



WBSC

Africa Congress

TECHNICAL REPORT







**OBSERVATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBER
KENNY MATISHI ON THE FIRST TERM OF
OUR ADMINISTRATION AT WBSC AFRICA**

When we came into office, WBSC Africa had no proper structures in place. Communication with member federations was almost non-existent, activities were rare, and our sport had very little visibility on the continent.

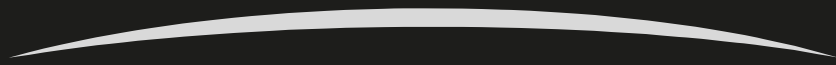
Today, the picture is different. We have built structures that are functional and responsive, improved communication with our members, and created opportunities for competitions and training programs across Africa. We have also signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with credible institutions, opening doors for partnerships that will support the growth of baseball and softball.

Equally important, the inclusion of our current President on the Confederation of African Olympic Sports Association COSAL (through ANOCA) Board demonstrates that WBSC Africa is now gaining recognition and respect within the wider Olympic Movement.

From having no foundation to now being a more organized and visible Federation, our first term shows that with unity and vision, we can truly transform baseball and softball in Africa.



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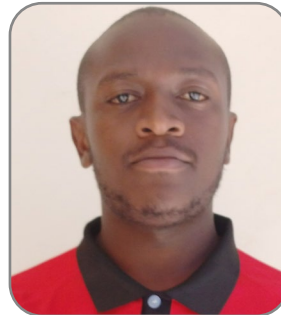
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**TOGETHER WE RISE
BUILDING A UNITED,
PROGRESSIVE,
& SELF-RELIANT
AFRICA THROUGH
BASEBALL AND
SOFTBALL.**

WBSC Africa, President
Albert K Frimpong

WBSC AFRICA CONGRESS 2025

President's Report

Dear Presidents, Secretary Generals, esteemed board members, invited guests, and all distinguished participants,

On behalf of the WBSC Africa Board, I bring you warm greetings and extend our best wishes as we gather to review our collective journey and chart a stronger path forward for baseball and softball on the African continent. On July 4th, 2022, you entrusted me with the leadership of a diverse and passionate board, representing the best minds and hands in African baseball and softball. We were given a clear mandate: to revive our sports, restore Africa's pride in global baseball and softball, and return our continent to a position of dignity and respect.

When we assumed office, we faced a leadership transition without the expected handover documentation — a basic but critical administrative courtesy. While we had some knowledge of the state of affairs, the absence of formal records made our task even more daunting. Nevertheless, we pressed on with determination, and despite the setbacks, we began the work of rebuilding. In my initial conversations with WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari, I made one promise: we would speak less, and work more. We embraced an inclusive leadership style, involving key stakeholders across the continent and forming active commissions to drive growth and accountability.

BUILDING TOGETHER: COMMISSIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

To ensure effective governance and shared responsibility, we established several key commissions:

- ✦ **Baseball Commission** – Chaired by 1st Vice President Felix Okoye
- ✦ **Softball Commission** – Chaired by 2nd Vice President Madam Vicky

- ✦ **Finance Commission** – Chaired by our Treasurer
- ✦ **Sponsorship & Marketing Commission** – Led by Ernest Danso
- ✦ **Technical, Development & Coaching Commission** – Headed by Dr. Marc Moreau
- ✦ **Children's Baseball Commission** – Formerly Little League, led by Fernando Lavenir
- ✦ **Baseball5 Commission** – Led by Alpherio Nchimbe

Each commission has played a significant role in involving more countries, strengthening grassroots structures, and diversifying opportunities across our member nations.

AFRICA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: THEN AND NOW (2010–2025) Where We Were (2010):

- ✦ Fewer than 10 active national federations
- ✦ No structured continental body (ABSA inactive)
- ✦ Inadequate infrastructure, limited school/youth programs
- ✦ Little to no media visibility or competitive activity

Turning Point:

WBSC reforms, introduction of Baseball5
Youth engagement through schools and NGOs
Renewed interest from diaspora and expats
Structured support and regional training

Progress Achieved (2025):

Over 30 active national federations
Regular regional and continental competitions
Significant improvement in infrastructure (Baseball5 courts across the continent)
Growing media presence and storytelling
Emergence of African talent on international platforms
Strong partnerships with WBSC, national leadership, and diaspora contributors

COMPETITIONS: FROM SCARCITY TO OPPORTUNITY

In 2010, only a few elite teams represented Africa in global competitions. We changed that. By establishing a regional competition model, we gave more countries the opportunity to compete, develop, and grow.

