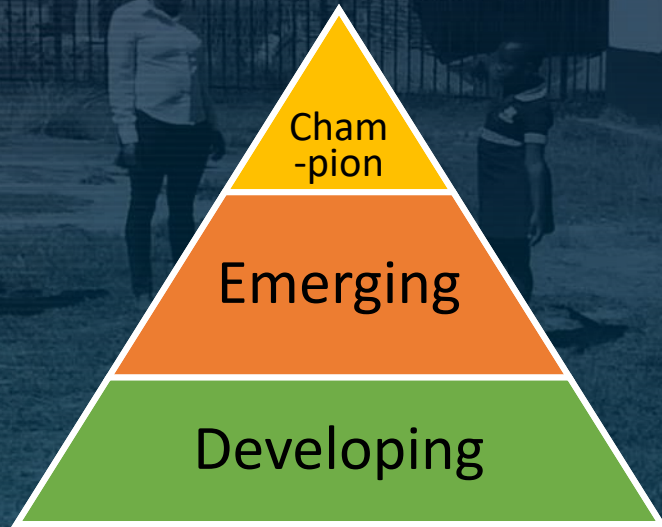




Report from the FIG Development Officer for Africa

Tseko MOGOTSI

Overview



We are working on the premise that there are 3 categories of Federations in Africa.

A pyramid diagram divided into three horizontal sections. The bottom section is green and contains the word 'Developing'. The middle section is black. The top section is white. To the left of the pyramid is a large white number '1'.

Developing

1

- Generally Young Federations
- Not well structured, Poorly Resourced
- Trying to find their feet

A pyramid diagram with a white outline. The top section is an orange triangle containing the word "Emerging". The bottom section is a black triangle. To the right of the pyramid is a large photograph of a group of athletes from various countries, including South Africa, Tunisia, Senegal, Namibia, Egypt, Benin, and Algeria, holding their national flags and signs. The athletes are wearing white tracksuits with red and blue accents.

Emerging

2

- Basic Infrastructure and Programmes in place
- Access to Participation opportunities

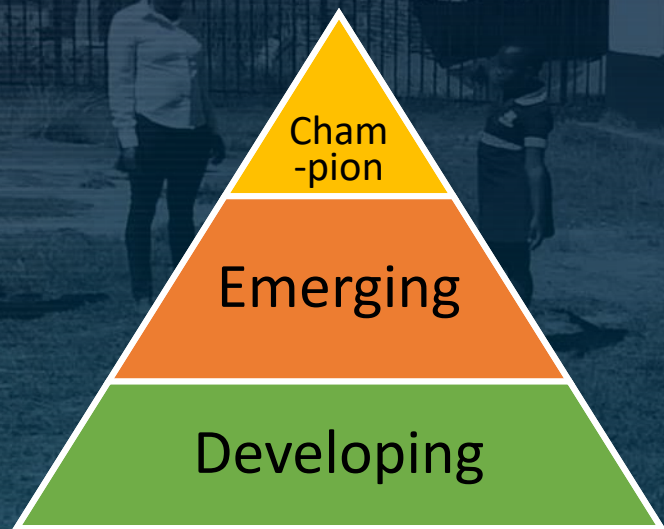
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3

Bianca Zoonekynd (DMT)

- Generally Well-Organised Federations
- High Level Gymnasts
- Formidable presence on the international stage

Some Symptoms of Africa



1. Suspensions.
2. Lack of Presence at World Events (FIG Congress, World Championships, Olympic Games).
3. Poor Performance Results.

