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MOYS BOOSTED AIPS AFRICA CONGRESS WITH D1.5 MILLION SUPPORT

On 5th February, as preparations reached the final stage for the 8th AIPS Africa Congress – Banjul 2026, the Ministry of Youth & Sports reaffirmed its commitment to the successful hosting of the continental gathering by presenting D1.5 million as a budget contribution to the Sports Journalists' Association of The Gambia.

The Congress, took place from 6–9 February 2026 at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center, brought together Ministers of Sports, sports journalists, media professionals, and key stakeholders from across Africa and beyond, positioning The Gambia as a hub for continental sports media dialogue and collaboration.

The Ministry's support underscored the government's strong backing for sports development, media excellence, and the successful delivery of this historic event.

MOYS PARTICIPATED IN THE 8TH AIPS AFRICA CONGRESS – BANJUL 2026

On 6th February, the Honourable Minister of Youth & Sports, Bakary Y. Badjie, served as a panelist at the 8th AIPS Africa Congress – Banjul 2026, held at the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre.

Participating in the discussion on “Empowering African Narratives: How African Sports Media Can Champion African Athletes and Their Stories,” the Minister joined fellow panelists, including the Honourable Minister of Sports of Ghana, Kofi Iddie Adams, with the session moderated by renowned sports journalist Momodou Koume.

Speaking on the role of governments in sports development, Minister Badjie highlighted that while many nations prioritized sectors such as health, education, agriculture, and infrastructure, sports remained a powerful driver of youth empowerment, national unity, and economic opportunity.





SARA CAMARA OPENED FIVB KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER COACHING COURSE IN BASSE

Sara Camara, Communications and Public Relations Manager of the National Sports Council (NSC), officially opened the FIVB Knowledge Transfer Coaching Course in Basse on behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Acting Executive Director of the NSC. The six-day programme, which ran from 8–13 February 2026, was organized by the Gambia Volleyball Federation in partnership with the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and aimed to strengthen coaching capacity, particularly at regional and grassroots levels. Speaking at the opening, Camara commended the organizers for decentralising sports development.

According to him, the course aligned directly with the strategic priorities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Sports Council, which emphasized capacity building, decentralization, and the empowerment of regional sports structures.

By hosting the programme in Basse, he added, the government and stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to bringing opportunities closer to communities while unlocking sporting talent across all regions of the country.

Mr. Camara urged participating coaches to take full advantage of the training, actively engage with facilitators, and ensure that the knowledge acquired was transferred to clubs, schools, and communities nationwide.

He also expressed appreciation to the International Volleyball Federation for its continued support to volleyball development in The Gambia, describing the partnership as vital to the long-term growth and professionalism of the sport.

He emphasized that volleyball was among the fastest-growing sports in the country and that coach education could improve athlete performance and retention by up to 40%, especially at the grassroots.

The FIVB Knowledge Transfer Coaching Course contributed to improved coaching standards, stronger regional teams, and the sustainable development of volleyball in The Gambia.





SARA CAMARA COMMENDED URR PROGRESS AS FIVB COACHES TRAINING CONCLUDED IN BASSE

BASSE, UPPER RIVER REGION | 12TH FEBRUARY 2026

The FIVB Knowledge Transfer for Coaches Training in the Upper River Region concluded on Thursday with renewed commitment to grassroots volleyball development, as stakeholders praised the programme's impact on technical capacity building in the region.

Earlier in the morning, the President of The Gambia Volleyball Federation (GVBF) and President of the Gambia National Olympic Committee (GNOC), Mr. Bai Dodou Jallow, led a high-level delegation on a courtesy visit to the Governor of the Upper River Region, Hon. Samba Bah, ahead of the closing ceremony.

The delegation included the 1st Vice President of GVBF, Mr. Lamin A. Jammeh; Sara Camara, representing the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Sports Council (NSC); FIVB Instructor Mr. Mbaye Deme of Senegal; and the Chairman of the URR Regional Sports Association, Alagie Muya Baldeh.

The purpose of the visit was to formally brief the Governor on the successful implementation of the FIVB Knowledge Transfer programme, which was held from 8th to 12th February 2026, and its contribution to strengthening grassroots coaching structures in the region.

Speaking at the closing ceremony later in the day, Sara Camara, representing both the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Sports Council, described the training as impactful and transformative.

Camara noted that throughout the programme, he had witnessed both the theoretical classroom sessions and the practical court demonstrations, including lessons on basic skills such as digging, flipping, and setting, as well as advanced sessions on player positioning, the libero's defensive role, the setter's leadership in organizing attacks, and effective court communication.

He highlighted the active participation of young boys and girls during the sessions, describing it as a strong message of inclusion, gender balance, and youth empowerment in sports.

"This training laid a solid foundation in the Upper River Region. When coaches understood the fundamentals, athletes performed better. What was built was not just knowledge, but capacity," he stated.

Camara urged participants to transfer the knowledge acquired to their clubs, schools, and communities, emphasizing that the real success of the programme would be measured by its long-term impact on player development and regional competitiveness.

The FIVB Knowledge Transfer for Coaches Training in Basse formed part of ongoing efforts by the Gambia Volleyball Federation, in collaboration with FIVB and national stakeholders, to strengthen grassroots coaching education and promote the sustainable growth of volleyball across The Gambia.

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY

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SPORTS & THE ECONOMY

Sports is an economic sector that creates jobs and business opportunities.