Today, Baseball5 in particular is a pan-African sport — no longer dominated by a few nations. Every team is competitive, and no champion can rest easy.

Competitions Held Under Our Leadership:

- ❖ Botswana (2022) – Softball
- ❖ Ghana (2022) – Baseball5
- ❖ Uganda, Kenya (2023–2024) – Baseball, Softball, Baseball5
- ❖ Nigeria (2023) – Baseball5
- ❖ Cape Verde (2024) – Baseball5
- ❖ South Africa (2025) – Baseball & Baseball5
- ❖ Ivory Coast (2025) – Baseball5

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT & COACHING

We initiated certification-focused coaching programs for Softball and Baseball across East, West, and Southern Africa. We identified that many federations were unaware of WBSC funding opportunities, so we created annual regional budgets to facilitate equitable access to resources.

Our goal is to see African technical officials officiating world-class events. For this to happen, national federations must invest in the education and growth of their technical staff.

CHALLENGES WE HAVE FACED

While we have made significant progress, there remain internal challenges. Unfortunately, a few individuals have consistently undermined our independence — sharing internal information externally, often for personal or political gain. Such behavior reflects a lingering “master-servant” mentality which undermines the very spirit of African unity and leadership. This behavior is not only counterproductive — it’s un-African. We must remember: each of us was elected to serve our nations with integrity and dignity, and to defend Africa’s autonomy in global sports governance.

ANOCA & THE OLYMPIC CONNECTION

Our strong engagement with ANOCA (Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa) has already borne fruit. We are currently collaborating in preparation for the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal, where Baseball5 could play a pivotal role.

In a historic achievement, I was elected to the Confederation of African Olympic Sports Associations (CASOL) — a seat I proudly hold on behalf of you all. It’s a testimony that the world is taking note of Africa’s rising credibility and influence in sport.

MOVING FORWARD: UNITY, VISION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

This is not a one-man job. It is not about personal glory. It’s about the collective success of Africa — about ensuring that our youth have opportunities, that our federations grow, and that our continent never again returns to the

dark days of invisibility and mismanagement. Some still wish to see Africa dependent and externally controlled. But as Dr. Kwame Nkrumah once said:



“The Black man is capable of managing his own affairs.”

We’ve proven this with action, not words.

IN CONCLUSION

We are here today not just to reflect — but to decide. The future of our continent’s baseball and softball lies in our hands. I humbly ask for your continued support to lead this movement forward. Let us vote wisely — not for individuals, but for the vision of a united, progressive, and self-reliant African baseball and softball community.

Together, we rise. Africa must never go backward.

Thank you.

Albert Kydd Frimpong
President, WBSC Africa





**TOGETHER,
WE EXPAND
PARTICIPATION,
STRENGTHEN
INFRASTRUCTURE,
& GROW AFRICA'S
GAME GLOBALLY.**

**WBSC Africa,
Secretary General**
Francis Njeru Karugu

WBSC AFRICA SG'S REPORT

**Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates,
Members of the WBSC Family, Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

It is an honour to present the WBSC Africa Secretary General's Report to this Congress. I begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to all WBSC Africa members for your unwavering support since 2022 when I was elected Secretary General. Your commitment has been instrumental in driving the growth of baseball and softball across our continent.

Achievements Since 2022

When we assumed office, we found very few activities in place. Together, we have worked to change that. First, we introduced regional championships in Eastern, Southern, and Western Africa. These competitions are more affordable and have significantly increased participation. Looking ahead, we aim to create an additional region in West Africa and establish a Northern Africa region to further strengthen our competitive structure. Second, our greatest success has been in Baseball5. Over the past few years, we have welcomed more nations into this exciting format, including Botswana and Lesotho, who have shown commendable progress.

Today, our continent proudly holds strong global rankings:

- ✦ Tunisia – No. 5 in the world and No. 1 in Africa
- ✦ Kenya – No. 11 in the world and No. 2 in Africa
- ✦ South Africa – No. 12 in the world and No. 3 in Africa
- ✦ Ghana – No. 16 in the world

Additionally, Africa has secured wild card entries to major tournaments:

- Tunisia – Baseball5 World Cup (2022 and Mexico 2025)
- ✦ Zambia – Baseball5 Youth World Cup in

Turkey (2023)

These opportunities have showcased Africa's growing potential on the world stage.