**What are the underlying factors?
Can we improve this situation?**

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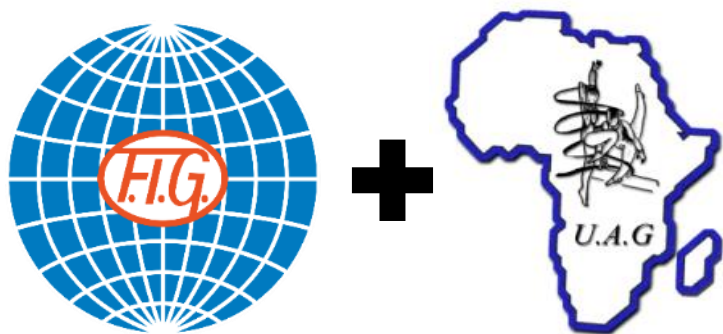
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Purpose



- To address Africa's peculiar developmental challenges;
- **To align to Pres. Watanabe's vision to GROW, IMPROVE and to make Gymnastics more SAFE;**
- To complement existing FIG and UAG structures.

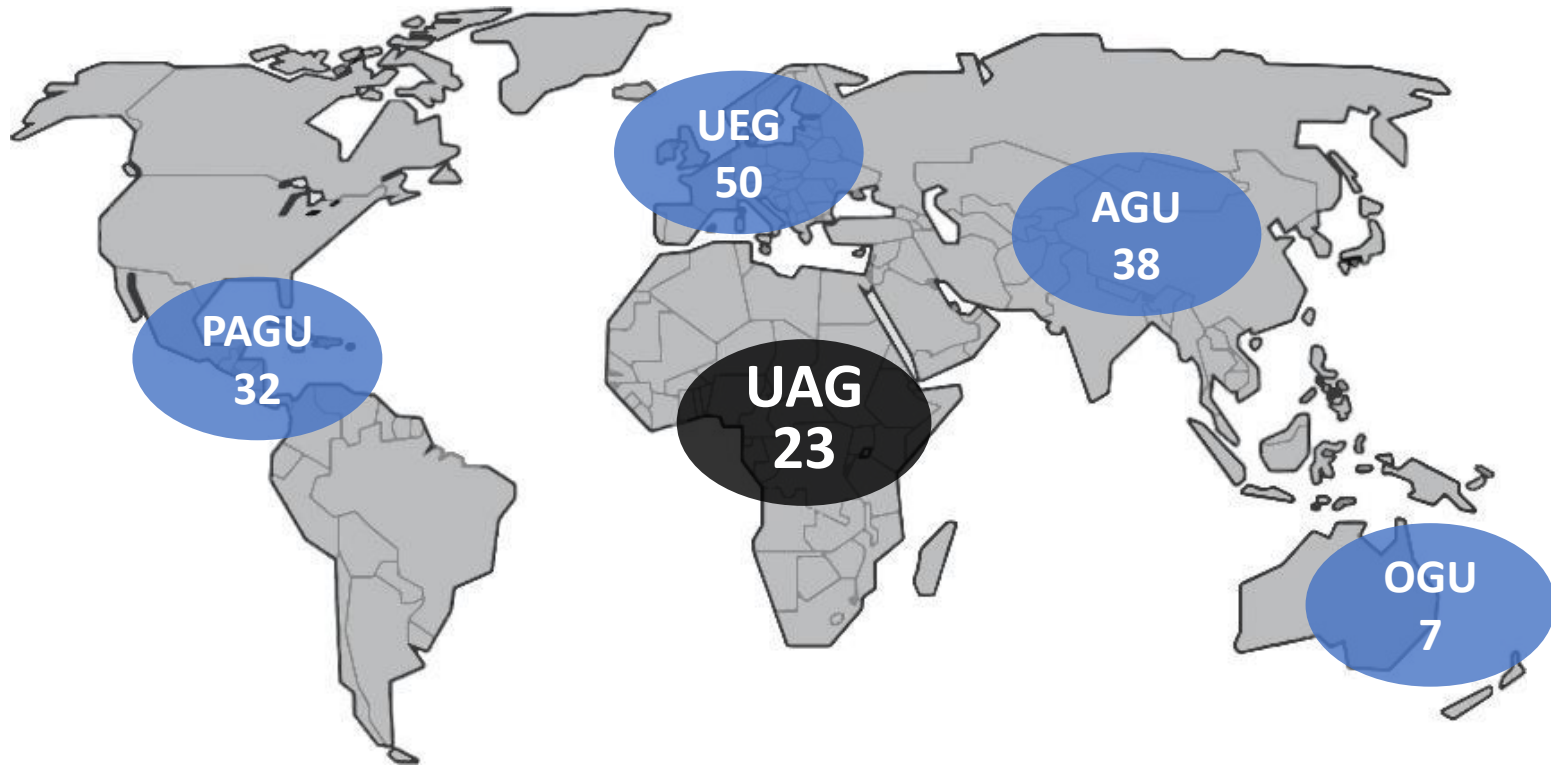
Planning Started:
Job Commenced:

