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**Badminton
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Africa**

The Beacon

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Introducing the Beacon

“More and Better” is the pick-up phrase to kick-start
“the BEACON.”

“More and Better” was the message from our very own BCA Secretary General, Mr. Sahir Edoo, which he presented while at the commission meeting held at the All Africa Senior Championships, in Kampala, Uganda - February, 2022. The BCA Secretary General was airing out his views regarding the current status of BCATOs and how to make Africa’s technical officials grow to greater heights. He categorically stated that “BCATOs’ future is destined for success but wished that whoever would qualify to the BCA level must make the best of it as BCA can only give what is within her limits. “

Africa has long hidden from the pages, and all the good works that have been done in the past by her technical officials have gone almost unnoticed. ‘The Beacon’ is here to put a face to the great works of Africa’s badminton technical officials onto the continent’s badminton page and it will showcase the unity in diversity of the African voice.

Imperatively, it should be mentioned that at the start of the year 2021, during the Covid-19 pandemic, BCA came up with a number of development programs for her technical officials, as will further be highlighted here in the Beacon pages.

Along these lines, the BCATOs commission went into her archives and dug up information that can be documented for our good readers. We do believe that this information will lay the foundation for;

"The BEACON"

BCATOs Commission



Diraj Dev Goonendry

*President BCA TOs
Coordinator, (Mauritius)*



Andre Van Der Merwe

*Secretary, and in charge of
communication BCA TOs'
Commission (South Africa)*



Semugabi Harriet

*Secretary BCA TOs'
Newsletter & In charge of
BCA Referees' development (Uganda)*



Kgaboetsile Emmanuel

*In charge of BCA TOs
Umpires' development
(Botswana)*



fifame Honorine Vitohou

*In charge of BCA TOs
Linejudges' development
(Benin)*

THE BCA TOS COMMISSION

Let me take this opportunity to inform that during a recent sitting, the BCA Executive put in place a committee of long serving and dedicated persons at their national, continental and the International level, in the technical department. The committee is set up to manage all BCATOs matters.

Permit me to present to you here the newly appointed persons responsible for the different departments on the BCATOs committee, for the term 2022/2026.

BCA Assessment Panel

Referees' Assessors

1. Ms Gretha Prinsloo (Head/Chair)
2. Mr. Diraj Dev Gooneadry
3. Mrs. Karin Bester

Umpires' Assessors

1. Mr. Diraj Dev Gooneadry (Head/Chair)
2. Mr. Jessen Mahadoo
3. Mr. Kgaboetsile Emmanuel
4. Ms. Semugabi Harriet
5. Mr. Yassan Sairally
6. Mr. Andre Van Der Merwe

BCA is blessed to have had the services of her long serving officials at the world level. The recently just retired but not tired honorary members of our great family include;

Ms Gretha Prinsloo (South Africa)

Africa's celebrated Ms Gretha Prinsloo who has just retired as a BWF Certificated Referee and has now taken on the duty of a BWF Referee Assessor. Africa is grateful for her service



BWF Certified Referee
BWF Referee Assessor

Mr Jen Ponambalum (Mauritius)

He has been serving as BWF Accredited Referee for some good years and have taught and mentored quite a number of African technical officials through their successful journeys as either referees, umpires or line judges



Mr Hassan Heiderkhan (Mauritius)

He has been serving as BWF Accredited Referee for some good years and have taught and mentored quite a number of African technical officials through their successful journeys as either referees, umpires or line judges

Mr. Louwrens Bester (South Africa)

He retired recently in (2020) as a BWF certificated Umpire after having served for a reasonable number of years. He too contributed tremendously to the development of many of Africa's upcoming badminton technical officials.



Great job and well done to all our mentors

We commemorate the services of the above honorary members and hope to follow in their footsteps when our time is due. For now, we are grateful to them for the brilliant representation of our motherland, Africa.



Newsletter Secretary's Remarks

I wish to welcome you to the Beacon.

It is my pleasure to invite BCA TOs to subscribe to a whole new set up of the long awaited reflection of information and updates from the BCATOs committee, disseminating technical officials' activities from the different localities in Africa.

Ladies and Gentlemen, **“The Beacon!”**

The Beacon is a name that came up to be made use of as our brand name for the BCATOs Newsletter. It is a name that has been suggested to perfectly suit the look - out for our activities as BCA TOs. What do you say? Should we keep it?