Development of Game Officials

We have also made significant strides in the training and development of officials: Softball umpire training programs have been successfully conducted in Southern and Eastern Africa.

Our officials are now receiving top-level international assignments:

- ✦ Brian Manyeki served as Plate Official for the Gold Medal Match at the Baseball5 World Cup in Mexico (2022) and has been invited to all subsequent Baseball5 World Cups.
- ✦ Jason Brian was nominated as Deputy Director at the Baseball5 Youth World Cup in Turkey (2023).

Looking forward, we aim to:

- ✦ Launch structured Baseball Umpire Training Programs across Africa.
- ✦ Establish a proper and sustainable Baseball Umpiring Structure to ensure consistent development, certification, and deployment of officials across all levels.

Membership Growth

- ✦ This year, we are pleased to welcome Niger into our WBSC Africa family. We also look forward to other nations joining us soon, including South Sudan Baseball and Softball.
- ✦ We also celebrate the return of Uganda, which had previously been under suspension. Their reinstatement marks an important step for the growth of our sport in the region.

Ongoing Challenges

**Despite our achievements,
several challenges remain:**

- ❖ Limited funding for teams to participate in major events.
- ❖ Inadequate infrastructure, including playing facilities and quality equipment.
- ❖ A need for more regional and continental competitions beyond World Cup qualifiers.
- ❖ Greater focus on Women's Baseball to ensure gender inclusion in our competitions.

Looking Forward

Our vision is clear – expand participation, strengthen infrastructure, professionalize

umpiring, promote gender inclusion, and increase competitive opportunities for our athletes. Together, we can make Africa a formidable force in global baseball and softball.

Conclusion

Mr. President, esteemed colleagues, I thank you all for your commitment to the growth of our sport. We have made great progress, but our journey continues. May God bless WBSC, may God bless Africa, and may our game continue to rise to even greater heights.

Thank you.

Francis Njeu Kwarungu
Secretary General



COMPETITIONS



January 2023 – U18 Softball Men Qualifiers, Kampala, Uganda

Participants: South Africa and Uganda

Winner: South Africa

January 2023 – U12 Baseball Championship, Naivasha, Kenya

Winner: Uganda | 2nd: Kenya | 3rd: Tanzania

January 2023 – U18 Baseball Championship, Naivasha, Kenya

Winner: Uganda | 2nd: Kenya

February 2023 – Senior Women Softball World Cup Qualifiers, Botswana

Winner: South Africa | 2nd: Botswana | 3rd: Kenya | 4th: Lesotho

February 2024 – Senior Baseball5 Qualifiers, Cape Verde

Winner: Tunisia | 2nd: South Africa

May 2024 – Youth Baseball5 Championship, Cape Coast, Ghana

Winner: Ghana | 2nd: Tunisia | 3rd: South Africa

July 2024 – Western Region Youth Baseball5 Championship, Nigeria

Winner: Tunisia | 2nd: Ghana

July 2024 – Southern Region Youth Baseball5 Championship, South Africa

Winner: South Africa | 2nd: Zimbabwe

August 2024 – East Africa Youth Baseball5 Championship, Nairobi, Kenya

Winner: Uganda | 2nd: Kenya

January 2025 – Youth Continental Baseball Championship, South Africa

Winner: South Africa | 2nd: Kenya

January 2025 – U18 Baseball Qualifiers, South Africa

Winner: South Africa | 2nd: Zimbabwe

April 2025 – Eastern Region Senior Baseball5 Qualifiers, Nairobi, Kenya

Winner: Kenya | 2nd: Uganda | 3rd: Tanzania

May 2025 – West Africa Region Senior Baseball5 Qualifiers, Ivory Coast

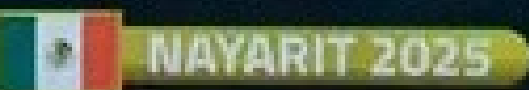
Winner: Tunisia | 2nd: Cape Verde | 3rd: Burkina Faso

May 2025 – Southern Region Baseball5 Qualifiers, Lesotho

Winner: South Africa | 2nd: Zambia



YOUTH
BASEBALL
WORLD CUP



A young man in a red Kenya baseball jersey stands next to a trophy and a large event banner. The banner features the WBSC Base5 Ball logo, the text 'YOUTH BASEBALLS WORLD CUP', and the location 'NAYARIT 2025' with the Mexican flag.