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Analysis

Some Realities of Africa



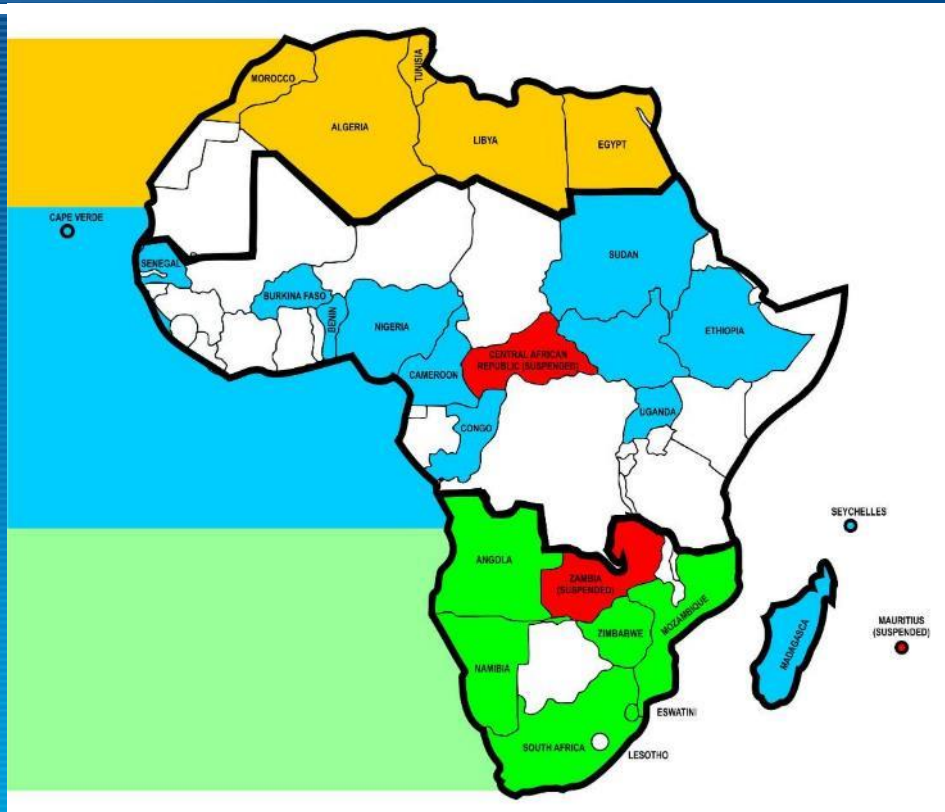
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ZONE
1

ZONE
2

ZONE
3



UAG Members:
23/54 countries
42,6%

- Zone 1 = 5/6 **83,3%**
- Zone 2 = 12/38 **31,6%**
- Zone 3 = 6/10 **60%**

31 unaffiliated (80% in Zone 2);
3 suspended;
60% participate in African Championships

Some Barriers to Development



Our initial suspicions are confirmed through country visits

1. Economic factors
2. Gymnastics Infrastructure and Equipment
3. Leadership and Structure
4. Lack of Resources
5. Language and Communication



Plan of Action

Interventions



Structure

Programmes

Individual NF
Support

Events on
Continent

Marketing

New/ Renewed
Affiliations

Objective: To build strong foundations to achieve growth and long-term sustainability:

