

2009 AGM OF AFRICA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT: G. Tim Khumalo

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, Members of the Executive Committee, Members of the General Council, ICC Representatives, Media and Friends, allow me to present this my penultimate report of the Director of Cricket Development of the ACA.

Once again the AGM of the ACA takes place before the decisive ICC Development Committee's Dubai meeting. This therefore means that unless otherwise, the recommendations made here remain mere recommendations until they are approved in May.

I must admit that since the appointment of CEO cum Development Manager, the role of Director of Cricket Development became drastically eroded. Most of the work, including planning and real development matters, has been done by the CEO/RDM. Our reports on various activities have for the past few years been almost similar, making one a duplication of the other. I shall therefore confine my report to the ICC Development Committee activities and leave the rest to the CEO/RDM.

The last meeting was held in La Manga, Spain and it was Haroon Lorgat's first meeting as new CEO. The DevCom clarified and confirmed the mechanism for allocating teams to the next **ICC Intercontinental Cup 2009 & 2010**:

- The Icup will continue to be a biennial Global 8-team multi day (first class) event, with the next competition running from May/June 2009 to Nov/Dec 2010.
- The ICC CWC Qualifier 2009 will determine teams for the Icup 2009/2010.
- The top 6 teams from the CWC Qualifier (with ODI Status 2009 - 2013 including top 4 to CWC 2011) will get automatic inclusion in the Icup.
- The remaining 2 spots will be filled by the DevCom after the Apr/May 2009 CWC Qualifier.
- It's already agreed that these two teams will come from positions 7 - 10 of the CWC Qualifier. (Certain factors will be taken into account in making this determination)

ICC DevCom Strategic Discussion:

- The Committee revisited its Terms of Reference and Delegated Authorities and requested management to review further and suggest amendments for the May meeting.
- The DevCom made the following comments to be considered at CEC:
 - ⇒ Leading Associates to be given clear understanding of the requirements to move to the next stage (Full Membership)
 - ⇒ Whether or not full membership compelled participation in the 5-day format of the game.
 - ⇒ A clear pathway for all members e.g. a formalised access for the best Associate into the FTP post 2012 and promotion/relegation concepts at the top levels if and when appropriate.
 - ⇒ While we acknowledge that such opportunities exist in all forms of the game or competitions e.g. ODI, FTP2012 and or U/19 World Cup
 - ⇒ Top class competitions among Associates and against FM "A" teams are essential for the development of the game.

- ⇒ The use of T20 cricket to enhance global cricket development.
- ⇒ Following the reduction of teams in the 2011 World Cup event, look at the possibility of increasing the number of teams in the 2010 and future WT20 events.

The report on elected Associate and Affiliate Representatives Annual Informal Meeting with ICC President and CEO was tabled and the contents noted.

The following reports were also received and noted by the DevCom:

- New funding scenario/ Developing Cricket World Funding Policy 2009+ rollout update
- Development Special Projects funding 2009+
- Report and recommendations from ICC Women's Committee meeting, of which the DevCom supported the following recommendations:
 - ⇒ The voting system for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the year be amended so as to simulate the men's voting system;
 - ⇒ A new award, the " ICC Women's Team of the Year be introduced".
 - ⇒ That Clair O' Connor, former England Captain, be considered in filling a potential woman's representative on the ICC Cricket Committee.
- Presentation from ICC Europe Regional Development Manager on European Development Programme and Activities.
- Presentation from Spain Cricket Association on Development of cricket in Spain.

ICC World Cricket League Division 6 & 7, teams and venues. In line with the current ICC Regional rankings, the make up of the two tournaments will be as follows:

- Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 7 -
Guernsey, Nigeria, Japan, Suriname, Bahrian and Gibraltar: May/June- Guernsey.
- Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 6 -
Singapore, Botswana, Norway, Malaysia and top 2 qualifying from div. 7: Sept - Singapore

The DevCom approved the ICC WT20 Qualifier event to determine the teams to participate in the WT20 in the West Indies in April 2010. This event to be funded by the Special Projects budget estimated at between \$600 and \$700k

The DevCom requested management to explore with Regions and Members the best timing and venue for the inaugural U19 CWC Global Qualifier in Sept/Oct 2009. For potential host options, the DevCom preferred Malaysia/UAE (Asia Region), then Canada/USA (Americas), then Ireland/Scotland (Europe). The approved format is a ten-team round-robin over 13 days.

Membership Issues

- USACA is still not complying with the requirements that govern all Members. It is for this reason that their Annual Administration Grant of US\$160k payable in January will be withheld.
- A report with regard to New Associate & Affiliate Membership Guidelines/Criteria roll out was noted.
- The DevCom noted and supported guidelines/principles with regard to Member staffing.

- The DevCom debated but did not support the change proposed for Associate membership Playing Standard criterion and Twenty20 standard. The same applied to Player Legibility.

The next meetings of the DevCom will be in Dubai on May 17 & 18, 2009. The next will be in Indonesia in November 2009.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I must take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship during my tenure as Development Director. I really enjoyed working with you and will miss you a lot. May God give you strength and wisdom in running the affairs of the Africa Cricket Association. Always bear in mind that you are doing it for the Glory of the African Child.

God Bless

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