WBSC AFRICA PARTNERSHIP AND PROJECT 144 LAUNCH REPORT

Introduction

After several months of strategic discussions between the President of WBSC Africa and international partners, WBSC Africa successfully signed a landmark partnership agreement with the African Sports Ventures Group (ASVG), based in Texas, USA, on 11 June 2025. This collaboration marks a significant step in the advancement of baseball and softball in Africa through the upcoming launch of Project 144.

Project 144 Overview

Project 144 is a flagship initiative designed to expand grassroots participation and talent development in baseball and softball across the continent.

Scope: Twelve (12) African countries actively promoting baseball and softball will each select twelve (12) schools to participate in the inaugural schools league.

Coach Development: Before the commencement of the leagues, coaches from these schools will undergo professional training conducted by ASVG experts from the United States.

League Roll-Out: The first league will kick off in Nigeria in 2026, followed by the other eleven countries thereafter.

Talent Scouting & Professional Pathway: This initiative will serve as a feeder programme for Africa's first-ever professional baseball championship, which will attract scouts from the USA and Japan to identify and recruit emerging talent.

Achievements of WBSC Africa Leadership

The leadership of WBSC Africa has undertaken unprecedented efforts to grow and professionalize baseball and softball in Africa. The progress achieved in recent years reflects the most dynamic period of development in the Confederation's history.

4. Vision for the Future

To sustain this momentum, WBSC Africa commits to the following strategic objectives:

Continental Expansion

Promote and establish baseball, softball, and Baseball5 in more African countries.

Schools Baseball League Development
Ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of the schools league across all participating nations.

Leadership Orientation & Capacity Building

Equip African baseball leaders with the skills and knowledge required to promote and manage the sport effectively.

Federation Development Support-



Work closely with each national federation to raise standards and achieve higher levels of operational excellence.

Baseballership Education

Strengthen understanding of baseball governance, leadership, and administration across all member nations.

Performance Grading System

Introduce a grading and categorization framework to monitor and evaluate the progress of member countries.

Discipline & Governance Excellence

Maintain the highest standards of discipline and accountability across all levels of WBSC Africa.

Coaching Certification Programme

Develop and certify top-level coaches within Africa to lead training programmes and drive skill development across the continent.

CONCLUSION



With the successful signing of the ASVG partnership and the upcoming launch of Project 144, WBSC Africa has laid a strong foundation for the next phase of baseball and softball development. These efforts are set to elevate African baseball to a professional level, unlocking opportunities for athletes and fostering growth across all member nations.



WHERE WE WERE (CIRCA 2010)

Limited recognition across the continent

- Few national federations
- No continental structure (inactive ABSA)
- Scarce equipment and fields
- No school/youth programs
- Almost zero media visibility

THE TURNING POINT

WBSC reforms and recognition of Africa

- Youth interest driven by schools and NGOs
- Baseball5 introduced as a low-cost gateway
- Diaspora and expat interest growing

THEN VS. NOW COMPARISON

- there were very few Federations in 2010, we had 10 active in (2010) in 2025 we have 30+ (2025)
- the Continental Body was seen as weak (WBSC-Africa)
- in terms of events, there were very Few or none no regular tournaments

- Infrastructure was classified as very Poor Improving (Baseball5)
- there was no serious Media Presence back then but now it has grown and greatly improved
- there was no talent export, but now it is visible with some players making out there on the low and making Africa.

THE KEY DRIVERS OF THE GROWTH

Have been as a result of •WBSC and WBSC Africa support and other key global partnerships

- also importantly is the strong national federation leadership of some of these countries doing so well with the sports.
- some national federations that have taken the school outreach and youth competitions serious are reaping the rewards.
- they have also been very visible on all media platforms. And that is a big plus for the sports.
- Diaspora engagement- most people in the diaspora have played
- a pivotal role in helping some of our countries to make such great progress.

THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

Inclusion in more African Games
Establishment of African academies
Professional athlete pathways
Sustained Olympic collaboration
Strong grassroots structures



AFRICA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL 15 YEARS AGO VS. NOW

↓ (CIRCA 2010)

- Limited Recognition
- Few Federations
- Infrastructure
- No Continental Body
- Low Participation
- No Media Attention
- Minimal International Presence

↑ TODAY (2025)

- Recognition by WBSC-Africa
- Wider Country Participation
- Baseball5 Expansion
- Continental Events
- Olympic Movement Ties



AFRICA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: THEN AND NOW
A 15-YEAR EVOLUTION (2010–2025)



WBSC AFRICA TECHNICAL, DEVELOPMENTS COMPETITION COMMISSION (TDCC)

WBSC EXCO – SPECIAL MEETING
TDCC PRESENTATION – 06.06.2024

- Welcome Objective of TDCC WBSC Regions
- TDCC Structure
- Competition consideration Competition 8 Year Matrix
- Bidding C Hosting 8 Year Matrix

TDCC OBJECTIVES



Provide WBSC Africa with a sustainable Technical, Development and Competition strategic plan for 8 years

PRIORITY 1 Establish Structure

PRIORITY 2 Establish Competition Matrix for 8 years

PRIORITY 3 Establish Bidding and Hosting Matrix for 8 years

PRIORITY 4 Perform survey to establish data, level of play and capacity of each country and region

PRIORITY 5 Establish Technical C Development strategic plan to increase participation, capacity, development and competitiveness

PRIORITY 6 Establish budget to implement plan

PROPOSED REGIONS



WBSC Africa Regions

African Union	WBSC Africa
↘ Region 1	↘ North
↘ Region 2	↘ West
↘ Region 3	↘ Central
↘ Region 4	↘ East
↘ Region 5	↘ South

Group Regions pending result of a survey on each WBSC Africa Member

TDCC - STRUCTURE

- Create 3 sub-commissions within the TDCC C appoint a responsible for each
- Enlarge our Commission to have 3 members from each region Each of the 3 members to represent a discipline
- Have a mirror structure of TDCC in each region with respective countries involved

PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR TDCC ▼

WBSC Africa Regions

Technical	Development	Competition
↘ Baseball	↘ Baseball	↘ Baseball
↘ Softball	↘ Softball	↘ Softball
↘ Baseball 5	↘ Baseball 5	↘ Baseball 5

Identify the scope of each sub commission

TDCC – COMPETITION CONSIDERATIONS

- All WBSC Africa competitions to be referred to as “Africa Championships” which will serve as WC Qualifiers Africa Championships to be held for each discipline and each category (woman, men, and all junior age groups) every 2 years
- Africa Regional Championship to be held 12-15 months before a WBSC WC Africa Continental Championship to be held 6-12 months before a WBSC WC
- TDCC to prepare an 8 year matrix

TDCC – BASEBALL - 8 YEAR PLAN ▼

		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031	
MALE	U12	WBSC AFRICA REGIONAL	WBSC AFRICA CONTINENTAL CUP	WBSC WC		WBSC AFRICA REGIONAL	WBSC AFRICA CONTINENTAL CUP	WBSC WC		WBSC AFRICA REGIONAL	WBSC AFRICA CONTINENTAL CUP	WBSC WC		WBSC AFRICA REGIONAL	WBSC AFRICA CONTINENTAL CUP	WBSC WC	
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Depending on number of teams participating in each region

- top 2 teams qualify if > 3 teams participate
- top team qualify if ≤ 3 teams participate

TDCC – BASEBALL - 8 YEAR PLAN ▼

Baseball 5 - 8 Year Programme

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MIXED GENDER	U18	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031	
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TDCC – SOFTBALL – 8 YEAR PLAN ▼

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TDCC – BIDDING & HOSTING CONSIDERATIONS

- Timing of bidding C use of rotational basis to host
- Establish minimum criteria for hosting
- Cost of bidding and hosting
- Cost of participation C participation fee Budget allocation from WBSC Africa
- Providing every country an option to host

TDCC – HOSTING CONCLUSIONS

Regional Championship

- Rotational hosting for Regional championship in alphabetical order within each region by discipline
- Option available up to June 30 of the year before Regional Championship
- Must be able to demonstrate that it can meet minimum hosting criteria
- Regional Championship must be completed by May 31 of the year before WC

Continental Championship

- Rotational hosting for Continental championship in alphabetical order within each region by discipline
- Option available up to June 30 of the year before WC
- Must be able to demonstrate that it can meet minimum hosting criteria
- Continental Championship must be completed by January 20 of the WC year