- UAG Structural Improvements
- Understanding Needs of Federations
- Mentorship Relationships
- **Train more judges!**
- **Innovation** (Some New Programmes):
 - Leadership training
 - Federation and Club Development
 - Entry Level Programmes

Interventions



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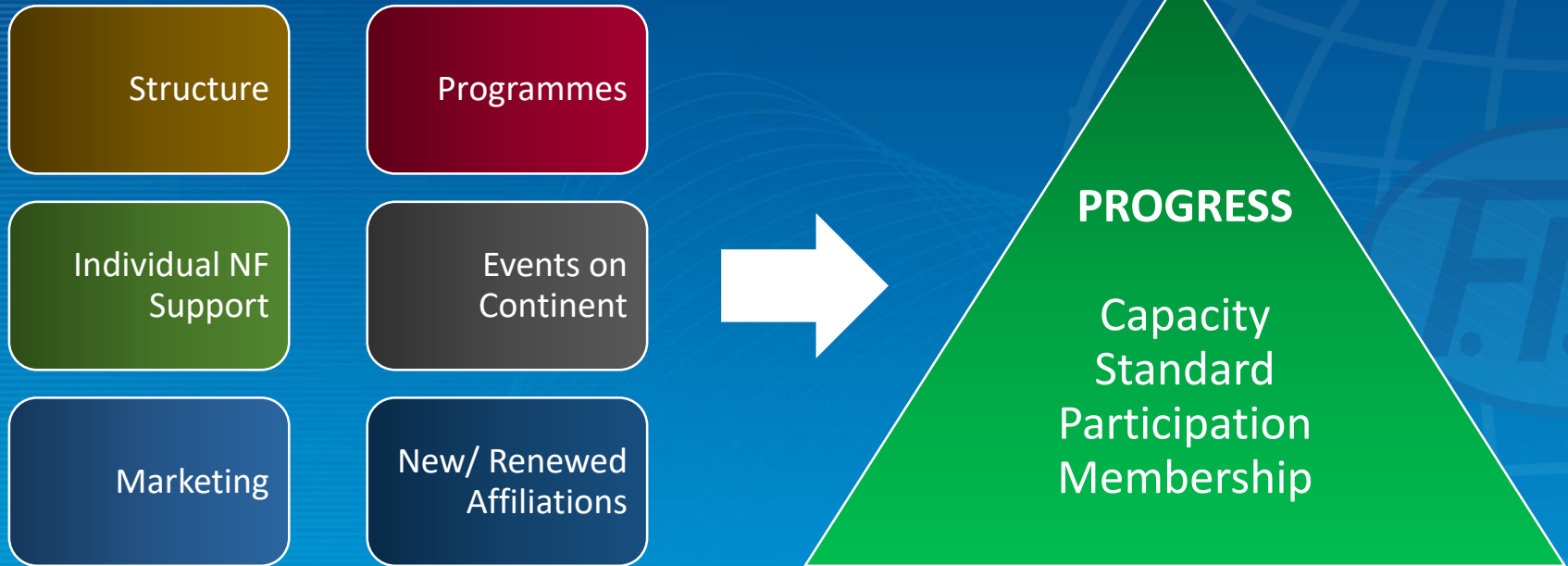
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- **Awareness of Gymnastics and FIG Programmes**
- **Patience and a welcoming approach** for new and developing countries.
- **Gymnastics Legacy** for Games' host nations

Interventions



Major Events in Africa



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			4 th Youth Olympic Games SENEGAL	
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Caution: 2022 congested and will potentially be challenging.

Africa Progress Update (1st Quarter 2019)



1. FIG President and Secretary General visit to Africa (3 countries)
2. UAG Presidential Commission Meeting
3. Assisting federations in each of the 3 zones
4. 5 new countries in waiting for FIG affiliation.
 - Includes Lesotho, host of 2022 African Youth Games.



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