Allow me to use this big stride to personally welcome everyone on board and hope that we realize our desired goal of keeping ourselves informed about matters that concern us as BCATOs, and that we have a forum through which we can address our fun, development, concerns and queries regarding badminton technical officials' matters in Africa.

We would like to receive all of your contributions and the way forward for a better outlook of our Newsletter. Some of us have such big dreams but may not have the expertise to put them on paper. As such, we call upon everyone - writers, poets, editors amongst us out there to come on board. We welcome all advice positively.

Over to you comrades!

By Semugabi Harriet (BCATOs Newsletter Secretary)



BCATOs Chairperson's Remarks

Dear friends,

Welcome to our first Newsletter titled 'The BEACON'. This will be the first edition to share and communicate information to our Technical Officials. You will have the opportunity to relate your story relating to badminton.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us and many of our plans for the development of TOs could not be implemented. However, despite this, several online workshops have been conducted be it for Referees, Umpires and Line Judges. Let us hope that by next year, everything returns back to normal and that we can conduct appraisals, assessments, mentorship programs and physical workshops. Even in the time of the pandemic, I would like to congratulate all our TOs for their commitment and resilience. We have been able to officiate at many tournaments be in Africa or at BWF level. Continental Assessments have been carried out for our Umpires and the next one to come is the Continental Referees' Workshop.

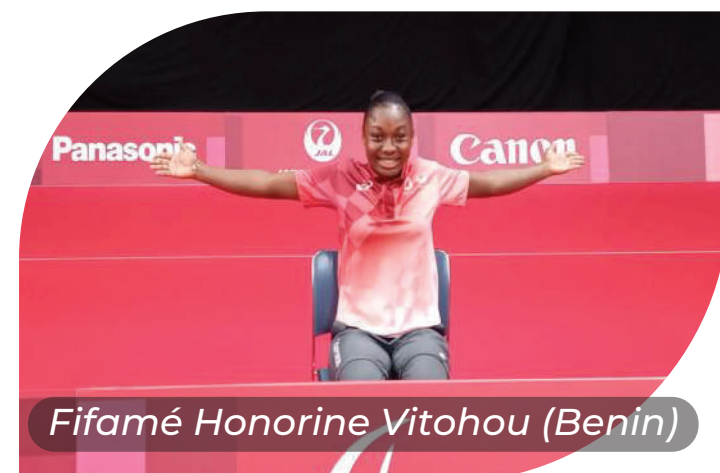
I would like to thank the Members of the BCA TOC namely Andre Van der Merwe, Harriet Semugabi, Emmanuel Kgaboetsile and Fifame Honorine for their great support without which all these activities would not have been possible.



The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and the Paralympic Games

At the recently concluded games some of Africa's BWF TOs were celebrated for a job well done. We could not go without mentioning their representation and of course, documenting their presence at the historical events. Aside from the Olympics that had its own great publicity, from September 1st - 5th 2021 the world witnessed BWF showcasing her Paralympian community and Tokyo 2020 hosted the first ever Paralympic badminton games amidst tight and stringent Covid - 19 measures. Both athletes and organizers were able to brave the situation and offset the pandemic to stage a memorable competition for both the players and the rest of the community, technical officials and other stakeholders alike. We were all finally Olympians united, talk of the power of sport.

The Tokyo 2020 tagged games though inaugurated in 2021 had everything going for them as the athletes competed with passion, enthusiasm and determination coupled with patience and anticipation.