CAPE SPORT SCHOOL



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TDCC - BASEBALL 5 CONTINENTAL HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN ROTATION BY REGION



	U18										Seniors												
	2021 WC	2022	2023 WC	2024	2025	2026 IOC	2027	2028	2026	2030 IOC	2031	2021	2022 WC	2023	2024 WC	2025	2026 WC	2027	2028 WC	2026	2030 WC	2031	
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TDCC – BASEBALL REGIONAL U15-18 FEMALE HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN
ROTATIONAL ALPHABETICAL WITHIN EACH REGION ▼

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**TDCC – BASEBALL 5 CONTINENTAL U15-18
FEMALE HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN
ROTATION BY REGION**

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TDCC – BASEBALL REGIONAL U12-23 MALE HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN
ROTATIONAL ALPHABETICAL WITHIN EACH REGION ▼

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West Africa

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East Region

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South Region

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TDCC – BASEBALL CONTINENTAL SENIORS F/M HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN

ROTATION BY REGION



	Senior Woman (3 year)											Senior Men											
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2026	2030	2031	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2026	2030	2031	
	WC											WC											
West Africa																							
Benin																							
Burkina Fasso																							
Ivory Coast																							
Cape Verde Islands																							
Gambia	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		No		No	No	No	No	No		No	No		No		No	No
Ghana																							
Nigeria																							
Sierra Leone	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		No		No	No	No	No	No		No	No		No		No	No
Senegal																							
Togo																							
Tunisia *																							
East Region																							
Egypt *																							
Kenya																							
Tanzania																							
Uganda																							
South Region																							
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		No		No	No	No	No	No		No	No		No		No	No
Lesotho																							
South Africa																							
Zambia																							
Zimbabwe																							

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TDCC – SOFTBALL CONTINENTAL U15-18 FEMALE HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN ROTATION BY REGION

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TDCC – SOFTBALL REGIONAL U23 F/M HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN ROTATION

ALPHABETICAL WITHIN EACH REGION

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TDCC SOFTBALL CONTINENTAL SENIORS F/M HOSTING - 8 YEAR PLAN ROTATION BY EACH REGION

TDCC PROGRESS CHART

Provide WBSC Africa with a sustainable Technical, Development and Competition strategic plan for 8 years

Priority 1 – Establish Structure

Priority 2 – Establish Competition Matrix for 8 years

Priority 3 – Establish Bidding and Hosting Matrix for 8 years

Priority 4 – Perform survey to establish data, level of play and capacity of each country and region

Priority 5 – Establish Technical C Development strategic plan to increase participation, capacity, development and competitiveness

Priority 6 – Establish budget to implement plan

TDCC IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS

- Decision on West Region
- Baseball U12 & U18 Regional & Continental Championships
- Baseball 5 Youth Continental Championship
- Confirmation of hosting countries for 2025 Regional & Continental Championships
- Survey
- Minimum hosting requirements

FINANCIAL REPORT

2023, 2024 & 2025

Article 14.5(e) of the WBSC Africa statutes 2022, The Treasurer shall prepare financial statements and reports within the prescribed period and ensure that the same are sent to the Executive Board, and subsequently to Members for a Congress. I have prepared financial statements for the period ended December 2023, December 2024, half year ended June 2025 consolidated financial report which give the necessary information and details for better comprehension. The Statements for these past 2 and half years have not been audited because Independent auditors have not been appointed by the Executive Board.

I would like to bring to your attention that WBSC Africa Executive Board tried to open a

bank account in Kenya and Ghana however, the process failed in both countries because the signatories were from different countries. As a result, WBSC Africa requested WBSC to open a bank account in the names of WBSC Africa in Switzerland and the bank details are:

UBS Business Current Account \$, IBAN CH63 0024 3243 1534 6768Y, Category: WBSC Africa, BIC:UBSWCHZH80A

When I took over the Treasury office, I faced a challenge to prepare accounts for 2022 as there were not prior years financial statements. However, the following information for periods between 2019 -2022 as availed by the WBSC Africa Coordinator and I bring it to your attention. Unfortunately, it is in Swiss francs. One CHF corresponds to approximately 1.08 \$ by then



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CURRENT ACCOUNT
\$, IBAN CH63 0024
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CATEGORY:
WBSC AFRICA,
BIC:UBSWCHZH80A**

