTULA (KEN) / S. MOHAMED ISMAIL (SUD) 61 60

Upcoming Tournaments

ITF Men's Futures:

Nigeria (1) 15 000\$: 19 – 25 February 2007.

Nigeria (2) 15 000\$: 26 Feb. – 3 March 2007.

ITF/CAT Prize Money:

Burundi: 8 – 11 February 2007.

Rwanda & Senegal: 14 – 17 February 2007.

Mali & Uganda: 21 – 24 February 2007.

ITF Women's Futures:

Algeria (1) 10 000\$: 8 – 14 January 2007.

Algeria (2) 10 000\$: 15 – 20 January 2007.

Nigeria (1) 10 000\$: 19 – 25 February 2007

Nigeria (2) 10 000\$: 26 Feb. – 3 March 2007

African Ranking

ITF Junior Ranking – Top Twenty - Boys

1- (41)	RAMIARAMANAN, Lofa	MAD
2- (76)	KILANI, Wael	TUN
3- (83)	VITULLI, Christian	KEN
4- (85)	YASSINE, Houssam	MAR
5- (115)	GARANGANGA, Takanyi	ZIM
6- (141)	MENSAH, Emmanuel	GHA
7- (160)	SAFWAT, Mohamed	EGY
8- (165)	ANDERSEN, Jean	RSA
9- (172)	ROELOFSE, Ruan	RSA
10- (176)	MBAREK, Slah	TUN
11- (188)	EMMANUEL, Sunday	NGR
12- (218)	HUME, Damian	RSA
13- (246)	EL AMRANI, Reda	MAR
14- (262)	KASSEM, Mohamed	EGY
15- (290)	OWUSU, Menford	GHA
16- (293)	MIGOGO, Mpiloenhle	RSA
17- (308)	O'BRIEN, Dean	RSA
18- (311)	KHADDARI, Hicham	MAR
19- (317)	SETSHOGO, Bokang	BOT
20- (318)	COERTZEN, Hendrik	RSA

ITF Junior Ranking – Top Twenty - Girls

1- (47)	EL ALLAMI, Fatima	MAR
2- (108)	GORNY, Monica	RSA
3- (132)	AKRATE, Majdouline	MAR
4- (135)	SWANEPOEL, Bianca	RSA
5- (143)	BEN AISSA, Amira	ALG
6- (165)	LALAMI, Nadia	MAR
7- (193)	DAVIDSON, Bronwyn	RSA
8- (236)	OLIVIER, Abigail	RSA
9- (245)	OLIVIER, Engela	RSA
10- (324)	THARWAT-HAFEZ, Rana	EGY
11- (349)	SMITH, Nicole	RSA
12- (356)	OSBORNE, Jenna-May	RSA
13- (361)	OATES, Andrea	RSA
14- (386)	WOLMARANS, Hedda	RSA
15- (409)	BENNANI, Lina	MAR
16- (434)	DAVIN, Suzelle	NAM
17- (435)	MAGAKGALA, Bankane	RSA
18- (463)	HINES, Chane	RSA
19- (488)	HAMZA, Yasmin	EGY
20- (500)	BUTOYI, Aziza	BDI

WTA Professional Women's Ranking

1- (183)	SFAR, SELIMA	TUN
2- (288)	BLACK, CARA	ZIM
3- (341)	SCHEEPERS, CHANELLE	RSA
4- (441)	MEDJAHDI, SAMIA	ALG
5- (594)	GIRAUD, MARINNE	MRI
6- (597)	DE BEER, SURINA	RSA
7- (767)	MOUHTASSINE, BAHIA	MAR
8- (1030)	PILLAY, ALICIA	RSA
9- (1044)	ABINU, FATIMA	NGA
10- (1100)	GORNY, MONICA	RSA
11- (1176)	EKE, HANNAH	NGR
12- (1224)	SAMUEL, BLESSING	NGR
13- (1233)	EDWARDS, TEGAN	RSA
14- (1234)	ANUNA, BLESSING	NGR
15- (1311)	GRANT, KIM	RSA
16- (1360)	MARSHALL, LISA	RSA
17- (1385)	AKINGBADE, RONKE	NGR
18- (1439)	GBADAMOSI, OLUSOLA	NGR

ATP Professional Men's Ranking

1- (122)	MOODY, WESLEY	RSA
2- (135)	DE VOEST, RIK	RSA
3- (172)	OUHABI, LAMINE	ALG
4- (189)	EL AYNAOUI, YOUNES	MAR
5- (347)	MAAMOUN, MOHAMED	EGY
6- (353)	MAAMOUN, KARIM	EGY
7- (383)	WHITEHOUSE, WESLEY	RSA
8- (399)	LOGLO, KOMLAVI	TOG
9- (407)	SAOUDI, SLIMANE	ALG
10- (444)	VAN DER MERWE, IZAK	RSA
11- (517)	ANDERSON, KEVIN	RSA
12- (531)	JAZIRI, MALEK	TUN
13- (536)	SANON, VALENTIN	CIV
14- (545)	CHAKI, RABIE	MAR
15- (547)	SABRY, SHERIF	EGY
16- (577)	WOLMARANS, FRITZ	RSA
17- (586)	TAHIRI, MEHDI	MAR
18- (593)	OUAHABI, TALAL	MAR
19- (627)	ADJEI-DARKO, HENRY	GHA
20- (690)	EL AAREJ, MOUNIR	MAR



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