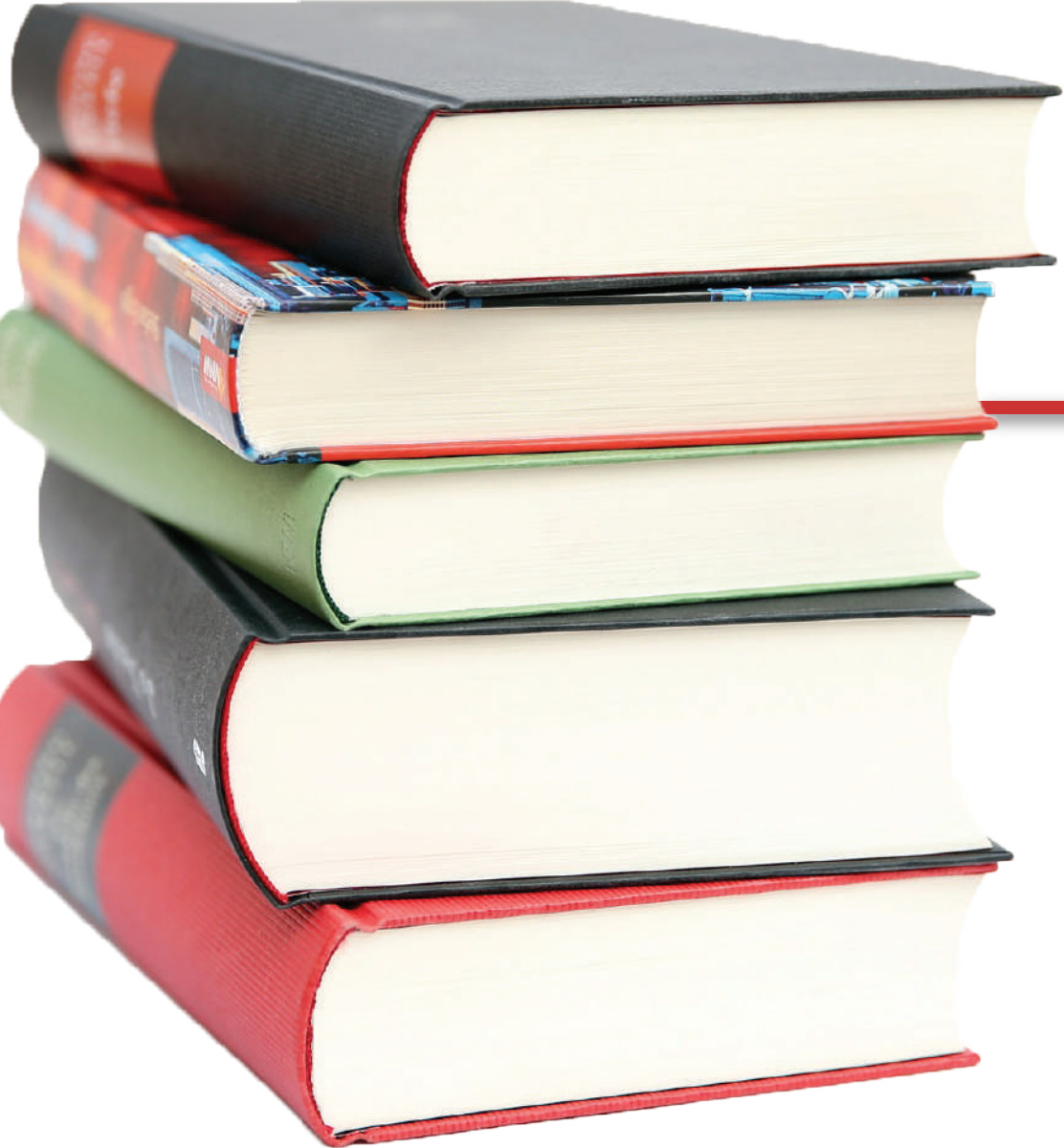
Olympic and Paralympic Games

What did it feel like for the Technical Officials?

“For the Referees, Technical delegates, Umpires, Line judges and the match control officials at the Paralympics, the level of excitement was not any different. Everywhere it was history in the making and a breath of fresh air away from Covid-19, despite donning masks at all times. Behind the masked faces were the wide grins and smiles that could only be seen in the participants’ eyes. We could no longer shake hands but we respected each other all the same. On court officials did not issue out shuttles but kept smiling as players paced back and forth between them and the shuttle dispensers while trying to adjust to the trending times. Indeed every athletes’ dream is to play at the OLYMPICS. it is an extremely rich feeling with huge memories.

“For me, officiating at the Paralympic games was a great opportunity. Save for the usual networking and gaining of experience from international exposure, I was thrilled to have been rewarded with the call for participating at the first ever staged badminton Paralympics. It felt self-fulfilling after 25 years of service to the game as a technical official at the world level. It was the longest preparation I remember doing in my entire service since after participating at the test event (at the same venue in December, 2019) we had to wait until September 2021 to see this dream come true. We, however, had a great time and I must say Bravo to all the Organizers and officials at the Tokyo 2020 games for a successful event.”