WBSC AFRICA DEVELOPMENT FUND SUMMARY (2019–2022)

Year	Amount Received (CHF)	Total Spent (CHF)	Additional Spending (CHF)	General Total Spent (CHF)
2019	45,000	16,173.03	62,843.31	79,016.34
2020	31,000	14,638.88	3,455.05	18,093.93
2021	8,893.33	8,893.33	9,716.77	18,610.01
2022	-	52,208.64	-	52,208.64

From the above table, the following summaries have been made

- **Total Received (2019–2021): 84,893.33 CHF**
- **Total General Spending (2019–2022): 167,928.92 CHF**
- **Reserve for Future Support (2022): 58,689 CHF**

Key Spending Areas

- **Olympic Qualifiers & Equipment:** Support for GHA, KEN, RSA, and other federations.
- **Clinics & Webinars:** Scorer/Umpire training, B4B/B5 programs, infrastructure support.

➤ **Championships:** B5 African Championship and World Cup Qualifier logistics.

➤ **Administration & Translation:** Operational support across years.

Before going into the details of periods 2022 -2025, allow me to inform the Congress that the financial statements have been prepared on accruals basis and the reporting currency of WBSC Africa is the United States Dollars.

The Financial Performance Highlights of the Revenue and Expenditure for WBSC Africa for the periods 2022 to June 2025 is as below:

	INCOME	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Jun-25
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WBSC Development Grant		56,385.33	27,000.00	36,000	5,000
Membership fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income		56,385.33	27,000.00	36,000	\$255.888
EXPENDITURE		-	-	-	-
Executive committee		-	5,054.84	1,050.00	2,400.00
Competition and tournaments		25,038.91	13,352.52	22,070.90	1,345.73
Development programme		31,346.42	2,000.00	11,386.95	3,000.00
other Expenses		-	1,500.00	-	166.59
Total Expenditure		56,385.33	21,907.36	34,507.85	6,912.32
Excess of Income over expenditure		-	5,092.64	1,492.15	(1,912.32)

The WBSC Development Grant was the sole source of funding during the periods reported. This indicates a fluctuating but consistent reliance on the WBSC Development Grant to support operations and development initiatives.

**Financial year ended 31st December 2023
Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2023, WBSC Africa reported:

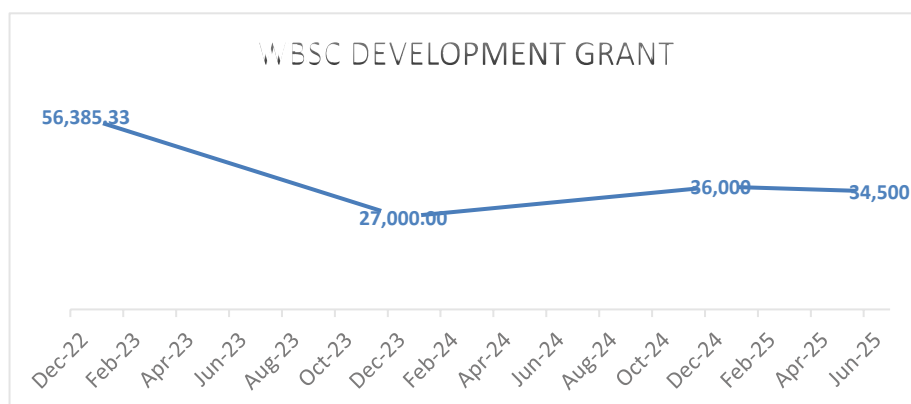
WBSC Africa held \$5,092.64 in cash at year-end 2023, with no receivables or liabilities.

Statement of Income and Expenditure

WBSC Development Grant: \$27,000 (2023), down from \$56,385.33 (2022). Income in 2023 was solely from the WBSC Development Grant. No income from membership fees or external funding was received.

Expenditures were strategically allocated across four key areas:

- Executive Committee: \$5,054.84
- Competitions & Tournaments: \$13,352.52 (down from \$25,038.91)
- Development Programmes: \$2,000 (down from \$31,346.42)
- Other Expenditures: \$1,500



- The surplus \$5,092.64 reflects excess income over expenditure for the year
- Major 2023 activities included Baseball5 U18 qualifiers in Ghana and support for B5 courses in Nigeria and Kenya.

