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GRAND PRIX DE SON ALTESSE ROYALE LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM

PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE TALON IN ATTENDANCE



The 22nd edition of the Grand Prix De Son Altesse Royale La Princesse Lalla Meryem was held from 18 to 25 May 2024, in Rabat, Morocco. This prestigious WTA 250 event saw the participation of four African players, with significant attendance from key figures in the tennis community, including Jean-Claude Talon, President of the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT).

The Egyptian tennis sensation, Mayar Sherif, the runner-up, had an impressive run to the final. Her journey was marked by decisive victories. In the first round, she defeated Aya El Aouni from Morocco, 6-2, 6-1. In the second round, Sherif overcame Argentina's Maria Carlé with a 6-3, 6-2 win. She continued her winning streak in the quarterfinals by triumphing over Spain's third seed, Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-3, 6-3. Sherif secured her spot in the final with a dominant performance against Kamilla Rakhimova in the semifinals, winning 6-0, 6-1. However, in the final, Sherif faced the American Peyton Stearns, who played an exceptional match and secured the championship with a 6-2, 6-1 victory. Despite the tough competition, African players showcased their skills and determination. Yasmine Kabbaj from Morocco battled hard but lost in the first round to Italy's Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 3-6, 4-6. Malak El Allami, also from Morocco, faced the Italian fourth seed, Lucia Bronzetti, and lost 6-1, 6-0 in the first round. Aya El Aouni of Morocco encountered a challenging first-round match against Mayar Sherif, resulting in a 6-2, 6-1 loss.

The event also served as a platform for strategic discussions about the future of tennis in Africa. CAT President Jean-Claude Talon, along with CAT Vice President Aziz Laarraf, met with the President of the Moroccan Olympic Committee and the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Tennis, Faïcel Laraïchi. The discussions focused on pivotal projects, including the African Qualifications for Les Petits As. Morocco will host the first-ever African qualifications for this prestigious junior tournament from October 28 to November 2, 2024. Additionally, plans were discussed to launch a new circuit for African players, expanding beyond the current tournament structure for players aged 14 and under. This initiative aims to create more competitive opportunities and nurture emerging talent across the continent.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ROLAND GARROS 2024

Roland Garros welcomed key figures from African tennis governance, including Jean-Claude Talon, CAT President; Aziz Larraf, Germain Ickonga Akindou, Fatime Kante, and Wanijiru Karani, CAT Board Members; and Hichem Riani, CAT Secretary General. They were joined by several Presidents and Board Members of African National Federations. These leaders met with their peers from the ITF, the French Tennis Federation, as well as European and Asian Federations to discuss fostering international cooperation and the development of tennis in Africa. Additionally, other important meetings took place on the sidelines of the first week of Roland Garros, involving French-speaking tennis federations and the ITF.



Jean-Claude Talon and Hichem Riani had fruitful discussions with Manpreet Khandari, Executive Director of the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF), about a potential upcoming partnership between CAT and ATF, which is set to be signed during the Wimbledon Tournament. Furthermore, Jean-Claude Talon signed and approved financial support from the Kazakhstan Tennis Federation to the Confederation of African Tennis, aimed at continuing the organization of 12&U team competitions in Africa.



Manpreet Khandari, Jean-Claude Talon, Hichem Riani & Wanijiru Karani

ITF & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS STRATEGIC AND GOVERNANCE MEETING

The President of the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT), Jean-Claude Talon, and General Secretary Hichem Riani attended a two-day strategic and governance meeting between the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the six Regional Associations on July 8-9 at the ITF Office in Roehampton, London. Several important topics were on the Agenda of these meetings, including ITF Digital Strategy, the ITF Financial overview 2024-2025, ITF/RA Communication Alignment as well as presentations and discussion from each of the six Regional Associations of their Strategies & Business Priorities in the short and long terms. Attendees included: **ITF** President David Haggerty, **ITF** CEO Kelly Fairweather, **ITF** Executive Director Luca Santilli and International Relations Manager James McGurran. **Asian Tennis Federation (ATF)**: President Yuriy Polskiy and Executive Director Manpreet Kandhari. **Confederation of African Tennis (CAT)**: President Jean-Claude Talon and Secretary General Hichem Riani. **Confederacion de Tenis de Centroamerica Caribe (COTECC)**: President Persio Maldonado and General Secretary Miguel Irigoyen. **Confederacion Sudamericana de Tenis (COSAT)**: President Rafael Westrupp and General Manager Ivan Machado. **Oceania Tennis Federation (OTF)**: Vice President Vicki Reid. **Tennis Europe (TE)**: President Henrik Thorsoe Pedersen.



SIGNATURE OF MOU BETWEEN CAT & ATF

In margin of these meetings, CAT President Jean Claude Talon and ATF President Yuriy Polskiy signed on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two Associations, outlining different objectives such as: Promoting junior tennis initiatives and enhancing delivery of the development initiatives for both regions, contribute to the development of Coaches and officiating Education and create education opportunities and exchange programs, creation of Asia-Africa exchange events, collaborate and enhance the U12 Team Competition, with the prospect of an Intercontinental event between Asian and African U12 teams, create a swing of Asian Junior team swing in Africa, and the vice versa swing for African junior team to help towards their seasonal need and growth opportunities, contribute to Training Camps for junior teams and players. ATF & CAT should have regular meetings to review and adjust activities.

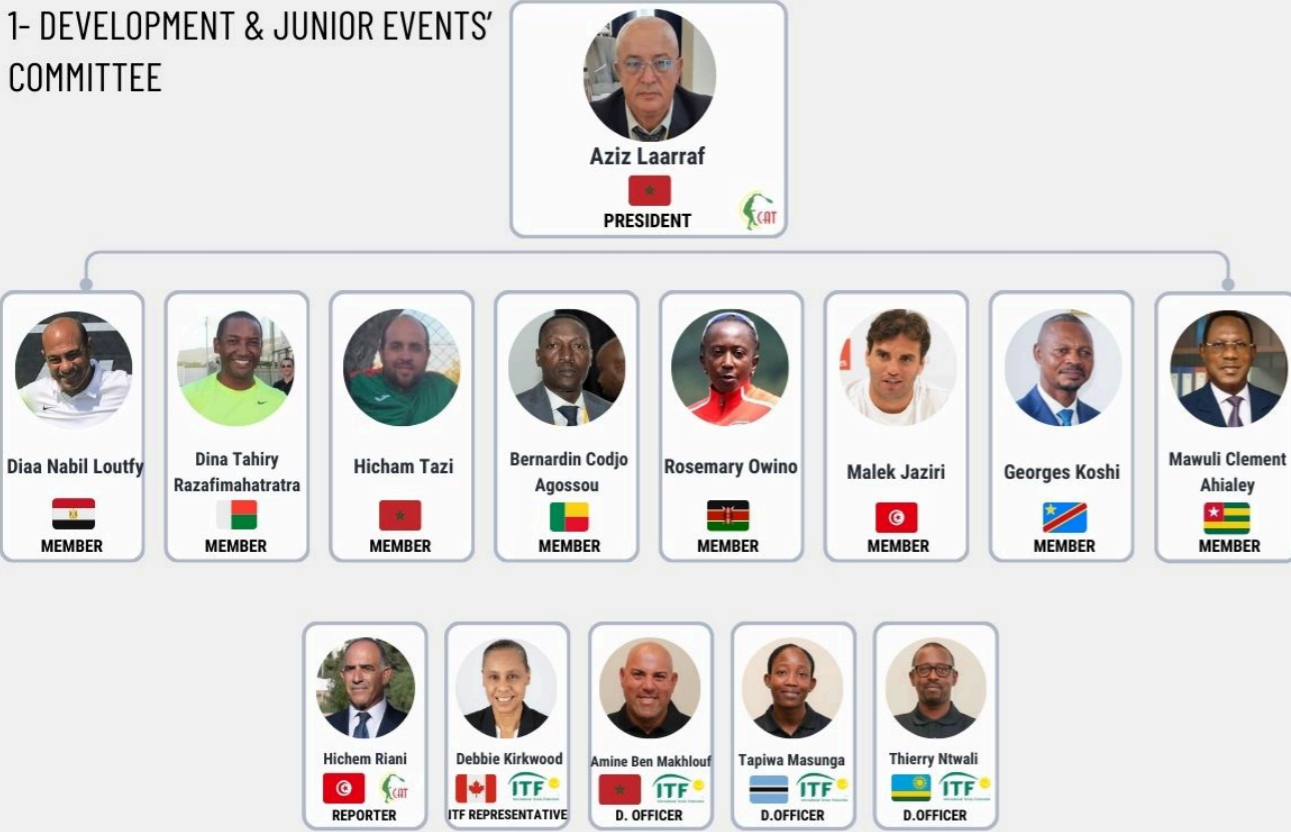


Jean-Claude Talon & Yuriy Polskiy

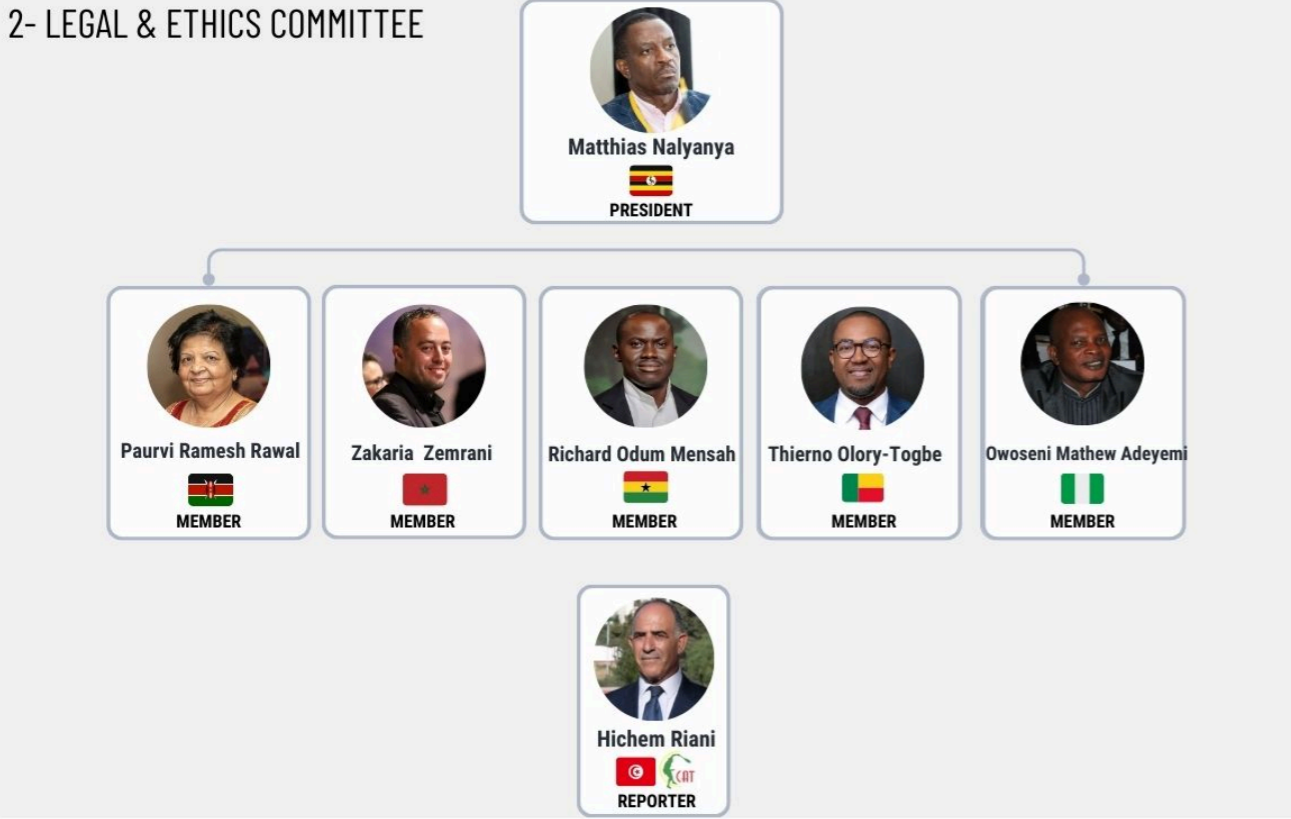
ESTABLISHMENT OF CAT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS FOR 2024-2025

The executive committee of the Confederation of African Tennis announced the establishment of its Committees and Commissions for the 2024-2025 term. This initiative marks a key step in CAT's Action Plan to advance tennis across Africa by providing structured support and strategic direction. Each Committee and Commission is made up of experienced professionals and volunteers who are passionate about tennis and dedicated to achieving All Shared Goals. The Committees and Commissions established for this term include:

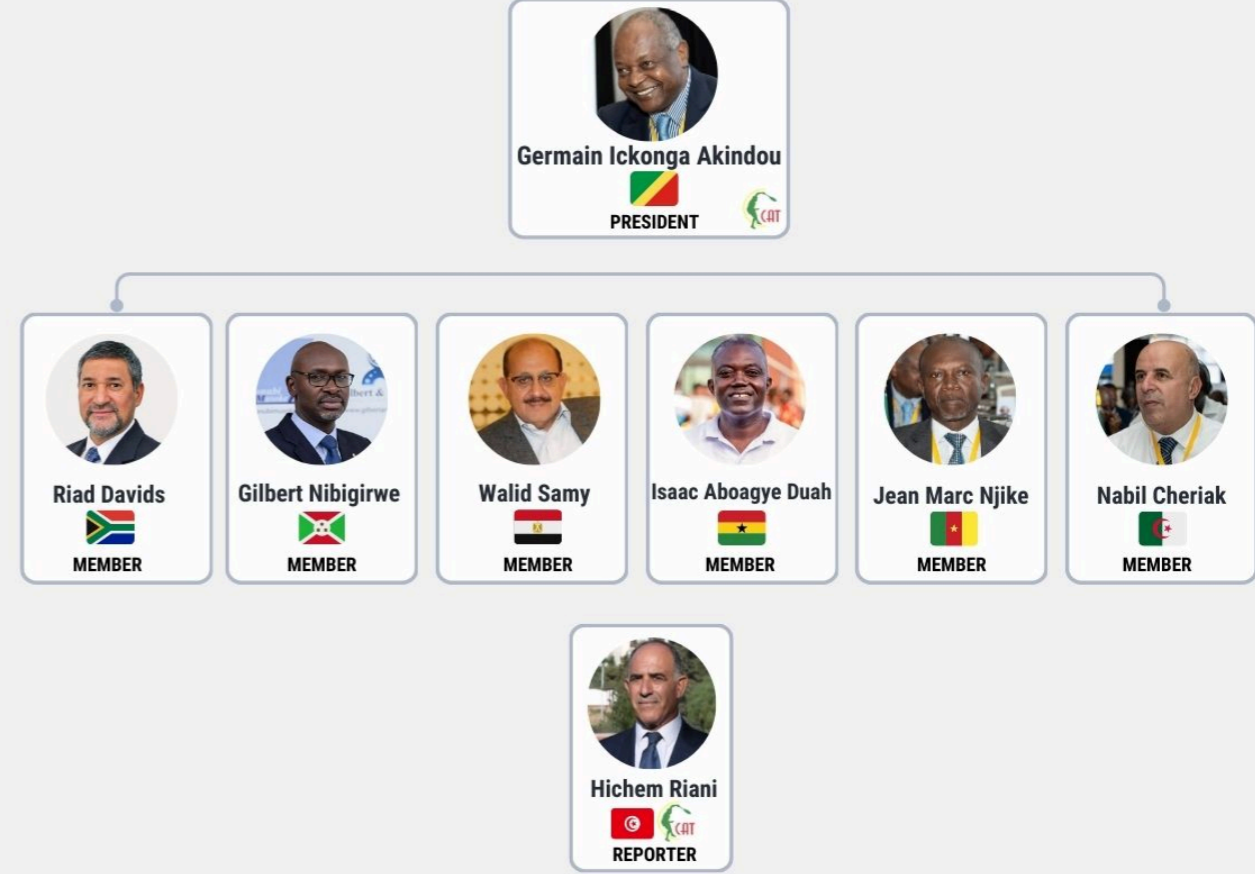
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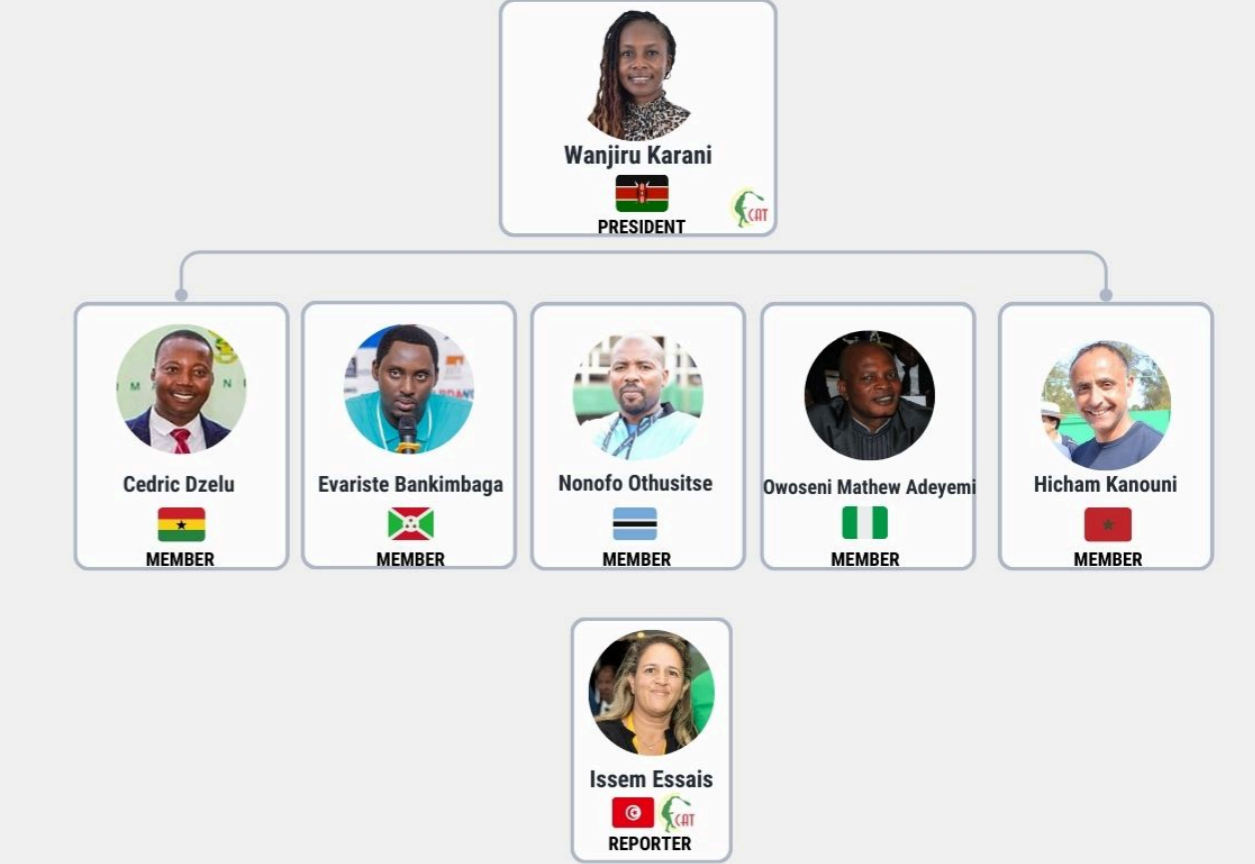
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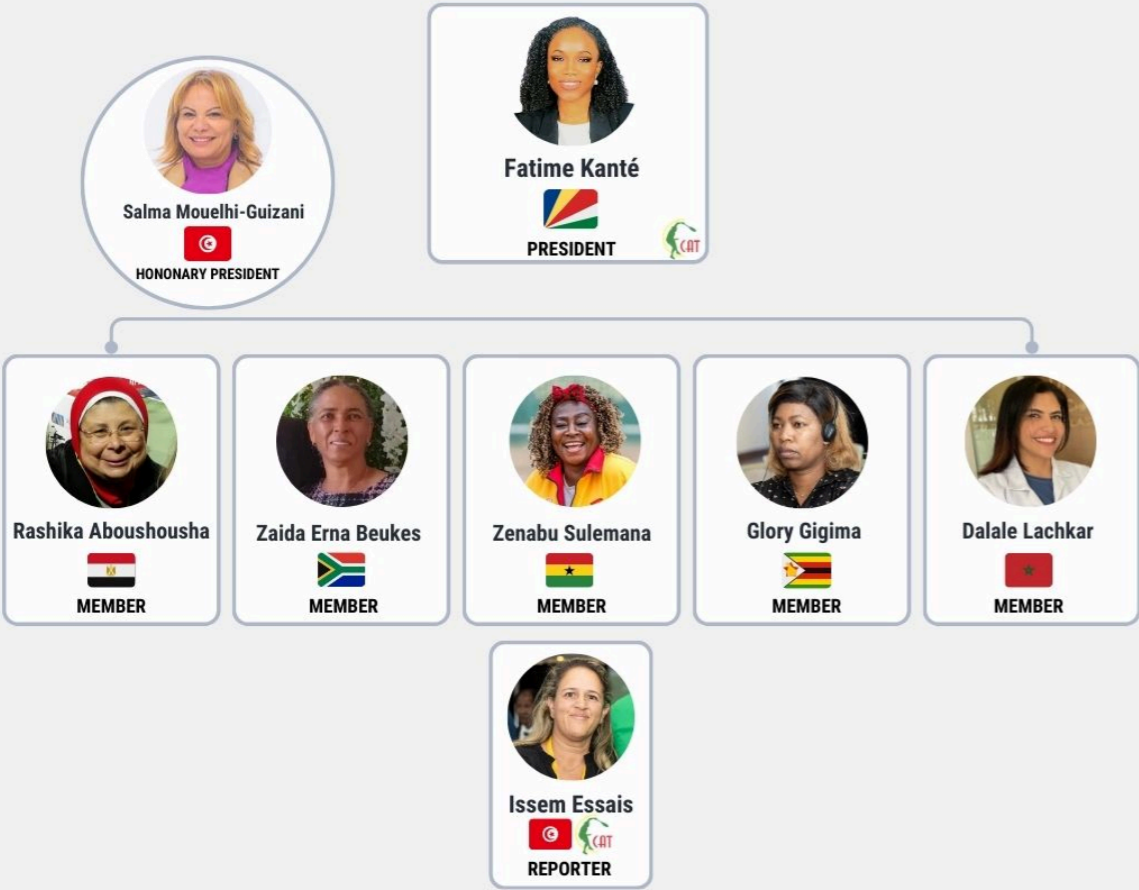
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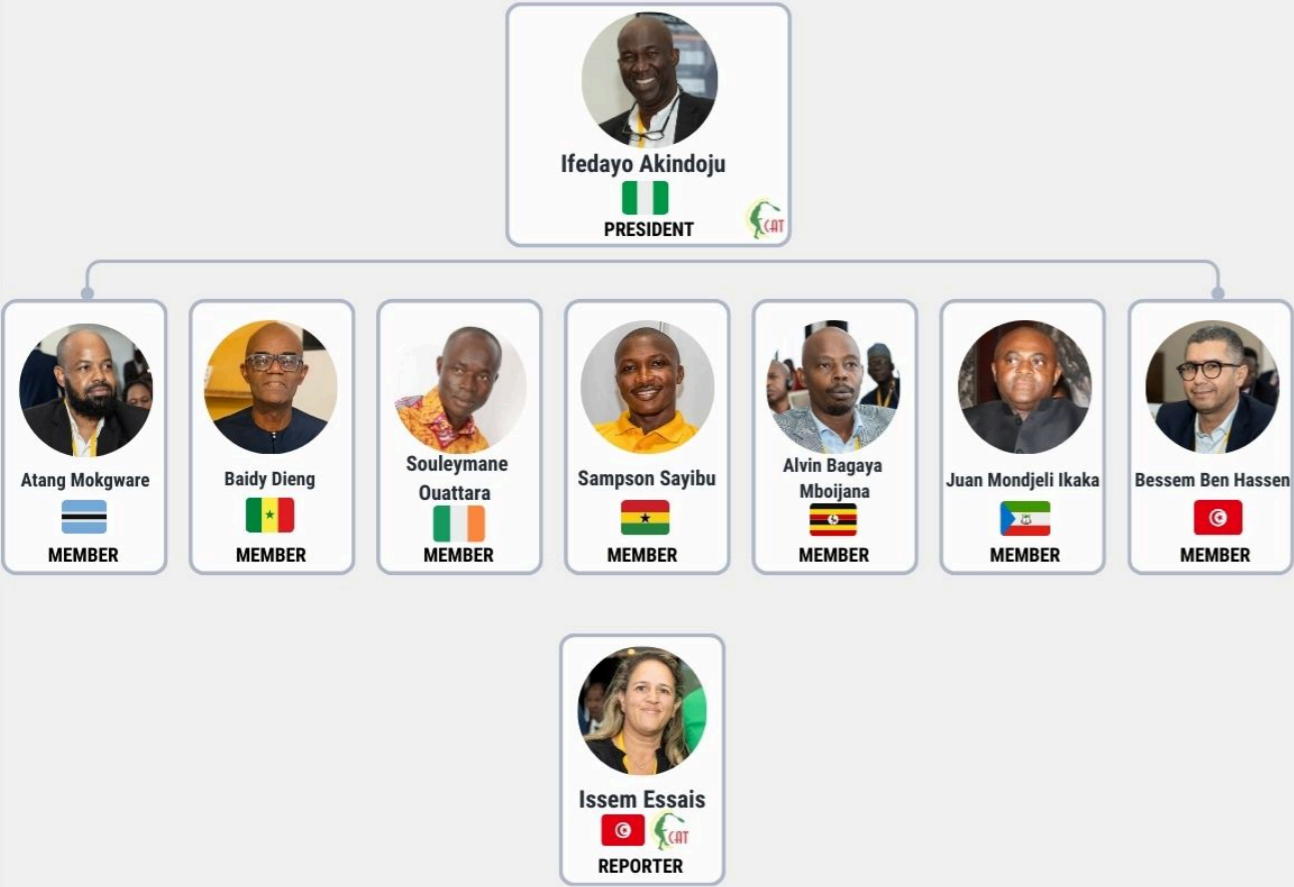
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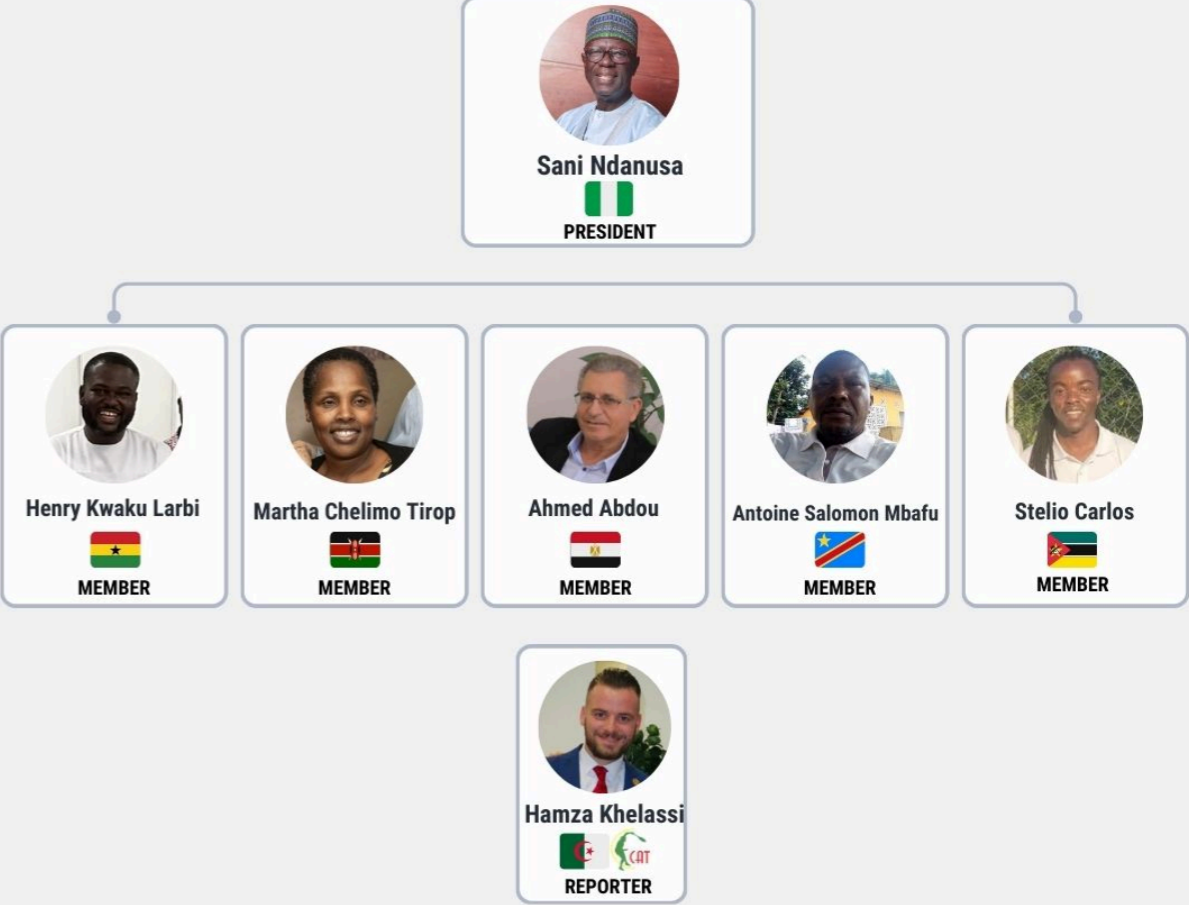
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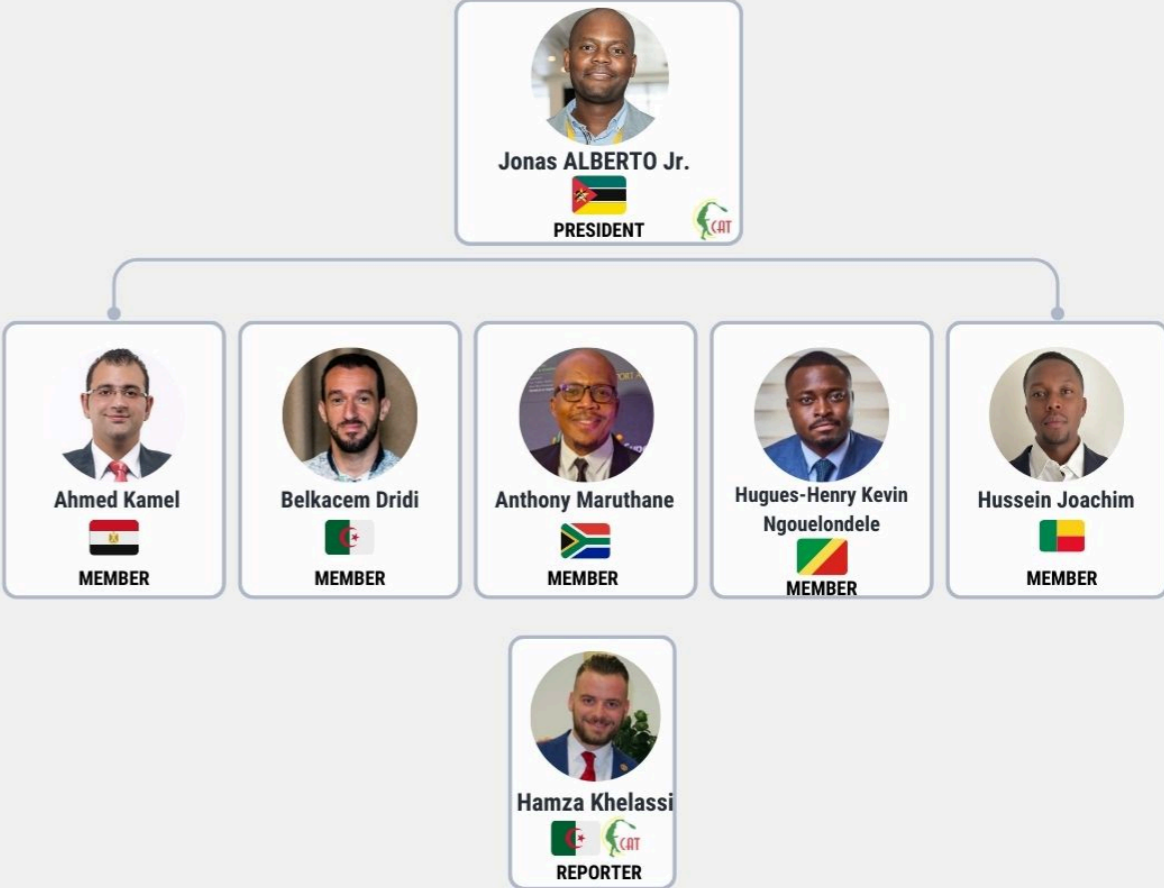
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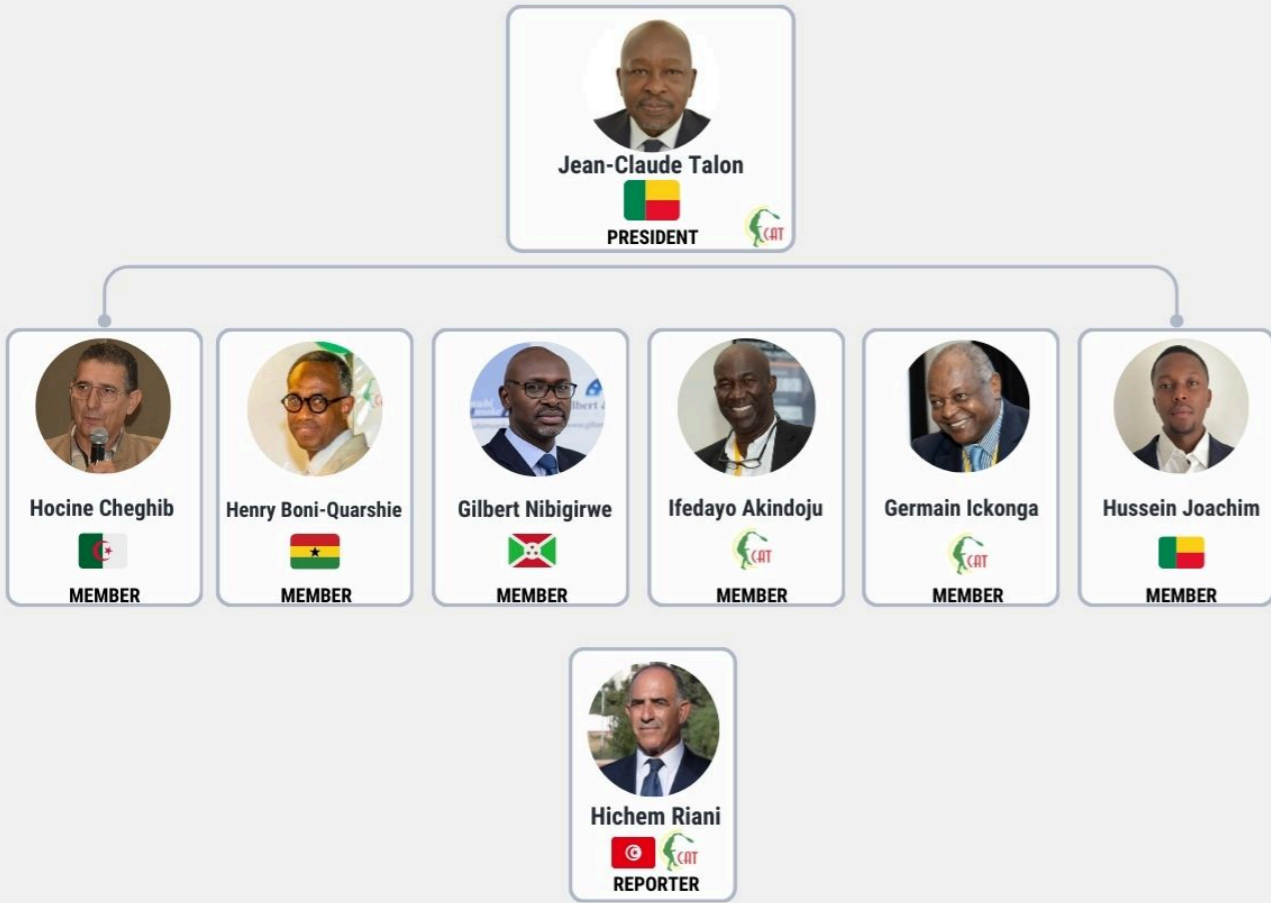
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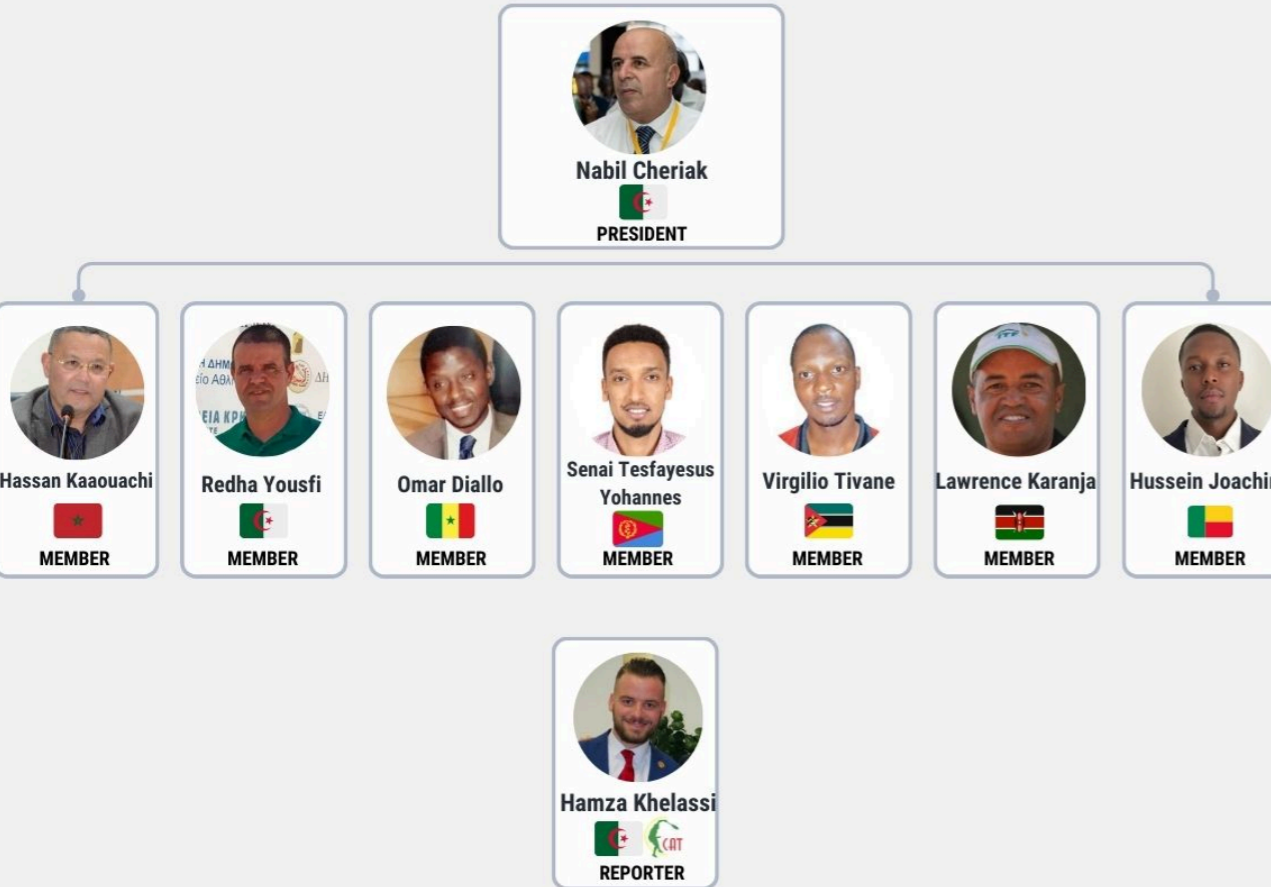
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9- PARTNERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION



10- BEACH TENNIS & TENNIS VARIATION COMMISSION



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ITF/CAT AFRICAN JUNIOR TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIP 14&U 2024



MOROCCO AND TUNISIA QUALIFY FOR THE 2024 ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS

The Confederation of African Tennis (CAT), in conjunction with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Fédération Tunisienne de Tennis (FTT), organized the African Junior Teams' Championship (AJTC) 14&U-2024 at the stunning Tennis Club de l'Avenir Sportif de la Marsa, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 May 2024. Nine African countries participated in the event: Tunisia (host nation), Algeria, Botswana, Egypt, Morocco, Togo, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. This tournament, which serves as a regional qualifier for the World Junior Tennis Finals 2024 (WJTF) in Prostějov, Czechia, from August 5-10, 2024, saw Morocco (boys and girls) and Tunisia (boys) secure their spots at the Finals.

To recap, the total number of spots available for African teams in the WJTF 2024 is three: two boys' teams and one girls' team. The AJTC was dominated by the Moroccan teams, who won gold in both the boys' and girls' competitions, while the Tunisian boys and Egyptian girls finished second.

The Moroccan boys claimed the title with a comfortable 3-0 win over Tunisia in the final. En route to the final, Morocco defeated South Africa 3-0 in the semifinals and topped Group B with three victories over Uganda, Algeria, and Tunisia, which finished second in the group. Group A was led by the Egyptian team, which secured victories over Botswana and South Africa before losing to Tunisia 2-1 in the second semifinal. Subsequently, Egypt lost its second consecutive match, falling to South Africa 2-1 in the bronze medal game. In other consolation matches, Botswana finished 5th with two victories over Algeria, which finished 6th, and Uganda, which finished 7th. On the girls' side, the Moroccan team secured their spot at the WJTF after winning the AJTC gold medal. Morocco overcame Egypt in the final and South Africa in the semifinals with identical 3-0 scores and took the top position in Group B after a 3-match streak against Tunisia, Algeria, and Zimbabwe. The Egyptian girls made it to the final after two victories over South Africa and Togo in Group A and a 3-0 win against Tunisia in the semifinals. Tunisia claimed the AJTC bronze medal with a 2-1 victory over South Africa in the third-place playoff.

The remaining consolation matches saw Algeria finish 5th, Zimbabwe 6th, and Togo 7th.



AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN ROLAND GARROS 2024 SUMMARY

African players demonstrated remarkable performances at Roland Garros 2024 across various categories. Here's a comprehensive summary of their participation and achievements.