By Harriet Semugabi – (BWF umpire - Uganda)



BCATOs Capacity Building

Assessment and results to date

BCA Assessment Panel

Road to BCA Accreditation

Referees' program, Umpires' and Line judge

Opportunities for Future Development



BCA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' DEVELOPMENT

The Effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on technical Officials:

Badminton technical officials all over the world have undergone almost the same setbacks just as the case may be for technical officials in other sports, in different countries, due to the prevalence of the pandemic. As we put pen to paper, there seems to be an aura of certainty in some regions that have heeded to the vaccination of their entire populations. However, for the areas where the vaccine is especially not internally manufactured, and they still await donation rescues, the situation is yet to normalize and is still hanging. We do pray for the sport to overcome such difficult times.

Current development trends for BCA TOs

Improving oneself as a Badminton official has turned out to be an inevitable routine activity especially with BWF providing the necessary resources from all avenues within their means. It is thus up to each one of us to look out for these resources and materials provided, so that we keep ourselves updated and in the know of the standard procedures required of a badminton technical official at the different levels.

The year, 2021, saw the birth of a very innovative and long awaited opportunity for BCATOs in various departments. The Covid – 19 pandemic had come or came with bitter times but BCA capitalized on these tough times to introduce the first ever massive On-line training of her referees, umpires and line judges. On record, a total of one hundred and fifty members showed great interest and attained the training.

The on-line training was tagged 'Road to BCA' and all the participants who underwent this training were introduced to BWF's mode of instruction. The time was used profitably for especially the improvement and development of BCATOs. A big applause to BCA for the great initiative.



Referees' ONLINE TRAINING

“Road to BCA Accreditation”

First Name	Last Name	Gender	Country
Kouadio Serge	N'guessan	M	Ivory Coast
Amary Arthur	Dede	M	Ivory Coast
Cossi Salomon	Nonvignon	M	Benin
Fifamè Honorine	Vitohou	F	Benin
Chrispine Chitolokwe	Silungwe	M	Zambia
Josephine	Kafuko	F	Zambia
Eleonore	Metayer	F	Reunion
Chimène Flore	Guiodem	M	Cameroon
Guy Yannick	Kom Esemé	M	Cameroon
Charles	Addison	M	Ghana
Helious	Dablu	M	Ghana
Yassan	Sairally	M	Mauritius
Faadil	Sayed	M	Mauritius
Abraham	Masole	M	Botswana
Thuso	Mudongo	M	Botswana
Awori	Teddy	F	Uganda
Richard	Munyoro	M	Uganda
Betty	Wanjala	M	Kenya
Abraham	Wogute	M	Kenya
Janine	Kotze	M	South Africa
Johan	De Klerk	M	South Africa
Elhoussien	Nassar	M	Egypt
Mohamed	Ragheb	M	Egypt
Abbas	Musa	M	Nigeria
Kehinde	Jimoh Yunus	M	Nigeria

Umpires' ONLINE TRAINING

"Road to BCA Accreditation"

Full Names	Gender	Country
AOUANOUK ANIS	M	ALGERIA
BOURIAH SABRINA	F	
BENMERAR MASSI NISSA	M	
KHERRAZ LAMIA	F	
ABADAGAN GBEGNISSOU COMLAN YVES	M	BENIN
HANOU FOLAKE DIMAINE EMILIENNE	F	
VITOHOU FIFAME HONORINE	F	
HONFO N. JEAN-DIDIER	M	
NONVIGNON D. MOISE	M	
AYENA CORINE PEACE	F	
KABORE EMMANUEL	M	BURKINA FASO
OUEDRAOGO FLORE CARINE	F	
SAWADOGO DAOUDA	M	
DIALLO KADIDJA	F	
BADINI SOUMAILA	M	
MANRAKIZA FABRICE	M	BURUNDI
NDAYISABA ROMUALD	M	
NSABIMANA EDINE MIREILLE	F	
MILA DIMA ALBERT ROGER	M	CAMEROON
GUIODEME CHIMENE	F	
AJONG REBECCA MORFAW	M	
ASSE ASSE ROBERT	F	
KAZADI KAZADI JOEL	M	
KENGA WAMBI NOEL	M	DR CONGO
ODIA KATEMBUA SIDONIE	F	
KALENGA MUANABUTE NARCISSE	M	
MOHAMED RAGHEB	M	EGYPT
NANCY SALAH ABDELMABOUD	F	
MOSTAFA ASSAD HEMID	M	
DINA AHMED ORBAN	F	
SEIFEMEICHAEL ESHETU	M	ETHIOPIA
SELAM GIRMA DEMISSE	F	
TESGAYE GEBRE ANCHO	M	
SINKINESH DEMISSE TIKU	F	
MMEREKI NKGOWE	M	BOTSWANA
CONNIE MOTSHOLPHEKO	F	
EMMANUEL SEOKAMO	M	
SHEBA SEPONONO	F	
SOHAILA HUSSEIN AHMED	F	
EMMANUEL SAAKANE	M	
KEAMOGETSE MMABTswana MODISE	F	

