

# Press Release

## VIRTUAL CAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 2020

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 from 14:00 to 17:00 GMT



The Confederation of African Tennis held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in virtual format by Zoom, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 from 14:00 to 17:00 GMT.

This AGM registered the participation of more than 60 people including:

1- **43 delegates representing 30 African National Associations :**

*Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eswatini, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe.*

2- The President and the 5 CAT Vice Presidents (6 persons)

3- The Secretary General (CEO) and the CAT General Treasurer (2 persons)

4- The President and the Executive Director of Development of the ITF (2 persons)

5- The CAT Permanent Staff (3 persons)

6- The three ITF Development Officers (3 persons)

7- The COO, the Manager of the International Affairs and the ITF President's Office Staff (4 persons)

All points of the Agenda of that virtual AGM have been addressed including:

a) Announcement of the Quorum and the Welcome Message of the CAT President

b) Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the CAT AGM of 2019

c) Presentation of the CAT Financial Report for the financial year 2020 by the CAT General Treasurer and its Approval

d) Presentation of the Annual Report of the CAT President and its Approval

e) Presentation by the ITF President, who gave an update on what the ITF has been dealing with in 2020

f) Presentation of the Annual Report of CAT Activities by the CAT Secretary General & CEO

g) Presentation by the ITF Executive Director and the Development Officers in Africa giving an overview on how the ITF, in close collaboration with the CAT, continued to engage with its member countries on what has been achieved during the implementation of the development plan over the past 16 months.

h) Announcement of the Awards and Prizes granted by CAT in 2020

At the end of each of the presentations, several delegates took the floor to ask questions to the speakers who took the necessary time to answer the various questions. This AGM was conducted in the French language with simultaneous translation into English and vice versa and took place as usual in a very friendly atmosphere.

To end hereinafter the names of the people and the National Federations who received the various Awards and Recognitions from the CAT in 2020.

**2020 CAT Award to a National Federation for its Achievements and Progress realized on TENNIS DEVELOPMENT during the**

**year 2019:**

**BOTSWANA TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

The 2020 Award consists of:

- a) CAT Certificate & Trophy
- b) A CAT Grant of 2,000 \$ to be used to improve the tennis facilities.
- c) Two (2) travel grants of \$ 500 each to players of the winning Federation to enable them to participate in any event of tennis organized under the aegis of the CAT in any African country valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**2020 CAT Award in the Administration:**

**Best Administrator in 2019**

**Ms. Natasha Mbano de Tennis Zimbabwe**

The Award will consist of offering Ms. Natasha Mbano, in addition to a Trophy and a Certificate, a 6-day visit to CAT Headquarters in Tunis (travel ticket and accommodation included).

**CAT Award 2020 for Services to the Game of Tennis**

**Mr Mohamed Ammari – Algeria**

For his long and loyal services to Tennis for more than 40 years, he has held the positions of Vice President and Secretary General of the Algerian Tennis Federation with half a dozen Presidents from the 1970s to now. He has attended dozens of ITF and CAT AGMs. He was the President of the Algerian delegation to most of the African Championships which took place in Ivory Coast and Senegal in the 80s and 90s. He has archives and the history of African and Arab tennis that he plans to publish soon.

**CAT Award 2020 for Services to the Game of Tennis**

**Mr Mohamed Oumar Traoré – Mali**

*For his long and loyal services to Malian and African Tennis for nearly 30 years. Mr. Traoré has been President of the Malian Tennis Federation for almost 25 years, President of the CAT Development Committee from 2004 to 2007, Vice President of CAT from 2011 to 2019 to which are added his activities within the National Olympic Committee of Mali for many years.*

**Exceptional Recognitions:**

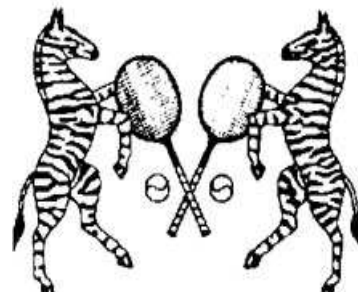
**I- Trophy for the Tunisian Tennis Federation - FTT** (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year)

*The FTT is the African Federation having hosted the largest number of Professional & Junior events in Africa during the year 2019. In 2019, Tunisia hosted 105 professional Men and Women tournaments and 9 ITF Junior tournaments*

**II- Trophy for Tennis South Africa.**

*For his great achievements in Wheelchair Tennis and Beach Tennis in 2019.*

*In 2019, South Africa won the Bronze medal at the Quad World Cup, organized 4 International Wheelchair Tennis Tournaments and as many Beach Tennis in South Africa*



**Botswana Tennis Association**



**Ms. Natasha Mbano - ZIM**



**Mr Mohamed Ammari – Algeria**



**Mr Mohamed O. Traoré – Mali**