I- ROLAND GARROS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

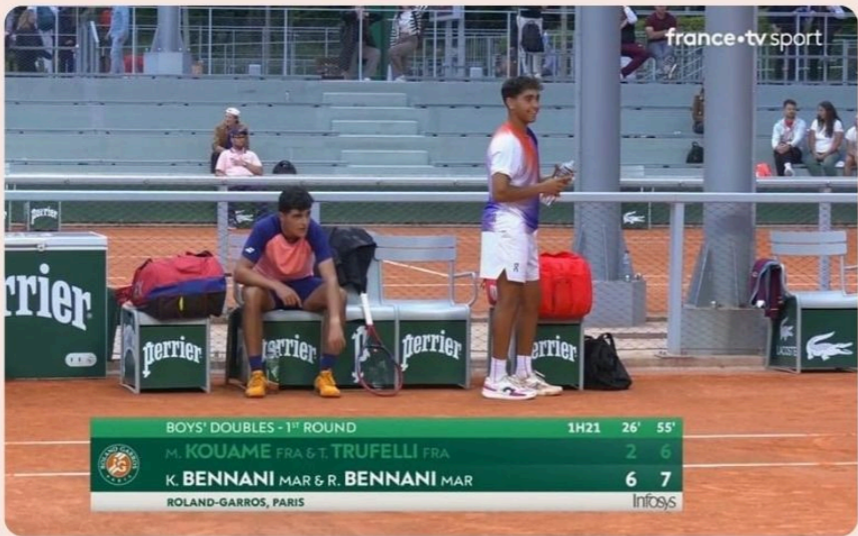
In the Boys' Singles qualifying draw, Tunisian Alaa Trifi, seeded 15th, faced a challenging match against Joaquin Guilleme from Nicaragua. Despite a strong start, Trifi succumbed to a 6/3, 2/6, 5/7 defeat in the first round. Similarly, Moroccan player Karim Bennani was defeated by Denis Petak from the Czech Republic with scores of 4/6, 2/6.

In the main draw of the Boys' Singles, Morocco's Reda Bennani had an impressive run. He triumphed over French wildcard Raphael Vaksman in the first round, winning 6/3, 6/3. Bennani continued his success in the second round, overcoming Italian qualifier Daniele Rapagnetta in a tight match, 7/6 (5), 6/4. However, his journey ended in the third round when he lost to Moise Kouame (FRA) 5/7, 4/6.

The Boys' Doubles saw Reda Bennani team up with Karim Bennani. The Moroccan duo started strong by defeating the French pair of Moise Kouame and Timeo Truffelli, 6/2, 7/6. Unfortunately, they were knocked out in the second round by the 7th-seeded American team of Maxwell Exsted and Cooper Woestendick, losing 1/6, 3/6.



Reda Bennani - MAR
Credit photo: Roland Garros



Karim Bennani & Reda Bennani - MAR
Credit photo: France.TV

In the Girls' Singles qualification draw, Jana Hossam Salah from Egypt faced a tough challenge in the first round, losing to the Swedish fifth seed, Lea Nilsson, with a score of 5/7, 2/6.

In the main draw, Gloriana Nahum from Benin made headlines by defeating 8th seed Ena Koike from Japan in the first round with a scoreline of 6/3, 2/6, 4/6. Her campaign was cut short in the second round, where she lost to Eliska Tichackova from the Czech Republic, 4/6, 0/6.

Moroccan player Malak El Allami also put on a notable performance, winning her first-round match against Swedish qualifier Nellie Taraba Wallberg, 3/6, 6/3, 6/2. In the second round, El Allami faced 15th seed Kaitlyn Rolls from the USA and was defeated 2/6, 6/4, 3/6.

In the Girls' Doubles, Malak El Allami paired with Rose Marie Nijkamp from the Netherlands. They won their first-round match against Olivia Carneiro from Brazil and Alana Subasic from Australia, 6/0, 6/4. However, they lost in the second round to the 7th-seeded pair of Wakana Sonobe from Japan and Mika Stojstavljevic from Great Britain, 2/6, 6/7.



Gloriana Nahum - BEN
Credit photo: Roland Garros



Malak El Allami- MAR
Credit photo: Roland Garros

II- ROLAND GARROS 2024

In the Roland Garros Men's Qualification draw, South African Lloyd Harris defeated France's A. Gea in the first round, recovering from a first-set loss to win 2/6, 6/1, 7/5. However, Harris was defeated in the second round by Italy's Mattia Bellucci in a closely contested match, 1/6, 6/7 (9).

Tunisian player Mohamed Aziz Dougaz also had a notable performance. He won his first-round match against France's Kyrian Jacquet, 6/7, 7/5, 7/5, but fell to Spain's Daniel Rincon in the second round, 7/6, 2/6, 2/6.



Aziz Dougaz- TUN
Credit photo: Virginie Bouyer



Lloyd Harris - RSA
Credit photo: Manuel Queimadelos

The highlight of African participation came in the Women's main draw with Tunisian star Ons Jabeur. Jabeur defeated Sachia Vickery (USA) in the first round with a score of 6/3, 6/2, and then overcame Colombia's MC. Osorio Serrano 6/3, 1/6, 6/3 in the second round. In the third round, she faced Canadian L.A. Fernandez and triumphed 6/4, 7/6 (7-5). Jabeur continued her impressive run with a well-earned victory over Danish player Clara Tauson 6/4, 6/4 in the round of 16. Her journey concluded in the quarter-finals with a hard-fought loss to American Coco Gauff, 6/4, 2/6, 3/6.



Ons Jabeur- TUN Credit photo: Franceinfo.fr

Moreover, Egyptian player Mayar Sherif also made an impact in the Women's singles at the 2024 Roland Garros.

She won her first-round match against Chinese Yue Yuan 6/1, 6/3 but was defeated in the second round by seeded 14, American Madison Keys, 0/6, 6/7 (9).



Mayar Sherif- EGY
Credit photo: FB Mayar Sherif

In Men's Doubles, Tunisian Skander Mansouri, alongside L. Johnson from Great Britain, won their first-round match against Tristan-Samuel Weissborn (AUT) and Romain Arnedo (MON) 6/2, 6/4. Their journey ended in the second round against the Finnish-British pair of Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten, 3/6, 5/7.



Skander Mansouri- TUN
Credit photo: FB Skander Mansouri

III- WHEELCHAIR TENNIS @ ROLAND GARROS

In the Women's Wheelchair singles, South African Kgothatso Montjane was defeated by M. Ohtani, 3/6, 4/6 while in the doubles, the reigning champion Montjane partnered with Japan's Y. Kamiji and made an incredible achievement by reaching the finals and finishing second after defeating A. Bernal (COL) and L. Shuker (GBR) 6/3, 7/5 in the quarter-finals and D. Mathewson (USA) and M. Tanaka (JPN) 6/3, 6/2 in the semi-finals. The pair lost the final in a tightly contested match against D. De Groot and A. Van Koot from the Netherlands, 7/6, 6/7, 10-4.



Kgothatso Montjane- RSA
Credit photo: Roland Garros

In the Men's Quad singles, South African Donald Ramphadi advanced to the quarter-finals with a strong win against D. Wagner (USA) 3/6, 6/2, 6/1 but fell short in the semi-finals against 2nd seed S. Schroder, losing 1/6, 1/6.

In doubles, Ramphadi and partner H. Davidson (AUS) were defeated in the semis by S. Schroder and N. Vink (NED) 1/6, 3/6, ending their doubles campaign.

The Confederation of African Tennis extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding performances and achievements. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of African Tennis on the International stage.



Donald Ramphadi- RSA
Credit photo: Roland Garros



BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY GAINBRIDGE

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY GAINBRIDGE AFRICA III SOUTH AFRICA CLINCH PROMOTION

The BJKC Africa III, held from 10 to 15 June 2024, at the Nairobi Club in Nairobi, Kenya, saw South Africa earn promotion to the Europe/Africa Group II for 2025. In the first stage of the tournament, twelve teams were divided into three pools of four. Each team played against the others in their pool from Monday to Wednesday. The results of these matches determined the teams' standings and their grouping for the second stage of the competition.

In Pool A, South Africa emerged dominant, winning all three of their matches to finish first. Zimbabwe followed in second place with two wins, Madagascar secured one win to take third place while Namibia finished fourth.

Pool B saw Kenya triumph with three wins, securing the top spot. Burundi claimed second place with two wins, Tunisia managed one win to finish third while Mauritius finished fourth. In Pool C, Nigeria showcased their strength by winning all three of their matches to take the first place. Botswana finished second with two wins, Ghana came in third with one win, and Uganda finished in fourth place. The second stage, held from Thursday to Saturday, featured teams that finished in the same position from each pool competing against one another. The highlight was the 1st to 3rd Play-Off, where the winners of each pool vied for the coveted promotion spot. In the first play-off match, Nigeria edged out Kenya with a 2-1 victory. However, South Africa proved unbeatable in the subsequent matches, defeating Nigeria 3-0 and Kenya 3-0.

These impressive performances secured South Africa's promotion to the Europe/Africa Group II in 2025. Unfortunately, it was a tough tournament for Mauritius. Finishing fourth in Pool B and will be relegated to Africa Group IV next season.

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

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- FINAL STANDING**
- 1- South Africa
 - 2- Nigeria
 - 3- Kenya
 - 4- Zimbabwe
 - 5- Botswana
 - 6- Burundi
 - 7- Madagascar
 - 8- Tunisia
 - 9- Ghana
 - 10- Namibia
 - 11- Uganda
 - 12- Mauritius

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY GAINBRIDGE AFRICA IV: ALGERIA PROMOTED

The Billie Jean King Cup 2024 Africa IV, held from 10 to June 15 at the Ecology Club Kigali in Kigali, Rwanda, concluded with Algeria earning promotion to Africa Group III after an exceptional performance throughout the tournament.

The competition featured a format with two pools of five teams, followed by positional play-offs to determine the final standings.

In Pool A, Togo emerged as the dominant team, winning all four of their matches to secure the pole position. Cameroon followed closely, finishing second with three wins. Rwanda managed two victories to claim third place, while Ethiopia won one match to finish fourth. Lesotho ended the pool stage without a win, finishing in fifth place.

Pool B saw Algeria showcase their strength by winning all four of their matches, topping the group. Tanzania secured the second spot with three wins, and Mozambique finished third with two victories. The Democratic Republic of Congo managed one win to take fourth place, while Angola finished fifth without a win.

The promotional play-off between the top teams from each pool was a highlight of the tournament. Algeria faced off against Togo and delivered a dominant performance, winning 3-0 to secure their promotion to Africa Group III.

FINAL STANDING

- 1-Algeria
- 2- Togo
- 3- Cameroon
- 4-Tanzania
- 5-Rwanda
- 6-Mozambique
- 7-Ethiopia,
- 8-Democratic Republic of Congo
- 9-Lesotho
- 10-Angola

GSPDP/ITF/CAT 14 & UNDER TOURING TEAM TO EUROPE 2024



With the support of the Grand Slam Player Development Program (GSPDP), the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT), and in collaboration with the International Tennis Federation (ITF), six African tennis players joined the GSPDP/ITF/CAT 14 & Under Team for a European tour from 4 July to 5 August, 2024.

The boys selected were Mehdi Laabi (Morocco), Leith Ben Naceur (Tunisia), and Nacer Ghouli (Algeria) coached by Abderrazak Hamid from Morocco. For the girls, the team comprised Kenzy Abdelaziz (Egypt), Yasmine Douyeb (Morocco), and Zeineb El Jaiez (Tunisia) led by Sofia Benhalima from Algeria.

OPEN STADE FRANÇAIS, MARNES-LA-COQUETTE, FRANCE (8-14 JULY)

In the boys' singles, Mehdi Laabi from Morocco won his Round of 64 match against Albin Colette of France 6-2, 6-1, and then defeated Zeno Roveri (ITA) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 in the Round of 32 before losing in the Round of 16 to Andrei Radu (ROM) 4-6, 6-1, 3-6. Tunisian Leith Ben Naceur lost in the Round of 64 to Shan Tsia King Fung (FRA) 3-6, 2-6. In the bonus draw, he won against Anton Lacoste-Mettey of France 6-3, 6-3 but was defeated in the Round of 16 by Samuel Dakessian 4-6, 1-6. Nacer Ghouli from Algeria advanced past Quentin Dodin of France 7-5, 6-2 in the Round of 64 and Dharma Pantaratorn 6-1, 6-0 in the Round of 32 before falling in the Round of 16 to Benoit Geldof of France 2-6, 3-6. In the doubles, Leith Ben Naceur and Mehdi Laabi lost to France's Luca Iliescu and Samuel Schifano 5-7, 2-6. Nacer Ghouli and Maximo Garrone (URY) were also eliminated by the French pair Mathis Adrot and Eliot Fellmann 3-6, 4-6. In the girls' singles, Kenzy Abdelaziz from Egypt lost to Valeriia Timofeeva in the Round of 64, 3-6, 2-6, and later to Isabella Johri in the bonus draw, 1-6, 3-6. Yasmine Douyeb from Morocco also fell to Poland's Antonina Snochowska in the Round of 64, 2-6, 2-6. However, in the bonus draw, Yasmine won her Round of 32 match against Colombia's Sara Alejandra Lozano Avellaneda 6-3, 6-0 and defeated Justine Fuchs 6-4, 6-4 in the Round of 16. She then beat Nathalia Pontes Tourinho (BRA) 6-2, 7-6 before losing to Elizaveta Anikina (EST) 7-5, 2-6, 3-10 in the semifinal. Zeineb El Jaiez from Tunisia lost to Capucine Dournes (FRA) 1-6, 3-6 and later to Colleen Adannou Zonon 4-6, 6-2, 8-10 in the bonus draw. In doubles, Kenzy and Sara Lozano Avellaneda (COL) defeated Yasmine Douyeb and Zeineb El Jaiez 6-1, 6-3 in the Round of 32 before losing in the Round of 16 to Isabel Arabarco and Valeriia Timofeeva 4-6, 2-6.