Full Names	Gender	Country
HELIOS MAKAFUI	M	GHANA
ABIGAIL GYABAA	F	
MAMADOU SAIDOU DIALLO	M	GUINÉE
VICTOR NIOUMA KOUNDOUNO	M	GUINÉE
BALDE KADIATOU	F	
DIALLO FATIMATOU	F	
ABOUBACAR SIDIKI KOUROUMA	M	
KANTE HABIBATA	F	
SHELLA ALLATHIN N'GUESSAN	F	
SERGE KOUADIO N'GUESSAN	M	IVORY COAST
CARROLE POUTE EPSE TAGRO	F	
SHABAN RAMADHAN	M	KENYA
ABRAHAM WOGUTE	M	
BETTY WANJALA	F	
MELVIN OTEKO	F	
CHARITY WAGAKI	F	
RETS'EPILE CALEXTINAH SELOANE	F	
ISAAC WANDERA	M	
LEPHEANE LERATO	M	LESOTHO
SETHO PAUL MOLEFE	M	
NYAKALLO SEBOKA	M	
HLOMPHO NTHAKO	F	
ABAS S. M. MEZWGHI	M	LIBYA
RAMANANDRAISOA SAHONDRAN N.	F	
RAKOTOHARINIVO ANDRIAMPARANY M.	M	MADAGASCAR
BEEHARRY SANDIP	M	MAURITIUS
GOONEADRY SHIVAKARNI	F	
SHIBCHURN HEMRAJ	M	
SOBHA REENA	F	
HICHAM LOUKRANI	M	
AZIZ LEGHNI	M	MOROCCO
HASSANE ISSOUFOU ABDOULAYE	M	NIGER
ABDOUL WAHAD SOUMANA SIDO	M	
BOUBACAR TIEMOGO JAMILA	F	
GBENGA AKANBI	M	NIGERIA
IFEJIKI GODSWILL C.	M	
VASTY BASU. M	F	
FLORENCE KOLA-BALOGUN	F	

Full Names	Gender	Country
GERARD CHEUNG LUNG	M	RÉUNION
ELEONORE METAYER	F	
BERNARD SUACOT	M	
ADRAME NDIAYE	M	SENEGAL
ADAMA EMILIE DIOUF	F	
YACINE GUEYE	F	
DETHIE DIAHAM	M	
TREVOR TUNNER	M	SIERRA LEONE
TURAY SALAMATU	F	
KOSIE FERREIRA	M	SOUTH AFRICA
GUNTER HAVEMANN	M	
DEON VERWEY	M	
CORNE VAN DER MERWE	M	
PATAYODI SOMIALO	F	
NICOLETTE MARAIS	F	
MEGAN PLAATJIEE	F	
ELIASSOU ABOUDOU-RAMANE	M	TOGO
MARIE CLARET KPATCHA MEHEZA	F	
PEKOULA GBATI	M	
ALI-KOURA IDAYA	F	
DORSAF DEBBICH	M	TUNISIA
AWATEF CHOUCHAINE	F	
HASSEN HAYOUNI	M	
YOSRA CHIH	F	
BOUZID NACEUR	M	
AHMED AMRI	M	
MOHAMED HAYET	F	
RONALD LULE	M	UGANDA
JANEROSE NDAGIRE KIWUMULO	F	
ADRIAN KIRABIRA	M	
LIZZY NAMBUYA	F	
COLLINS WAISWA	M	
TEDDY AWORI	F	
CHRISPINE CHITOKER SILUNGWE	M	ZAMBIA
JUMA CHITAMBO MUWOWO	M	
PENELOPE MUDENDA	F	
JENNIPHER PHIRI	F	
HARRISON JOHN NYIRENDA	M	
CLEVER PETROS	M	ZIMBABWE
PAUL KOPOLO	M	
MELISSA DZIYA	F	
MOREBLESSING MUSIIWA	F	
NYASHA KOPOLO	F	
RAFFICK ALFONSO	M	