Program Highlights

Executive Committee

- Accommodation for WBSC Africa personnel during the Baseball5 U18 Qualifier in Ghana accounted for the entire \$5,054.84 spent.

Competitions & Tournaments

- Major events included:
 - Baseball5 U18 World Cup Qualifiers in Ghana (\$10,139.52)
 - U12 & U18 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers in Kenya (\$3,213.00)

Development Programme

- Focused on regional training:
 - West Africa (Nigeria): \$1,100
 - East Africa (Kenya): \$900
- Dec-23 saw a sharp decline in spending, particularly in Development, which

dropped from \$ 31,346.42 to just \$ 2,000.

Other Expenditure

- A \$1,500 contribution was made to Federacao Caboverdiana Basebol s FCBS.

Conclusion

- Despite lower funding, WBSC Africa maintained its commitment to development and competition, especially in Ghana, Kenya, and Nigeria.
- The absence of liabilities and a positive cash balance position the organization well for future initiatives.

Financial year ended 31st December 2024 Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024, WBSC Africa reported:

- Total Assets: \$6,584.77, up from \$5,092.62 in 2023.
- Cash at Bank and in Hand: The sole asset, increased by \$1,492.15 year-over-year.
- Liabilities: No current or non-current liabilities were recorded.
- Reserves: Closing reserves matched total assets at \$6,584.77, reflecting the surplus generated during the year.

Statement of Income and Expenditure Income

WBSC Africa's income was entirely sourced from the WBSC Annual Development Fund:

- 2024: \$36,000
- 2023: \$27,000
- No income was recorded from membership fees or external funding.

Expenditure Breakdown

Total expenditure rose to \$34,507.85 in 2024 from \$21,907.36 in 2023, driven by expanded programming:

- Executive Committee: \$1,050.00 (President's official visit to Nigeria)
- Competitions and Tournaments: \$22,070.90
- Events included Baseball5 World Cup qualifiers in Cape Verde, West Africa Baseball5 Qualifiers, and Regional Youth Baseball5 & U-18 Baseball tournaments.
- Development Programmes: \$11,386.95
- Activities included umpire/scorer training and regional clinics across Kenya, Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, and Nigeria.
- Other Expenditures: None in 2024 (compared to \$1,500 in 2023)

Surplus

- 2024 Surplus: \$1,492.15
- 2023 Surplus: \$5,092.64

While the surplus declined due to increased investment in development and competitions, the organization maintained a positive net position.

Conclusion

WBSC Africa demonstrated prudent financial management in 2024, expanding its development and competition activities while maintaining a surplus and debt-free status. The increase in WBSC funding enabled broader regional engagement and capacity-building initiatives, aligning with the organization's mission to grow Baseball/Softball across Africa.

Half year ended 30th June 2025

- Total Income for the period June 2025 = \$ 5,000
- Total Expenses for the period June 2025 = \$ 6,912.32
- Deficit for the period June 2025 = (\$1,912.32)
- WBSC Africa was advance \$5,000 which is part of a larger allocation of \$ 34,500, to be disbursed in two installments. The advance of \$ 5,000 was received in April to support regional Baseball5 qualifiers in Lesotho and Ivory Coast
- **Executive Committee:** Allowances for officials attending Youth Baseball5 qualifiers in Cape Coast. \$2,400.00
- **Competitions:** Purchase of Baseball5 balls for various regional events. \$1,345.73
- **Development:** Advance payments to Lesotho and Ivory Coast federations for hosting qualifiers. \$ 3,000.00
- **Other:** Banking fees, third-party charges, and miscellaneous costs \$166.59
- Total expenditures amounted to \$ 6,912.32, exceeding income and resulting in a deficit of \$ 1,912.32.
- WBSC Africa operated at a deficit during the first half of 2025 due to limited income and significant development and competition-related expenditures. Despite this, the organization maintained a positive cash balance and continued its mission to support baseball and softball development across Africa.



NB: IN SEPTEMBER 2025, WBSC AFRICA SUPPORTED 11 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WITH RETURN TICKETS TO ENABLE THEM TRAVEL FOR THIS CONGRESS. THE COST WAS APPROXIMATELY USD 10,600.

Recommendation

- There is need to appoint an independent Auditor to audit the financial statements for the period 2023 -2025
- WBSC Africa need to explore other funding sources to include membership fees, external funding among others as relying of only WBSC Development funds affects execution of all planned activities and achievement of organizational objectives





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