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In the boys' singles, Nacer Ghouli advanced to the quarterfinals, beating Valentin Tascon-Piquet 6-0, 2-6, 7-5 in the Round of 64, Egor Tsvetkov (ROM) 6-2, 6-1 in the Round of 32, and Joseph Phitoussi (FRA) 6-3, 6-0 in the Round of 16 before losing to Korea's Dongjae Kim 0-6, 4-6. Mehdi Laabi won his Round of 64 match against Jaime Gomez Lopez (MEX) 6-4, 6-1 and Mathis Adrot (FRA) 6-2, 7-5 in the Round of 32 but fell in the Round of 16 to Fernando Fontan Pardo de Santayana (ESP) 6-4, 3-6, 4-6. Leith Bennaceur lost in the Round of 64 to Benoit Geldof (FRA) 2-6, 0-6. He later won two matches in the bonus draw, against Anton LACOSTE-METTEY 1-6, 6-3, 10-6 then Timur GORDEEV 6-3, 6-1 before losing in the quarterfinals to Luca Iliescu 0-6, 1-6. In the girls' singles, Kenzy Abdelaziz reached the quarterfinals, defeating Julia Mottier (FRA) 6-1, 6-1, Monserrat Montano (MEX) 6-2, 6-4, and Grace Bernstein 6-1, 6-2 before falling to Daniel Baranes 1-6, 7-6, 4-6. Yasmine Douyeb won her Round of 64 match against Aahan Aahan 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 but lost to Zeliha Nil Cukurluoglu in the Round of 32, 3-6, 2-6 while Zeineb El Jaiez was eliminated in the Round of 64, losing to Mikaella De Hert (BEL) 1-6, 6-1, 4-6, and later in the bonus draw to Safiya Marif (FRA) 4-6, 6-2, 1-10. In the boys doubles Mehdi Laabi alongside his partner Rafael THAO-KEUANG (FRA) beat the pair Iakov GRYAZNOV and Phasin SINCHALONG (TAI) 6-3, 5-7, 10-8 before losing in the round of 16 to the French pair Benoit Geldof and Joseph Phitoussi 3-6, 3-6.

Leith Bennaceur and his partner Nacer Ghouli overcame the French pair Louis KOSAK and Thomas Lamine 6-2, 6-2 then lost in the round of 16 to Fernando FONTAN PARDO DE SANTAYANA (ESP) and Richard Krizan (SER) 1-6, 3-6. In the girls doubles, Kenzy Abdelaziz and Yasmine Douyeb advanced to the Round of 16 after beating Anna Brunet-Brady and Elycia Savignac 6-3, 4-6, 10-6 but lost to Daniel Baranes and Sakino Miyazawa 2-6, 0-6. Zeineb El JAIEZ alongside her partner Jennifer OTT beat Aahan AAHAN and Zoey MAK in the round of 32 7-5, 2-6, 10-7 then lost in the round of 16 to Ninon CARPENTIER and Sasha Zhan CHOULET 2-6, 0-6.

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In the girls' singles, Zeineb El Jaiez lost to Lara Nodis (FRA) 2-6, 1-6 but then won against the Liloo Victoire Andres 3-6, 6-4, 12-10 before losing in the quarterfinal to Lou Sciacaluga (FRA) 6-3, 3-6, 5-10. Kenzy Abdelaziz defeated Liloo Victoire Andres in the Round of 64, 6-0, 6-1 but lost in the Round of 32 to Aya Lababidi (FRA) 4-6, 6-1, 3-6. Yasmine Douyeb progressed to the Round of 16 thanks to her victory over Sophia Kerleau 6-1, 6-0 in the round of 32 but lost to Sara Alejandra Lozano Avellaneda (COL) 6-4, 3-6, 2-6. In the boys' singles, Mehdi Laabi lost in the Round of 64 to Tavish Pahwa (IND) 2-6, 2-6 but later won a bonus draw match against Thomas Lamine (FRA) 6-3, 6-0. In the quarterfinal, he lost to Luca Iliescu 3-6, 5-7. Nacer Ghouli won his first two matches, beating Gabriel Jalouneix (FRA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Lukian Grau (GER) 6-2, 6-1, but lost in the Round of 16 to Albin Colette (FRA) 2-6, 0-6. Leith Bennaceur beat Henriaue Pissetti Vialle (BRA) in the round of 64, 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 then lost to the French player David Nathan Meumeu Bory 2-6, 6-3, 3-6.

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In the doubles, Leith Bennaceur and his partner Rodion Traigel reached the semifinals with a victory over Demian Agustin Luna and Samuel PEDRAZA CASTELLANOS 6-7, 6-4, 10-7 in the round of 32, Samuel DAKESSIAN and Joseph PHITOUSSI from France in the round of 16, Lukian GRAU (GER) and Maxime PENEAU (BEL) in the quarter final both with a walkover. The pair lost in the semifinal to Dongjae KIM (KOR) and Tavish PAHWA (IND) 2-6, 1-6 while Nacer Ghouli and Mehdi Laabi lost in a tight match to Gabriel Jalouneix and Come Le Roch 1-6, 6-3, 10-12. In the girls doubles Kenzy ABDELAZIZ and Zeineb El JAIEZ lost to South Korean pair Yeri HONG and Yeseo Park 0-6, 0-6. However, Yasmine Douyeb and her Polish partner Zofia BARCIK beat the French pair Liloo Victoire ANDRES and Alma GEFFROY 3-6, 6-0, 10-4. Then lost in the quarter final to Paweenon Nualsri (THI) and Sijia Zhang (CHI) 2-6, 1-6.



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In the boys' singles main draw, Mehdi Laabi, who lost in the round of 64 to Livas Eduardo de Carvalho Damazio (BRA) 1-6, 5-7, made an impressive comeback by winning the bonus draw. Mehdi defeated David Cercel (ROM) 6-1, 6-3 in the round of 32, then beat Samuel Gampenrieder 6-3, 6-1 in the round of 16, Max Lorincik from Slovakia 6-4, 7-6 in the quarterfinal, Rodion Traigel 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinal, and finally Stefano Palanza (ITA) 7-6, 6-2 in the final. Nacer Ghouli lost to Nikita Berdin 1-6, 2-6 in the round of 64 but came back strong in the bonus draw, defeating Finn Klemen 6-4, 6-3 in the round of 32 and Turkey's Kerem Genc 4-6, 6-1, 10-6 in the round of 16. However, Nacer was stopped in the quarterfinal by Stefano Palanza, losing 6-4, 4-6, 4-10. Leith Bennaceur from Tunisia won his first match against Lithuania's Vilius Vaskys 6-0, 6-2 in the round of 64 but was later defeated by Mehmet Toprak Erçin from Turkey in the round of 32 with a score of 7-6, 4-6, 1-6. In boys' doubles, Nacer Ghouli and Mehdi Laabi were defeated by Maximo Garrone (URG) and Samuel Pedraza Castellanos (COL) 3-6, 7-5, 7-10. Leith Bennaceur and his partner Louis Elias Klein from Germany lost to Slovakia's Max Lorincik and Marek Smejcky from the Czech Republic 6-2, 2-6, 8-10. In the girls' singles main draw, Kenzy Abdelaziz beat Germany's Maja Abraham 6-0, 6-3 in the round of 64, but then lost to Ukraine's Anastasiia Nikolaieva 3-6, 0-6 in the round of 32. Yasmine Douyeb won against Ana Miovcic 6-4, 7-5 in the round of 64 but fell to Daniel Baranes 2-6, 1-6 in the round of 32. Zeineb El Jaiez lost to Milagros Helena Pastuszka 1-6, 0-6 in the round of 64 and again to Sara Alejandra Lozano Avellaneda with the same score in the bonus draw. In the girls' doubles, Kenzy Abdelaziz and Yasmine Douyeb were defeated by Ecrin Lal Yavuz (TUR) and Aleksandra Zaplawa (POL) 3-6, 2-6 in the round of 32. Congratulations to all the players and coaches for their efforts and to everyone involved for a successful tour.

NEWSLETTER

A NEW ERA FOR OFFICIATING IN AFRICA
Historic Milestones at Roland Garros and Beyond



TOP STORY OF THE QUARTER

The year 2024 has been a landmark for African tennis officiating, as the continent's representation on the global stage continues to grow and gain recognition. This year, Roland Garros witnessed a significant moment in history, with 19 African officials from 11 different countries nominated to officiate at the prestigious Grand Slam event. The African officials selected for Roland Garros 2024 included: Adel Nour (Egypt), Rose Abu (Nigeria), Nassim Belazri (Algeria), Faten Ben Rhouma (Tunisia), Meriem Boughaba (Tunisia), Ayoub Bzit (Morocco), Stelio Carlos (Mozambique), Mounir Djaballah (Algeria), Mariam Elghazouly (Egypt), Nour Hassen Khodja (Algeria), Adil Homriti (Morocco), Arsène Jean de Dieu Kouadio (Ivory Coast), Anne Mumbi (Kenya), Treasa Mutuku (Kenya), Desire Ngurusu (Rwanda), Gaone Poane (Botswana), Anis Ressaissi (Tunisia), Eric Martial Tanga (Cameroon), Rayen Turki (Tunisia). This large scale representation highlights the incredible progress Africa has made in tennis officiating, both in numbers and quality. The growth of African officiating is the result of years of dedicated training, development programs, and international exposure.



These officials have earned their place through rigorous preparation and consistent performance across different tournaments. This accomplishment was praised by Damien Dumusois, ITF Officiating Officer for Africa, who acknowledged the professionalism and qualifications of these officials. He also expressed his gratitude to the French Tennis Federation (FFT), Pascal Maria, Head of Officiating, and Jean Patrick Reydellet, Chief of Umpires at Roland Garros, for their support in facilitating the participation of African umpires.

The momentum didn't stop at Roland Garros. At Wimbledon 2024, African officials continued to make their mark. A record number of 24 officials participated in the qualification draw, and 11 made it to the main draw, representing 11 African countries.



Qualification

Rose Abu	
Chaker Ben-Hmida	
Faten Ben Rhouma	
Ayoub Bzit	
Gaone Paone	
Eric Assouan	
Meriem Boughaba	
Youssef Chibi	

Mariam Elghazouly	
Hossal Elhusseny	
Kehinde Ijaola	
Friedlander Kadzombe	
Karim Khalfallah	
Arsene Kouadio	
Kouassi Kouadio	
Yassine Lakhthar	
Carlos Stelio	

Victor Maleke	
Armand Mbess	
Ferdinand Melatagui	
Anne Mumbi	
Treasa Mutuku	
Frank Opuku	
Joseph Phiri	
Lydienne Tete Soko	

Main draw

Iain Smith	
Hakim Fateh	
Ronald Oduor	

Anis Ressaissi	
Ali Salah	
Ramy Abdelhalem	
Ahmed Youssef	

Nassim Belazri	
Bassem Brour	
Adil Homriti	
Treasa Mutuku	



Furthermore, in a groundbreaking first, African officiating reached an all-time high in the Billie Jean King Cup (BJKC) Africa Group III and IV, and the Davis Cup Groups III, IV, and V, where for the first time ever, the officiating teams, including referees and umpires, were composed entirely of African officials. This growing footprint of African officials in key international tournaments is not an isolated success but rather a result of dedicated efforts by the ITF/CAT to foster the development of officiating talent across the continent. Various training programs, mentorships, and initiatives have been implemented to ensure African officials can compete at the highest levels of the sport.

Below is a look at the appointed officials at the Billie Jean King Cup/Davis Cup regional groups in 2024:

Billie Jean King Cup Africa Group III: Wael Latif (Egypt), Mpho Makhoba (South Africa), Johan Greyling (South Africa), Tarek Maher (Egypt), Meriem Boughaba (Tunisia), Anne Mumbi (Kenya), Gaone Poane (Botswana), Mostafa Zaki (Egypt), Aisha Hirse (Nigeria), James Maina (Kenya), Steve Kghapola (South Africa), Sharma Ramchurn (Mauritius), Ernest Ndayishimiye (Rwanda).

Billie Jean King Cup Africa Group IV: Faten Ben Rhouma (Tunisia), Essi Akuete (Togo), Shepherd Manyumbu (Zimbabwe), Mohamed Osman (Egypt), Walid Gritli (Tunisia), Mariam Okoro (Nigeria), Lawrence Karenja (Kenya), Desire Ngurusu (Rwanda), Enia Matamisa (Zimbabwe), Samira Woodman (South Africa), Mariam Tarek (Egypt), Shaban Warioba (Kenya).

Davis Cup Africa Group III ; Hakim Fateh (Algeria), Hossam Salam (Egypt), Ahmed Youssef (Egypt), Ghassen Azaiez (Tunisie), Samuel Sunday (Nigeria), Mohcine Zadi (Morocco), Treasa Mutuku (Kenya).



Davis Cup Africa Group IV: Yassine Lakhthar (Tunisia), Stelio Carlos (Mozambique), Karim Khalfallah (Tunisia), Mahmoud Lasheen (Egypt), Rose Abu (Nigeria), Elly Madegwa (Kenya), Friendlander Kadzombe (Zimbabwe), Eric Tanga (Cameroon)

Davis Cup Africa Group V: Patrick Kamuhia (Kenya), Anton Rens (South Africa), Mpho Makhoba (South Africa), Adel Kamane (Morocco), Bassem Brour (Tunisia), Ahmed Elhosseney (Egypt), Charles Mosokomane (Botswana), Hannington Oketch (Kenya), Martina Ebijimi (Nigeria), Patrick Selepe (South Africa), Charles Wanyama (Uganda), Youssef Chibi (Morocco), Eric Assouan (Côte d'Ivoire), Seth Obusitse (Botswana).



DAVIS CUP 2024

DAVIS CUP AFRICA GROUP III: NAMIBIA, NIGERIA, AND ZIMBABWE SECURE PROMOTION

The Davis Cup Africa Group III 2024, held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 15 to 20 July, showcased six nations in a thrilling competition. Nigeria, Benin, Namibia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Zimbabwe battled in a single pool format, aiming for promotion to the 2025 World Group II play-offs. Three teams secured their spots in the 2025 World Group II play-offs: Namibia, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

Namibia claimed the top position after a stellar performance, opening with a 2-1 victory over Ghana. They continued their winning streak with a 3-0 triumph over Nigeria, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire, despite a 1-2 loss to Zimbabwe.

As the host nation, Nigeria finished second. They started strong with a 2-1 victory over Zimbabwe and continued to dominate with 3-0 wins against Côte d'Ivoire and Benin, a 2-1 victory over Ghana, and a single defeat to Namibia (0-3).

Zimbabwe also secured promotion with four victories, defeating Côte d'Ivoire 3-0, Ghana 2-1, Benin 2-1, and Namibia 2-1, with their only loss coming against Nigeria (1-2).