AIRBADMINTON FROM A TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' EYE

Dear BCATOs, has any of us embraced our newly born child?

Airbadminton has been seen in a few of the African countries and my view would be that we should all get on board so that we are not caught off guard when these events are programmed for in our respective countries.

BWF is seeing to it that the game of badminton is spread to all parts of the world using all the available resources and means. For Africa, where facilities are yet to be developed to the desired standards, Airbadminton is an innovative method that has come to our rescue. This is a personal opinion to the member associations here in Africa who are endowed with lots of open space and without developed halls from where to train our players from. Badminton being traditionally an indoor game, probably keeps out of sight from the community we wish to reach out to. With airbadminton, the sky is the limit. We can tap all persons; from a passerby, sight seers, idlers, traders and travelers to get everyone on board.

As TOs let us look for all the required material to educate ourselves about how to enrich our minds to nurture and groom our new born.

Views from TOs in Africa

We will endeavor to collect views from all of us and publish them here for our benefit. Please

feel free to pass on your contribution for the next edition.

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**Technical Officials at the All Africa Senior Championships,
Kampala- Uganda 2022**



**BCA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE THOMAS AND UBER CUP FINALS
05-16 May 2022 – Bangkok, Thailand**

BWF Umpires (Andre Van Der Merwe-South Africa, Harriet Semugabi - Uganda and Satiawan Mahadoo - Mauritius)
and BWF Referee Assessor (Ms. Gretha Prinsloo-South Africa) at the Total Energies Thomas and Uber Cup Finals,
Bangkok - Thailand (5-16 May,2022)

BADMINTON CONFEDERATION AFRICA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' LIST 2022

BCA's BWF Referees

Full Names	Gender	Country
Diraj Gooneadry	M	Mauritius
Karin Bester	F	South Africa

BWF Umpires

Full Names	Gender	Country
Diraj Gooneadry	M	Mauritius
Satiawan Mahadoo	M	Mauritius
Harriet Semugabi	F	Uganda
Emmanuel Kgaboetsile	M	Botswana
Andre Van Der Merwe	M	South Africa
Yassan Sairally	M	Mauritius
Faadil Sayed	M	Mauritius

BCA's BWF LINE JUDGES

Full Names	Gender	Country	
Claude Megan Plaatjies	F	South Africa	2024
Didier Ludovic	M	Mauritius	2022
Honorine Fifame Vitohou	F	Benin	2022
Emmanuel Saakane	M	Botswana	2020-2022
Salomon Cossi Novignon	M	Benin	2022
Lamia Modigela Kherraz	M	Algeria	2019-2024
Abou Mbi Gagothata	M	Botswana	2024
Mohamed Ahmed Shady	M	EGYPT	2020-2024
Gbati Pekula Masha	M	Togo	2020-2024
John Harrison Nyirenda	M	Zambia	2020-2024

BCA Certificated Umpires

Full Names	Gender	Country
Janine Kotze	F	South Africa
Mahrez Amarni Chawki	M	Algeria
Mekgwe Gopolang	F	Botswana
Awatef Ghaloussi	M	Tunisia
Daniel Chungu	M	Zambia
Djamel Boucheffa	M	Algeria
Ismail Rkioui	M	Morocco
Naomi Oyinloye Adeoyin	M	Nigeria
Johan de Klerk	M	South Africa

