

THE AFRICA CRICKET ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, fellow executive members, members of the ACA General Council, sponsors, partners, ladies and gentlemen, this report is for your valued consideration.

The report covers ACA's activities for the period since the last AGM, proposed plans within the development program.

ACA attaches a lot of importance to the development of the game throughout the continent. This vision has not been exhaustively addressed and the onus is on the incoming committee to positively identify the way forward. Many more tournaments need to be staged within the continent but it is public knowledge that funding is not enough for all the proposed tournaments. Funding and timings for tournaments have been the biggest handicaps encountered over the past year.

It should be noted that these tournaments are staged in line with the ACA/ICC agreement on tournaments. Most of the senior tournaments were held under the ICC schedule.

Below herewith is a list of tournaments held in 2008:

- ICC-Africa hosted the Africa WCL Division 2 & 3 Tournaments this year both staged at Willowmoore Park Cricket Stadium in Benoni, South Africa. The WCL Division 2 was to have been played in Zambia due to the passing away of the Zambian President, may God rest his soul in peace. Both tournaments were very successful and with the good quality playing and practice facilities, all teams gained valuable experience. The Africa WCL 2 was won by Botswana and the Africa WCL 3 was won by Ghana.
- Botswana and Mozambique participated in the ICC WCL Division 5 Tournament which was held in Jersey in May 2008. Both members achieved fair results.
- Kenya and Namibia participated in the Intercontinental Cup with both Members achieving good results.
- ICC Africa also hosted the U17 Regional Tournaments this year whereby Uganda hosted the Eastern Region; Nigeria hosted the North West Region and South Africa hosted the

Central and Southern Region-all of the above proved successful. Namibia, Ghana and Kenya were winners within their regions and the final is set to be played in Kenya in August this year.

- Congratulations to Tanzania for hosting a successful ICC WCL Division 4 Tournament in October 2008.
- The U15 Regional Tournaments under the auspices of the ACA were also held during 2008. The tournament hosts and winners were as follows:
 - Central & Southern Africa-Hosted by Namibia and won by Namibia
 - East Africa-Hosted by Kenya and won by Uganda
 - Kenya successfully hosted the Senior Women's Tournament for the East Africa Region which was won by Uganda in December 2008.
- Cricket Academies and Cricket Clinics were held throughout the African Continent from the month of September whereby all countries executed cricket facilities for the development of the game.
- The Afro/Asia series is still to be confirmed to be hosted in Kenya in July 2009. The ACC is in final negotiations with its commercial partners whereby we will be notified of the exact dates accordingly.

From the above, it will be noted that not many junior tournaments were held. Sourcing of funds to enable more tournaments should be high on the incoming committee's agenda. More tournaments from junior to senior levels need to be organized.

These tournaments in conjunction with the ICC schedules of events have been very successful as we have seen a lot of talent coming through. Thus it should also be noted that all the officials and management that have been involved in these tournaments must be congratulated on the efforts as some of the results have been very encouraging. The commitment shown by the countries participating was very complementary as no disciplinary matters were undertaken during these tournaments.

As the Tournament Director, I would still want to emphasize that countries need to indulge in the format of tournaments as outlined in last year's report and reproduced herewith.

For education purposes I would like to re-introduce the format pertaining to all tournaments that are played within the continent:

1. Inter- Continental Tournaments.

Especially with the cooperation between Africa and Asia with proposals of expanding to include other continental bodies

2. Continental Tournaments.

Regional winners(representatives) competing at continental levels from junior to senior teams e.g. Under 15,Under 17,Under 19 and Seniors

3. International Regional Tournaments

Regional Tournaments within Africa's 3 regions i.e. Central & Southern/Eastern & North/West under ACA

4. National Domestic Provincial Tournaments

5. National Domestic Clubs Tournaments

6. National Domestic Schools Tournaments

As far as the above is concerned, the observations made are as follows:

- All member countries have a structured competitions program, nationally built on domestic to national competitions which constitute the core of clubs and schools competitions.
- These competitions should follow ICC/ACA Standards for Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and Senior Tournaments.
- All members have domestic leagues and knockout tournaments on 1 day format.
- All regions to allow 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.
- From above, teams to represent ACA at intercontinental levels can be selected.

The tournament structure for the ACA/ICC is based on the following foundation which is approved with regards to international structure by the ICC:

- ACA Trophy 1 Day

- ACA U19 Cup 1 Day
- ACA U17 Cup 1 Day
- ACA U15 Cup 2 Days
- Africa Cup 1 Day
- Twenty 20 1 Day

These structures will run concurrently with the ICC tournament qualifiers of the ACA member:

- ICC World Cricket League 1 Day
- ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 1 Day
- ICC Cricket World Cup 1 Day
- ICC Intercontinental Cup 4 Days

Conclusion

One year has gone by since the last Annual General Meeting and despite my not been very visible at all tournaments, I want to acknowledge the work carried out within the ICC/ACA offices by our CEO Cassim Suliman, Graham Macmillan, Zuraida Badat, Tamara Changaya and of course the new staff member, Allan Sematimba.

I also extend my appreciation to all member countries, the ACA Executive, the ICC Head Office, all umpires, coaches, curators and scorers for the support received over the year.

At this juncture, I wish to specifically address our outgoing Chairman Peter Chingoka for his outstanding and focused leadership he has accorded our association. I request all present to wish him the very best always.

Our tournament motto "Giving children a chance to play this great game" still stands.

Yours sincerely

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