Benin managed to secure their place in the Davis Cup Group III for 2025 with two victories over Côte d'Ivoire (2-1) and Ghana (3-0). However, Ghana has been relegated after recording only one victory over Côte d'Ivoire (3-0) and Côte d'Ivoire has also been relegated without securing any victories.



FINAL STANDING

- 1. Namibia
- 2. Nigeria
- 3. Zimbabwe
- 4. Benin
- 5. Ghana
- 6. Côte d'Ivoire

DAVIS CUP 2024 AFRICA GROUP IV: SENEGAL AND ALGERIA CLINCH PROMOTION

Senegal and Algeria have been promoted to the Davis Cup Africa Group III for 2025 following their strong performances in the Davis Cup 2024 Africa Group IV event. The competition took place from 19 to 22 June 2024 at the Academia de Tennis Kikuxi Villas Club in Luanda, Angola. The tournament featured eight teams divided into two groups of four.

In Pool A, Senegal emerged victorious with three wins. They defeated Cameroon 2-1 on 19 June, Angola 2-1 on 20 June, and secured first place by beating Algeria 3-0 on 21 June.

Algeria secured second place with two wins, overcoming Cameroon and Angola both by a score of 3-0. Angola managed to win against Cameroon with a 2-1 score, while Cameroon did not secure any victories.

In Pool B, Burundi topped the group with three wins. They defeated Rwanda 3-0 on 19 June, Kenya 2-1 on 20 June, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo 2-1 on 21 June. The Democratic Republic of the Congo finished second with two victories, winning 2-1 against both Kenya and Rwanda. Kenya secured one victory, defeating Rwanda 3-0, while Rwanda did not win any matches.

The promotional playoffs on 22 June 2024 saw Senegal triumph over the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a 2-0 victory, and Algeria win against Burundi with a 2-1 score, earning both teams promotion to Africa Group III.

In the relegation playoffs, Angola defeated Rwanda 2-1, and Kenya overcame Cameroon with a 2-1 victory, determining the final standings of the tournament. Consequently, Cameroon and Rwanda have been relegated to the Davis Cup Africa group V in 2025.

FINAL STANDING

- 1. Senegal
- 2. Algeria
- 3. Burundi
- 4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 5. Angola
- 6. Kenya
- 7. Rwanda
- 8. Cameroon



DAVIS CUP AFRICA GROUP V 2024: GABON AND MAURITIUS EARN PROMOTION

The Davis Cup Africa Group V 2024, held at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone, Botswana, from 17 to 20 July saw fifteen nations compete in a thrilling contest. The teams were divided into four pools: three pools of four teams each and one pool of three teams. In Pool A, Mozambique topped the pool with two victories, defeating Djibouti 3-0 and Tanzania 2-1. Tanzania secured the second spot with a 3-0 victory over Djibouti, who finished third. In Pool B, Gabon emerged victorious, winning all their matches: 3-0 against Seychelles, 2-1 against Sudan, and 2-1 against Uganda. Uganda finished second with 3-0 victories over both Sudan and Seychelles. Sudan placed third with a 3-0 victory over Seychelles, who ended up fourth. In Pool C, Botswana finished first with three victories, defeating Libya 3-0, Lesotho 3-0, and Madagascar 2-1. Madagascar came in second with two victories over Lesotho 3-0 and Libya 3-0. Lesotho placed third with a 2-1 victory over Libya, who finished fourth. In Pool D, Mauritius secured first place with three 3-0 victories against Congo, Ethiopia, and Mauritania. Ethiopia finished second with two 3-0 victories over Congo and Mauritania. Mauritania achieved a historic first Davis Cup victory, defeating Congo 3-0 to finish third, while Congo came in fourth. In the promotional play-offs, Gabon secured promotion to the 2025 World Group IV after a 2-1 victory over Botswana. Mauritius also earned promotion with a 2-1 victory over Mozambique. In the 5th to 6th place play-off, Madagascar defeated Uganda 2-0. Ethiopia beat Tanzania 2-0 in the 7th to 8th place play-off. Lesotho won 2-0 against Sudan in the 9th to 10th place play-off. Mauritania continued their success by defeating Djibouti 3-0 in the 11th to 12th place play-off. Finally, Congo overcame Seychelles 2-0 in the 13th to 14th place play-off.



ITF/CAT AFRICAN JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 16&U 2024



EGYPT AND SOUTH AFRICA SHINE AT THE AJTC 16&U 2024

Egypt and South Africa have successfully qualified for the Junior Davis Cup finals, with Egypt also securing a spot in the Billie Jean King Cup Junior by Gainbridge finals. This triumph was achieved at the ITF/CAT African Junior Team Championship (AJTC) 16&U 2024, held in Cairo, Egypt, at the Cairo Central Security Club from 16 to 20 July, 2024.

The boys' competition saw six nations Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, South Africa, Algeria, and Mozambique compete fiercely for two places in the prestigious Davis Cup Junior finals. South Africa emerged victorious, finishing first with a record of four wins and one loss. They triumphed over Tunisia 3-0, Algeria 3-0, Egypt 2-1, and Mozambique 3-0, with their only defeat coming at the hands of Morocco, 1-2. Egypt secured second the second ticket to the finals with victories over Mozambique 3-0, Tunisia 3-0, Morocco 2-1, and Algeria 3-0, losing only to South Africa 1-2. Morocco finished third, after defeating Algeria 3-0, Mozambique 3-0, Tunisia 2-1, and South Africa 2-1, but losing to Egypt 1-2. Tunisia came in fourth, with wins against Algeria 3-0 and Mozambique 2-0. Mozambique managed to secure fifth place with a single victory over Algeria, 2-1. Algeria ended the competition in sixth place without any wins.

In the girls' competition, the nations of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Cameroon, and South Africa competed for a chance to advance to the finals. The Egyptian team proved dominant, qualifying for the Billie Jean King Cup Junior by Gainbridge finals with five out of five victories. They defeated South Africa 2-1, Algeria 2-1, Cameroon 3-0, Morocco 3-0, and Tunisia 2-0. South Africa finished second, boasting victories over Morocco 3-0, Algeria 2-1, Tunisia 3-0, and Cameroon 3-0, with their only loss to Egypt 1-2. Tunisia secured third place by beating Algeria 2-1, Cameroon 3-0, and Morocco 3-0. Algeria came in fourth with wins over Cameroon 2-1 and Morocco 2-1. Morocco finished fifth after defeating Cameroon 3-0. Cameroon ended up in sixth place without any victories.

The Billie Jean King Cup Junior by Gainbridge and the Davis Cup Junior 2024 will be held from November 11 to 17 on the clay courts of the Megasaray Tennis Academy in Turkey. We wish the best of luck to our representatives in these prestigious events.



AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AT WIMBLEDON 2024 SUMMARY

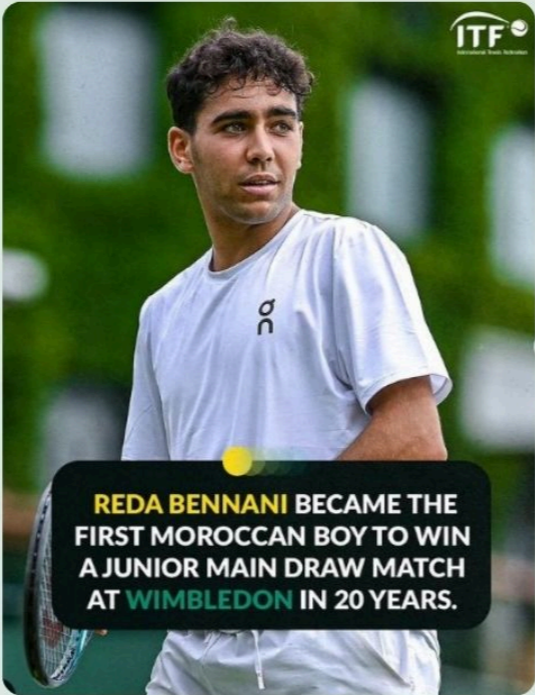
I- THE CHAMPIONSHIP, WIMBLEDON JUNIORS 2024

In the Boys' qualifying first round, Alla Trifi from Tunisia lost a closely contested match to P. Martinez Gomez of Spain, with the final scores reading 6/4, 2/6, 7/10. In the Boys' singles main draw, Moroccan player Reda Bennani achieved a historic milestone by defeating British player Oliver Bonding with scores of 6/4, 6/7 (4), 7/6 (6). This victory marked the first time in 20 years that a Moroccan boy won a junior main draw match at Wimbledon. However, Reda was defeated in the second round by R. Jodar from Spain 1-6, 6-3, 3-6. In the Boys' doubles first round, Bennani and his partner M. Kouame from France were defeated by the pair of A. Timini from Cyprus and A. Vasilev from Bulgaria, with scores of 6/4, 6/4.

Morocco's Malak El Allami competed in the Girls' singles main draw but lost in the first round to Teodora Kostovic of Serbia, 1/6, 2/6.

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In the Girls' doubles, El Allami and her partner E. Sartz-Lunde won their first-round match against the American pair, Penickova, with a commanding 6/2, 6/1 victory. However, they were defeated in the second round by M. Stojavljevic and M. Xu from Great Britain 1-6, 7-5, 9-11.



REDA BENNANI BECAME THE FIRST MOROCCAN BOY TO WIN A JUNIOR MAIN DRAW MATCH AT WIMBLEDON IN 20 YEARS.

Reda Bennani - MAR
Credit photo: ITFTennis IG



Malak El Allami- MAR Credit photo: Daniel Kopatsch

II- THE CHAMPIONSHIP, WIMBLEDON 2024



Lloyd Harris - RSA
Credit photo: www.iol.co.za

South African Lloyd Harris had a strong showing in the 2024 Championship. In the first round of the Gentlemen's qualifying singles, Lloyd he beat Andrea Vavassori from Italy 6/2, 6/2. Harris continued his winning streak in the second round by defeating George Loffhagen of Great Britain 7/6 (6), 7/6 (5).

In the third round, Harris secured his place in the main draw by beating Hugo Grenier with scores of 6/4, 6/2, 3/6, 7/6 (5). Tunisia's Aziz Dougaz faced Gabriel Diallo of Canada in the first round. Despite a valiant effort, Aziz lost the match with scores of 7/6 (10), 1/6, 6/7 (6). In the Gentlemen's singles main draw, Harris won a marathon match against Alex Michelsen of the USA, overcoming a two-set deficit to win 3/6, 4/6, 7/6 (5), 6/2, 7/6 (9).

His run ended in the second round, where he lost a hard-fought match to Ben Shelton of the USA, 6/4, 6/7 (5), 7/6 (5), 3/6, 6/7 (7).

The highlight of African participation came in the Women's main draw with Tunisian star Ons Jabeur, seeded 10th, had a successful start by defeating Moyuka Uchijima of Japan 6/3, 6/1. Jabeur advanced to the third round after beating Robin Montgomery from the USA 6/1, 7/5 but was ultimately defeated by Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 1/6, 6/7 (4). Moreover, Egypt's Mayar Sherif lost to Dalma Galfi of Hungary in the first round, 1/6, 2/6. In the Ladies' doubles, Mayar Sherif and her partner Anna Blinkova won their first-round match against Eri Hozumi and Moyuka Uchijima of Japan, 6/4, 6/1. Unfortunately, they had to withdraw in the second round. In the Gentlemen's doubles, Skander Mansouri from Tunisia and his partner Nicolas Mahut from France won their first-round match against Reese Stalder from the USA and Aleksandar Vukic from Australia, 6/4, 7/6 (3). They advanced to the second round but lost by walkover due to Mahut's injury.

III- WHEELCHAIR TENNIS WIMBLEDON 2024

In the Ladies' wheelchair singles, South Africa's Kgothatso Montjane had an impressive start by defeating L. Shuker from Great Britain, 6/2, 6/0. However, she was defeated in the second round by Y. Kamiji of Japan, 7/6, 6/2, 6/1. Montjane excelled in the Ladies' wheelchair doubles, partnering with Y. Kamiji. They won the quarter-final against D. Mathewson from the USA and M. Tanaka from Japan, 6/3, 6/2. They continued their winning streak in the semi-finals by defeating X. Li and Z. Zhu, 6/2, 6/2, and ultimately clinched the championship in the final by beating the second-seeded pair

D. De Groot and J. Griffioen, 6/4, 6/4. This victory marked the biggest achievement for African participation in this edition of Wimbledon. In the Quad wheelchair singles quarter-finals, Donald Ramphadi from South Africa was defeated by G. Sasson, with scores of 0/6, 1/6.



Kgothatso Montjane- RSA and her partner Y. Kamiji (JPN)
Winners of Wimbledon Ladies' wheelchair doubles
Credit photo: Wimbledon.com

ITF/CAT 16 & UNDER TOURING TEAM TO ZIMBABWE 2024



The Confederation of African Tennis (CAT), in collaboration with the International Tennis Federation (ITF), has confirmed the participation of seven players in a series of tournaments held in Harare, Zimbabwe. The tour ran from 22 July to 10 August 2024. The boys' team featured Edilson Rosa from Mozambique, John Bothma from South Africa, and Peter Ogunsakin from Nigeria. The girls' team comprised Jahn timer Van Zyl from South Africa,

Zahara El-Zein and Kudzai Chapepa from Zimbabwe, and Morgan Jordaan from South Africa. Coaching the boys' team was Gwinyai Tongoona from Zimbabwe, while Roxanne Clarke from South Africa coached the girls' team. The team arrived in Harare on 21 July 2024, and began their tour with a J60 tournament from 22 to 27 July, followed by two J100 tournaments, held from 29 July to 3 August, and 5 to 10 August respectively.