BCA Accredited Umpires

Full Names	Gender	Country
Jeandre Booyse	M	South Africa
Gagothata Modigela	M	Botswana
Fatima Nouader	F	Morocco
Arafet Benhamed	M	Algeria
Ikram Abidi	F	Algeria
Leila Khelili	F	Algeria
Facil Bahija	F	Morocco
Bouزيد Mohamed Lamine	M	Algeria
PAgirawu Bolaji Opeoluwa	M	Nigeria
Adlani Ben Nour	M	Tunisia
Richard Munyoro	M	Uganda
Josephine Kafuko	F	Zambia
Mashaal Ahmad Mohamed	M	Egypt
Nasruddin Sara Gamal	F	Egypt
Awadallah Manar Elislam Ali	F	Egypt

(The list of TOs in Africa will be occasionally updated accordingly)

SUGGESTIONS page

“BCATOs Honorary Members Award”

It is imperative that we appreciate the service of our long term members who have been serving diligently for quite a long time both as BWF and as BCA technical officials.

A suggestion from one of us is that before we send our retiring members to the archives, how about if they are recognized and decorated with an award or accolade?

It is my belief that this beautiful suggestion is upheld in the next BCATOC meeting and it comes to pass.

Have you got any comprehensive suggestion regarding technical officials? Please do not hesitate to pass it on. Our hands are open - Bring it on...

THE BCA 2023 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Feburary

1. All Africa Mixed Team Championships 2023	Johannesburg, South Africa	13-16 Feb
2. All Africa Individual Championships 2023	Johannesburg, South Africa	17-19 Feb
3. Uganda International Challenge 2023	Kampala, Uganda	22-26 Feb
4. Uganda Junior International 2023	Kampala, Uganda	27 Feb- 01 Mar

March

1. African University Badminton Championships 2023	TBC	TBC
2. African Beach Games 2023	Hammamet, Tunisia	24- 30 Mar

May

1. BWF Sudirman Cup 2023	Suzhou, China	14-21 May
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July

1. Uganda Para Badminton International 2023	Kampala, Uganda	01-09 Jul
2. All Africa Para Badminton Championships 2023	TBC	11-15 Jul
3. Indian Ocean Island Games 2023	Madagascar	TBC
4. Mauritius International 2023	Rose-Hill, Mauritius	20-23 Jul
5. SAINT-DENIS Reunion Open 2023	Saint-Denis, Reunion Island	26-30 Jul
6. Chengdu FISU World University Games 2023	Chengdu, China	28 Jul- 08 Aug

August

1. African Games 2023	Accra, Ghana	04-19 Aug
2. World Beach Games 2023	Bali, Indonesia	05-12 Aug
3. All Africa Under 15 Championships 2023	TBC	TBC
4. BWF World Champs 2023	Copenhagen, Denmark	21-27 Aug
5. Cameroon International 2023	Yaounde, Cameroon	24-27 Aug
6. Lagos International 2023	Lagos, Nigeria	30 Aug- 02 Sep

September

1. Benin International 2023	Cotonou, Benin	07-10 Sep
2. Benin Junior International 2023	Cotonou, Benin	11-13 Sep
3. BWF World Senior Champs 2023	Jeonju, Korea	11-17 Sep
4. Kampala International 2023	Kampala, Uganda	28 Sep- 01 Oct

October

1. BWF World Junior Mixed Team Champs 2023	TBC	02-08 Oct
2. Uganda International Series 2023	Kampala, Uganda	05-08 Oct
3. BWF World Junior Champs 2023	TBC	09-15 Oct
4. Egypt International 2023	Cairo, Egypt	12-15 Oct
5. Algeria International 2023	Algiers, Algeria	19-22 Oct
6. Algeria Junior International 2023	Algiers, Algeria	23-25 Oct

November

1. Zambia International 2023	Lusaka, Zambia	16-19 Nov
2. Botswana International 2023	Lobatse, Botswana	23-26 Nov
3. South Africa International 2023	South Africa	30 Nov- 03 Dec

December

1. South Africa Junior International 2023	South Africa	04-06 Dec
2. BWF World Tour Finals 2023	TBC	13-17 Dec
3. All Africa School Championships 2023	TBC	TBC

Anyone ever heard of the umpires' song?

LOVE ALL PLAY

REFEREE, REFEREE

OFF MY COURT

SERVICE FAULT, SERVICE FAULT

FAULT THEM ALL

Compiled by a retired BWF Umpire friend

David Turner

(Tasmania)

'See you around somewhere for Badminton'