



THE AFRICA CRICKET ASSOCIATION 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure in reporting on Africa Cricket Association's and International Cricket Council's events and tournaments that took place during the 2010 cricket season and since the last Annual General Meeting.

Most tournaments have been staged within the continent. This was in line with regard to giving more opportunities to our affiliates to gain experience from the event while at the same time promoting the game within their respective countries.

It should be noted that these tournaments are staged in accordance with the ACA/ICC agreement on tournaments. And, as we all know, most of these tournaments have been organised and run under the ICC & ACA's schedule and funding arrangements.

As Tournament Director, I still wish to emphasize that individual countries need to follow and adhere to the format of tournaments as outlined in last year's report and which are reproduced in this report.

Each Region within Africa needs to introduce more inter-country tournaments within the Region. This will ensure that the standards of the game improve and excel and give countries a better advantage and opportunity for promotion in the ICC's Ranking system.

For clarification purposes, I would like to re-introduce the following format:-

- Central and Southern-East-Northern/West Africa Regions to establish an internal tournament between their various age groups from U15 to U19 for Girls and the same for the Boys as well as senior Men's and Woman's tournaments.
- These events could be played once every year depending on which ICC event is scheduled to be held in that year. These need to be organised prior the starting of the cricket season so that the national teams are better prepared and succeed in setting higher standards of play when competing.

For record purposes I would like to advise the members of the events relating to the tournaments that were played during the 2010 cricket season.



Senior Men's Competitions:

- ❖ **ICC-CWC**
- ❖ **ICC-T20 CWC**
- ❖ **Inter-Continental Cup Tournaments**
- ❖ **Inter-Continental Shield**
- ❖ **ICC - WCL**
- ❖ **Continental Tournaments (Juniors-Seniors)**
- ❖ **Girls-Senior Woman's Competitions (ACA-ICC)**
- ❖ **International Regional Tournaments (The Pepsi WCL Divisions)**
- ❖ **National Domestic Provincial- Zone Tournaments**
- ❖ **National Domestic Club Championships**
- ❖ **National Domestic School Tournaments**

It is important that the members introduce the following guidelines to make it more productive for the improvement of standards of the game moving ahead.

- All member countries have a nationally structured competition program, built on domestic to national competitions which will include the core of club and school competitions playing competitive cricket at the top level.
- These competitions should follow ICC/ACA Standards for Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and Senior Tournaments.
- All members to have domestic leagues and knockout tournaments in the 1 day format.
- The need to introduce a 20/20 league format within each Domestic League.
- All regions to organise and prepare for periodical competitions amongst nations within the regions at various age groups i.e. Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and seniors. This is to be structured through ACA/ICC plans.
- All regional qualifiers to play at continental level at all the 4 stages i.e. Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and seniors.

With the introducing of the above, players will have a better opportunity for selection to represent ACA at intercontinental tournaments.

The following tournaments were successfully held within the membership in 2010 within the continent.

- Cricket Namibia Been Crowned Intercontinental Shield Champions 2010/2011
- Cricket Kenya Competing in the ICC T20
- Cricket Kenya participating in the ICC CWC in Asia 2011.
- Cricket Kenya Competing in the ICC Division 1 Competitions
- Cricket Kenya Competing in the Intercontinental Cup
- Cricket Namibia Participating in the ICC Division 2 Competitions
- Uganda Competing in the Intercontinental Shield Competition
- Uganda Participating in the ICC WCL Division 2
- Tanzania Competing in the ICC WCL Division 4
- Botswana Competing in the ICC WCL Division 7
- Nigeria Competing in the ICC WCL Division 7
- Zambia Competing in the ICC WCL Division 8
- Zambia been crowned as Champions in the Pepsi World Cricket League Division3
- Namibia U19 National Team been crowned Champions in the Pepsi ICC Division 1
- Nigeria were crowned Champions for the U19 Division 2 Pepsi ICC U19 tournament
- Namibia U15 national team were winners of the U15 Pepsi ICC- C-S region event in SA
- The U 19 ACA Girls Tournament was won by Uganda in Tanzania
- The Senior Woman's Pepsi ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier played in Kenya was won by South Africa and Zimbabwe runners up who will go to Bangladesh
- All Academies for all groups were successfully run in all the African Regions

Our appreciation is extended to all the officials and management that have been involved in these tournaments. They must be congratulated on their efforts as some of the results have been very encouraging. The same goes for the commitment shown by the countries that participated.





Conclusion

The 2010 cricket year involved a very busy schedule having regards to the various events and tournaments held. Indeed a lot has happened during this year. Our thanks and appreciation goes to all the members for yet another successful year for cricket.

Our performances internationally need to improve to ensure that Africa holds centre stage at all levels. There is still a lot of work to be done if our standards are to be raised and this objective is to be realised.

To all the members that hosted events/tournaments in 2010 we would like to pass on our thanks and appreciation for hosting a successful event. We hope you gained experience from this exercise that was afforded to you to enable you and encourage others to host further events in time to come.

I thank you and the Executive Committee for your support.

Yours Sincerely
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For and on behalf of
Africa Cricket Association.



Cricket Namibia – Champions of the Intercontinental Shield 2010-2011