J60 HARARE (22- 27 JULY 2024)

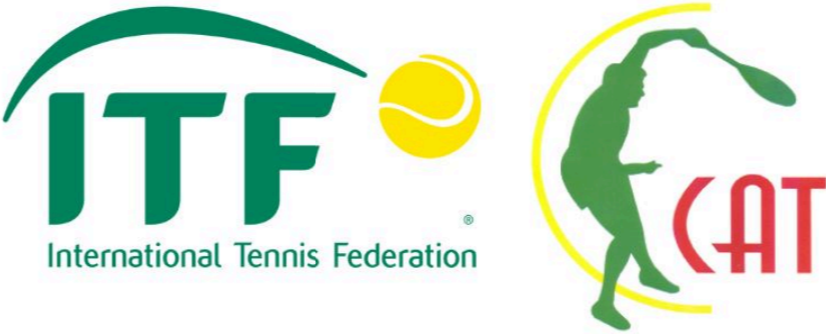
In the boys' singles, Peter Ogunsakin reached the final, defeating Japan's Ippei Matsushima 6-3, 6-4 in the first round and China's Junie Li 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the second. In the quarterfinal, he overcame teammate Edilson Rosa 7-6, 6-4 before defeating

China's Jintao Lan 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals. He lost to top seed Allan Gatoto from Burundi 6-0, 6-3 in the final. Edilson Rosa, who had a first-round bye, defeated South Africa's Tj Chuene 6-1, 6-0 in the second round, and then overcame Great Britain's Harry Cornhill 6-3, 6-3 before losing to Ogunsakin in the quarterfinal. John Bothma did not compete in the first week.

In doubles, Peter and Edilson reached the semifinals. They beat Tj Chuene (RSA) and Emerson Pedro (ANG) 6-3, 6-4 in the second round, followed by a win over Harry Cornhill (GBR) and Yusaku Harashima (JPN) 6-3, 3-6, 10-1 before losing in the semifinals to Junie Li (CHN) and Ronan Tashinga Mtisi (ZIM) 5-7, 6-2, 9-11.

In the girls' singles, Morgan Jordaan reached the quarterfinals, defeating India's Avani Chitale 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 in the second round and her teammate Kudzai Chapepa 6-2, 6-2 in the third. She eventually lost to fourth seed Vlada Guryleva 5-7, 0-6. Zahara El-Zein, after a first-round bye, won against Italy's Sofia Eva Gatti 6-4, 6-4 but withdrew in the third round.

In doubles, Morgan and her partner Koronayashe Rugara (USA) reached the final but lost to Sasha Chimedza (ZIM) and Vlada Guryleva (BLR) 4-6, 6-7(2). Zahara and her partner Chanelle Zhuwakini (ZIM) reached the quarterfinals but lost to the Tunisian pair Nadine Hamrouni and Lamiss Houas 5-7, 2-6 while Chapepa and her partner Jonnat Chiripal (IND) also reached the quarterfinals, losing to Jordaan and Rugara 5-7, 4-6.



J100 HARARE (29 JULY - 3 AUGUST 2024)

In the boys' singles, John Bothma made it to the semifinals, defeating Nicolas Robert (FRA) 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinal, Lucas Nolte (GBR) 6-1, 6-2 in the third round, and Ippei Matsushima (JPN) 6-1, 6-2 in the second round. He lost to India's Kriish Tyagi 6-3, 4-6, 3-6 in the semifinals. Peter Ogunsakin reached the quarterfinals after victories over South Africa's Erick Heyns 6-4, 6-4, and India's Sehaj Singh Pawar 6-4, 7-6 before losing to Reuben De Klerk (RSA) 3-6, 4-6. Edilson Rosa won his first-round match against Tafara Blessing Nhokwara (ZIM) 6-2, 6-2 but lost to Nigeria's Daniel Adeleye 6-3, 0-6, 1-6 in the second round. In doubles, Peter and his partner Daniel Adeleye reached the final but lost to Allan Gatoto (BDI) and Kriish Tyagi (IND) 5-7, 2-6. John Bothma and Reuben De Klerk reached the semifinals but also lost to Gatoto and Tyagi 5-7, 7-5, 11-9. Edilson Rosa and Emerson Pedro lost in the second round to Jay Lin Gibson (CAN) and Taisei Hata (JPN) 5-7, 2-6.

In the girls' singles, Morgan Jordaan, after a first-round bye, reached the quarterfinals but lost to Maayan Laron 0-6, 0-6. Kudzai Chapepa won her first-round match against Nina Sekonoppo (BOT) 6-2, 6-0 but lost to her teammate Jahn timer Van Zyl 3-6, 0-6 in the second round. Jahn timer then lost to Polina Kuharenko in the third round 2-6, 3-6. Zahara El-Zein lost in the second round to Sofia Hedab (MAR) 3-6, 6-7. In doubles, Morgan and Koronayashe Rugara reached the final but lost to Polina Kuharenko and Dune Vaissaud 6-7, 4-6. Jahn timer and her partner Sapir Cohen lost in the quarterfinals to the same pair Polina and Vissaud 3-6, 2-6 while Zahara and Ohunene Comfort Yakubu reached the second round but lost to Sasha Chimedza and Vlada Guryleva 1-6, 2-6.

J100 HARARE (5 - 10 AUGUST 2024)

The final week saw success for John Bothma, who clinched the boys' singles title after defeating India's Rethin Pranav Senthil Kumar 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the final. Along the way, he defeated Mengezi Sibanda (ZIM) 6-1, 6-2, teammate Peter Ogunsakin 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, Nicolas Robert (FRA) 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 and Kriish Tyagi (IND) in the semis 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Edilson de Rosa beat Finley Cox (ZIM) in the first round 6-1, 6-1 then lost in the second round to Reuben De Klerk (RSA) 4-6, 4-6., while Peter Ogunsakin reached the third round after a victory over Esi Molefe (BOT) 6-4, 6-4. before losing to John Bothma.

In doubles, John and Reuben De Klerk won the title after defeating Rayan Sajjid Koothrat (IND) and Nicolas Robert (FRA) 6-3, 6-4. Peter and Daniel Adeleye reached the quarterfinals but lost to Taisei Hata (JPN) and Jintao Lan (CHN) 6-7 (4), 6-7 (3), while Edilson and Emerson Pedro lost in the first round to the Zimbabwean Pair Takura Mhwandagara and Ronan Tashinga Mtisi 3-6, 6-4, 7-10.

In the girls' singles, both Morgan Jordaan and Jahn timer Van Zyl reached the quarterfinals. Morgan lost to Azuna Ichioka 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and Jahn timer lost to Maayan Laron 4-6, 6-2, 5-7. Zahara El-Zein lost in the second round to Azuna Ichioka 1-6, 1-6, while Kudzai Chapepa lost in the second round to Priyanka Rana 5-7, 4-6.

In doubles, Morgan and Koronayashe Rugara claimed the title after a win over Polina Kuharenko and Dune Vaissaud 7-6(5), 6-4. Jahn timer and Maaya Rajeshwaran lost to Morgan and Rugara in the quarter final 6-2, 5-7, 7-10, and Zahara and Chanelle Zhuwakini lost in the second round to Aishwarya Jadhav and Rioko Umekuni 1-6, 2-6. Same for Chapepa Kudzai and Melissa Nanjala who lost in the second round 3-6, 2-6.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and everyone involved for a successful tour in Harare.





ITF/CAT SOUTHERN AFRICAN TEAM COMPETITION 12 & UNDER 2024

The ITF/CAT Southern African Teams' Competition 12 and Under 2024 took place in Maputo, Mozambique, from 6 to 10 August, hosted by the Federação Moçambicana de Ténis. This event brought together nine nations, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

The boys' competition saw nine teams divided into three groups, with South Africa and Zimbabwe earning their places in the 12&U final event. In Group A, South Africa topped the group with two victories, defeating Mozambique and Madagascar. Mozambique secured second place with one win over Madagascar, who finished third without a win. Zimbabwe led the group B, winning against Botswana and Malawi. Botswana finished second with a victory over Malawi, who ended the group stage without a win. In Group C, Eswatini dominated the group with two wins over Lesotho and Namibia. Lesotho secured second place by defeating Namibia, who finished third without a win. In the semifinals, South Africa convincingly defeated Lesotho 3-0, while Zimbabwe edged out Eswatini with a 2-1 victory. The final saw South Africa prevail over Zimbabwe with a decisive 2-0 win.

The girls' competition featured seven teams, with South Africa and Madagascar earning their spots in the 12&U final event. South Africa topped the group A with two victories, defeating Madagascar and Lesotho. Madagascar finished second with a win over Lesotho, who ended the group stage without a win. Zimbabwe led the group B with three victories, overcoming Botswana, Malawi, and Mozambique. Botswana secured second place with wins over Malawi and Mozambique, who finished third and fourth, respectively. In the semifinals, South Africa defeated Botswana 3-0, while Madagascar triumphed over Zimbabwe with a 2-1 victory. South Africa then emerged victorious with a 2-0 win over Madagascar in the final.



ITF/CAT 12 & UNDER EASTERN AFRICA TEAM COMPETITION 2024

The ITF/CAT 12 & Under East Africa Team Competition 2024 took place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from the 13th to the 17th of August, hosted by Tennis Tanzania with four nations participating: Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, and Uganda. In the girls' competition, the four teams competed in a single pool. Kenya and Burundi emerged as the top teams, securing their spots in the final event of the 12 & Under 2024 Championship. Kenya dominated the pool, finishing first with three victories, all with a score of 3-0, against Burundi, Uganda, and Tanzania. Burundi came in second place with two victories, defeating Tanzania 3-0 and Uganda 2-1. Uganda came in third place with a victory over Tanzania 3-0 who finished fourth of the group. In the boys' competition, the teams also competed in a single pool. Burundi and Kenya secured qualification to the 12 & Under final events. Burundi finished first, achieving three victories: 2-1 against Uganda and 3-0 against both Kenya and Tanzania. Kenya finished second with two victories, defeating Uganda 2-1 and Tanzania 3-0. Uganda secured third place in the group with a 3-0 victory over Tanzania, which finished fourth.

Final standings:

Girls:	Boys:
1- Kenya (Qualified for the the final event)	1- Burundi (Qualified for the the final event)
2- Burundi (Qualified for the the final event)	2- Kenya (Qualified for the the final event)
3- Uganda	3- Uganda
4- Tanzania	4- Tanzania





ITF/CAT 12 & UNDER WESTERN AFRICA (1) TEAM COMPETITION 2024

The ITF/CAT 12 & Under Western Africa (1) Team Competition 2024 was held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, from the 15th to the 18th of August. Hosted by the Fédération Mauritanienne de Tennis, the event saw participation from three nations: Mauritania, Senegal, and Guinea. In the boys' competition, Guinea secured their spot in the final event after defeating Mauritania 3-0 and Senegal 2-1. Mauritania finished in second place after a 2-1 victory over Senegal, who placed third without securing any wins. In the girls' competition, Guinea also qualified for the final event following their 3-0 victory over Senegal.

Final standings:

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| Boys: | Girls: |
| 1- Guinea | 1- Guinea |
| 2- Mauritania | 2- Senegal |
| 3- Senegal | |



ITF/CAT 12 & UNDER WESTERN AFRICA (2) TEAM COMPETITION 2024

The ITF/CAT 12 & Under Western Africa (2) Team Competition 2024 took place in Accra, Ghana, from August 20th to 22nd, hosted by the Ghana Tennis Federation. This event featured teams from three nations: Ghana, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire. Ghana dominated the boys' competition, securing their place in the final event with a 3-0 victory over both Benin and Côte d'Ivoire. Benin finished in second place after defeating Côte d'Ivoire 3-0, leaving Côte d'Ivoire in third place without a win. In the girls' category, Benin emerged victorious, earning their spot in the final event with a 3-0 win against Ghana.

Final Standings:

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| Boys: | Girls: |
| 1. Ghana | 1. Benin |
| 2. Benin | 2. Ghana |
| 3. Côte d'Ivoire | |





ITF/CAT 12 & UNDER CENTRAL AFRICA TEAM COMPETITION 2024

The ITF/CAT 12 & Under Central Africa Team Competition 2024 took place in Brazzaville, Congo, from 2 to 4 September and hosted by the Fédération Congolaise de Lawn Tennis. This event featured teams from three nations: Congo, Cameroon, and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Cameroon dominated the boys' competition, securing their place in the final event with a 3-0 victory over both Congo and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Democratic Republic of the Congo finished in second place after defeating Congo 3-0, leaving Congo in third place without a win. In the girls' category, Cameroon also emerged victorious, earning their spot in the final event with a 3-0 win over both teams while Congo finished second with a victory over DRC 2-1.

Final Standings:

Boys:

- 1. Cameroon
- 2. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 3. Congo

Girls:

- 1. Cameroon
- 2. Congo
- 3. Democratic Republic of the Congo



ITF/CAT 12 & UNDER NORTHERN AFRICA TEAM COMPETITION 2024

The ITF/CAT 12 & Under Northern Africa Team Competition 2024 took place in Cairo, Egypt, from 1 to 3 September, hosted by the Egyptian Tennis Federation with the participation of three nations in both categories: Egypt, Algeria, and Tunisia. Egypt dominated the competition, claiming the boys' and the girls' titles. In the boys' event, Egypt defeated Tunisia 2-1 and Algeria 3-0. Tunisia finished second with a victory over Algeria 2-1 who finished third without a win. In the girls' category, Egypt won against Tunisia and Algeria with the same score 3-0. However, Tunisia finished second after their victory over Algeria 3-0.

Final Standings:

Boys:

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Tunisia
- 3. Algeria

Girls:

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Tunisia
- 3. Algeria





GSPDP/ITF/CAT 17 & UNDER TOURING TEAM TO SOUTH AFRICA

With the support of the Grand Slam Player Development Program (GSPDP), the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) have selected eight African junior players to join the GSPDP/ITF/CAT 17 & Under Team for a series of four ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments in South Africa. The team arrived on 21 August 2024 and prepared with a training camp from 22 to 25 August. They competed in the J100 in Johannesburg from 26 to 31 August 2024. Following this, the team participated in the J100 in Pretoria from 2 to 7 September and then moved on to the J200 in Durban from 9 to 14 September. The tour concluded with the J300 in Durban, held from 16 to 21 September 2024. The boys' team included Allan Gatoto from Burundi, Reuben De Klerk from South Africa, Peter Ogunsakin from Nigeria, who joined the team in Pretoria, and Ala Trifi from Tunisia, who joined in Durban. The team was under the guidance of Coach Mohamed Ramadhan from Egypt. The girls' team, guided by Coach Jeanna Schmidt from South Africa, featured Maria Badache from Algeria, Donna Le Roux and Jahn timer Van Zyl from South Africa, and Sasha Natalie Chimedza from Zimbabwe.

J100 in Johannesburg (26 to 31 August)

Jahn timer Van Zyl had an outstanding week, clinching the girls' singles title. She defeated Klara Blazkova (CZE) 6-2, 6-0 in the first round, Moroesi Tuoane (RSA) 6-0, 6-0 in the second round, Allegra Van Der Walt (RSA) 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals, and Fleur De Bresser (NED) 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals, before overcoming Sophie Bekker 6-1, 6-3 in the final. Maria Badache reached the semifinals, where she lost to Sophie Bekker 7-6 (6), 4-6, 3-6. Before that, Maria defeated Kaitlyn Leigh Ramduth (RSA) 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals, Morgan Jordaan (RSA) 2-6, 3-0 (retired), and Kelly Coetzee (RSA) 6-0, 6-2 in the first round. Sasha Chimedza beat Alicia Taylor (RSA) 7-6 (5), 6-4 in the first round and Meri Sandenbergh (RSA) 6-1, 7-5 in the second round, before losing to Sophie Bekker 6-7, 4-6 in the quarterfinals. Donna Le Roux defeated Tia Messerli (USA) 7-5, 6-2 in the first round but then lost to Sophie Bekker 1-6, 6-7 (1). In doubles, Jahn timer Van Zyl and her partner Fleur De Bresser reached the semifinals but lost to Tia Messerli (USA) and Allegra Van Der Walt (RSA) 2-6, 6-3, 6-10. Donna Le Roux and Morgan Jordaan were defeated by the same pair in the first round, 6-2, 6-7 (7), 6-10. Allan Gatoto reached the boys' singles final but lost to Ty Host (AUS) 3-6, 7-6 (11), 3-6. Along the way, he defeated Constantin Neubauer (AUT) 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals, Jayden Summers (RSA) 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals, Cuan Western (RSA) 6-2, 7-6 (6) in the second round, and Rico Du Plessis (RSA) 6-3, 6-0 in the first round. Reuben De Klerk won his first-round match against Heinrich Rootman (RSA) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, followed by a win over Alexander Hristov (RSA) 6-2, 6-3, and Daniel Domingos (ANG) 6-4, 6-2 in the quarterfinals, before falling to top seed Ty Host 1-6, 6-2, 5-7. In the doubles, Allan Gatoto and Reuben De Klerk won the title by defeating the South African pair of Alexander Hristov and Maksim Mihic 6-1, 6-4 in the final. The rest of the tour results will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

ITF World Tennis Number

ENHANCEMENT TO THE ITF WORLD TENNIS NUMBER CALCULATION

On Wednesday 11th September the International Tennis Federation (ITF) made some enhancements to the World Tennis Number calculation, to help ensure that player ratings continue to be as accurate as possible. The ITF WTN's weekly calculation is now powered by data from over 80 nations, with over 30 million match records from around the world. As the ITF continue to receive data, the calculation is continuously monitored and tested by the ITF. When necessary, the ITF will responsively and transparently adjust the algorithm to ensure it remains accurate. This change has taken place on Wednesday 11th September 2024.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

This enhancement to the WTN algorithm will reposition cohorts of players on the current scale of 40-1, particularly with regard to different age groups. While your number is likely to be adjusted, movement relative to your peers in your own age groups should be similar if you play regularly.

The changes that the ITF are making are based on feedback from players, coaches and member nations, as well as using the increased data the ITF is receiving to inform the decision-making process. The key changes are:

1. As with any algorithm, it is important to ensure its accuracy and having closely monitored the data from junior players and their changes over time, it's become increasingly apparent that some players are being initialised too high. By adjusting where players begin their journey on the WTN scale, they will now see a greater improvement to their rating as their level improves.
2. The ITF are enabling player ratings to transition to their 'true' skill level faster from the initial rating given to them. This will mean that when a player is given an initial rating that is too low or too high, they will update to a more accurate rating much faster from their first few matches.
3. Every match you play counts towards your rating but it's important that the rating change reflects the difference in ability. As such, the ITF have listened to feedback and studied the data. Players will now experience smaller changes to their WTN in matches when losing to a superior player. However, players will still see a sharp increase to their rating should they beat a player with a substantially better rating.



"We have tested these changes and we have seen a positive impact on the algorithm performance"
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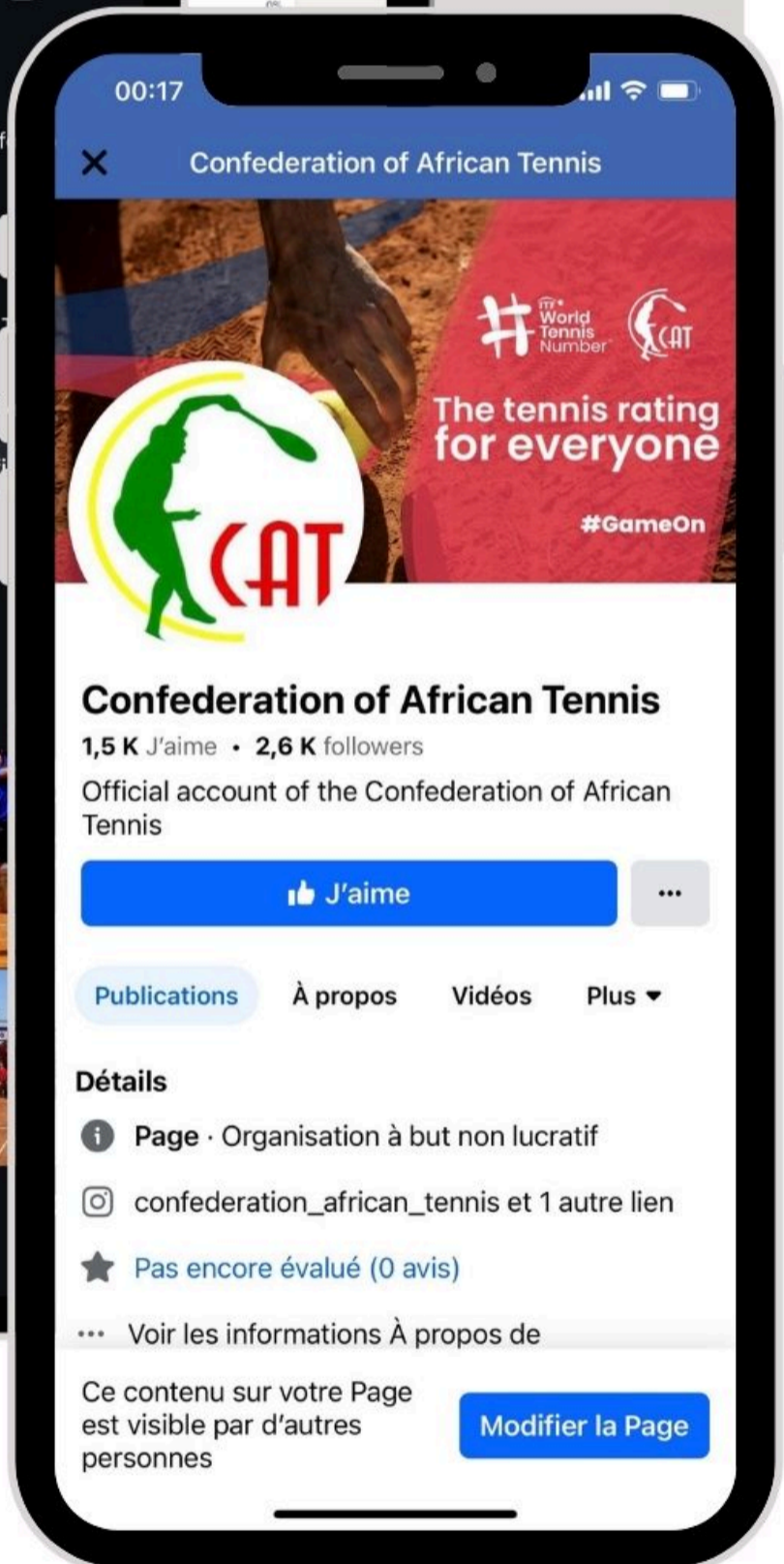
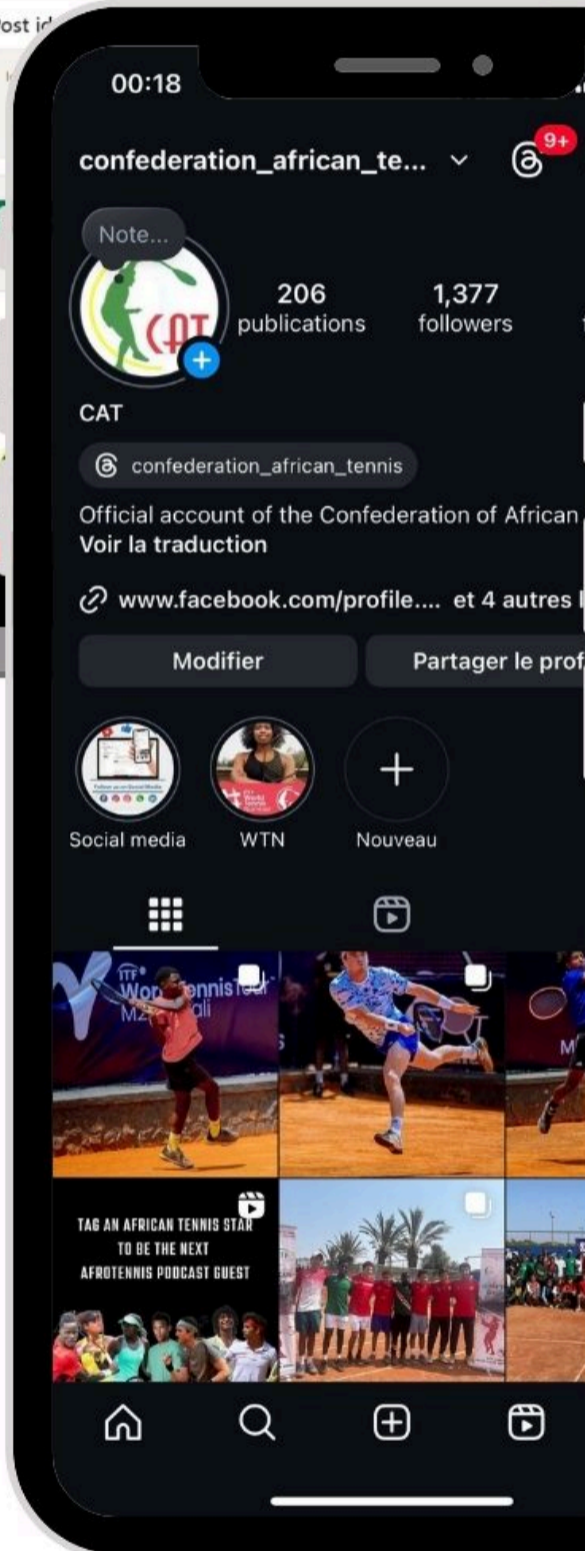
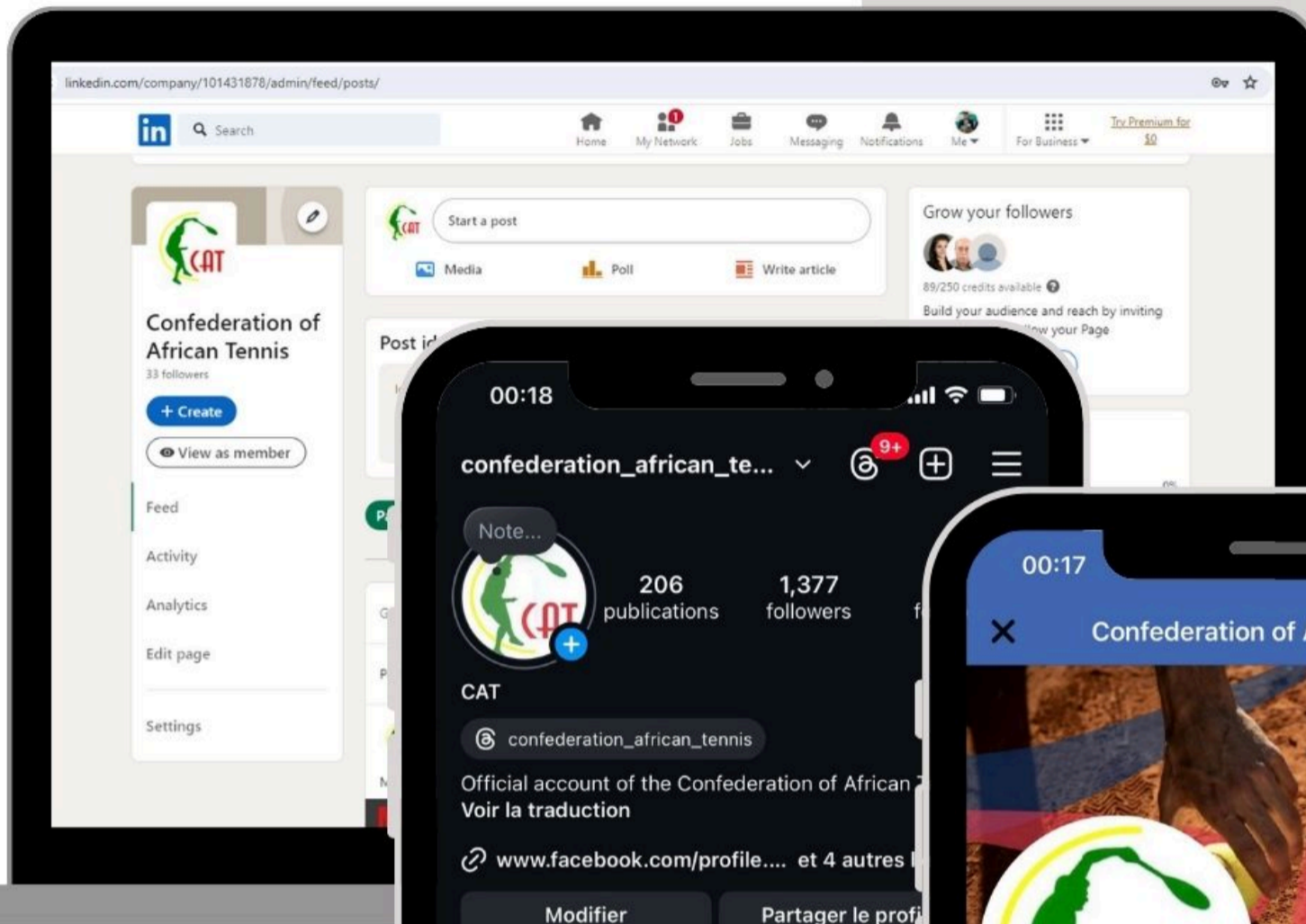
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