The policy promotes private sector partnerships and entrepreneurship.

Sports creates opportunities

The new national vision for sport



The Gambia National Sports Policy
2024–2034

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

SPORTS IN THE REGIONS

Sports development must reach all regions of The Gambia.

Facilities, competitions, and talent development should be decentralized.

No region left behind

The new national vision for sport



The Gambia National Sports Policy
2024–2034

A strong nation builds strong athletes. A strong sports sector builds a strong economy. The National Sports Policy 2024–2034 is more than a document — it is a roadmap to jobs, innovation, private sector growth, and sustainable development through sport.

From community playgrounds to international arenas, sport is creating business opportunities, empowering young entrepreneurs, attracting investment, and driving national pride.

This is the new national vision for sport — where talent meets opportunity, and passion becomes productivity.

Together, let's unlock the economic power of sport for The Gambia.

#NationalSportsPolicy #SportsAndEconomy
#YouthEmpowerment #Vision2034

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

Every region deserves a chance to play, grow and excel.

The Gambia National Sports Policy 2024–2034 is expanding access to facilities, competitions, and talent development pathways across the country — ensuring that sports opportunities reach every community.

Because the future of Gambian sport lives in our regions.

No Region Left Behind.

#SportsInTheRegions #NationalSportsPolicy
#Vision2034

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY

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SPORTS & HEALTH

Sports improves physical fitness, mental health, and overall well-being.

The policy promotes healthy lifestyles and ethical sports practices.

A healthy nation is an active nation

The new national vision for sport



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WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

SCHOOLS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education and school sports are the foundation of national sports development.

Talent identification starts in schools.

Strong schools, strong national teams

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SPORTS & HEALTH | WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, through the National Sports Council of The Gambia, continues to champion the vital role of sport in building a healthier, stronger and more productive nation.

The Gambia National Sports Policy 2024–2034 provides a strategic roadmap to:

- Improve physical fitness and mental well-being
- Promote healthy lifestyles across all communities
- Encourage ethical sporting practices
- Strengthen grassroots participation and talent development

Sport is not just competition — it is a powerful tool for public health, social inclusion, youth empowerment and national development.

A healthy nation is an active nation.

#NationalSportsPolicy #SportsForHealth
#ActiveNation #MOYS #NSC #Gambia2034

Why A National Sports Policy?

Investing in the Future of Gambian Excellence! The foundation of every great athlete starts in the classroom and on the school pitch. We are excited to highlight a key pillar of The Gambia National Sports Policy 2024–2034: Schools & Physical Education.

Why focus on our schools?

- The Foundation: Physical Education is where national sports development begins.
- Talent Scouting: Our future stars are in schools right now waiting to be discovered.
- National Pride: Strong school sports programs lead to stronger, more competitive national teams.

By prioritizing sports in our education system, we aren't just building athletes—we're building a healthier, more disciplined, and more successful nation.

Strong schools, strong national teams.

#GambiaSports #NationalSportsPolicy
#YouthDevelopment #Gambia

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Clear roles for government, NSC, and federations ensure professionalism and transparency.

Good governance leads to sustainable sports development.

Structure builds success

The new national vision for sport



The Gambia National Sports Policy
2024–2034

WHY A NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY?

SAFEGUARDING & INTEGRITY

The policy protects athletes from abuse and exploitation.

Ethics, safety, and integrity are non-negotiable.

Safe sports for all

The new national vision for sport



The Gambia National Sports Policy
2024–2034

Good governance is the backbone of successful sports development.

The The Gambia National Sports Policy 2024–2034 establishes clear roles and responsibilities for government, the National Sports Council of The Gambia, and national sports federations to ensure professionalism, transparency, and accountability in the management of sports.

When governance structures are clear, sports can grow sustainably, athletes can thrive, and institutions can be held accountable.

A strong policy framework ensures that structure builds success and that the future of Gambian sports is guided by vision, integrity, and strategic planning.

Together, we are shaping a new national vision for sport in The Gambia.

#NationalSportsPolicy
#GoodGovernanceInSports
#SportsDevelopment

Safeguarding athletes and protecting the integrity of sport are at the heart of the new National Sports Policy 2024–2034 of The Gambia.

Sport must always be a safe, respectful, and fair environment for everyone — from young grassroots athletes to elite competitors. The policy introduces clear measures to prevent abuse, exploitation, and unethical practices, ensuring that ethics, safety, and integrity remain non-negotiable across all sporting disciplines.

Through this national vision, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and stakeholders are committed to building a sporting culture where every athlete feels protected, valued, and empowered to perform at their best.

Protecting athletes

Promoting integrity

Ensuring safe sport for all

Together, we are shaping a stronger, safer future for sport in The Gambia.

#NationalSportsPolicy #SafeSport

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SARA CAMARA REPRESENTED MOYS & NSC AT OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF BRICPOL ASSOCIATION – THE GAMBIA

Westfield, 13th February 2026

The Youth Monument in Westfield hosted the official launch of BRICPOL Association – The Gambia on Friday, marking a significant step in promoting structured discipline and youth engagement through sport.

Sara Camara, Communications and Public Relations Manager of the National Sports Council (NSC), represented the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS) and the National Sports Council at the ceremony on behalf of the Acting Executive Director.

The event was attended by a Representative of the Inspector General of Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police Baboucarr Barry, underscoring the strong collaboration between sports institutions and national security services in advancing discipline and public order.

Delivering the official launching statement, Mr. Camara conveyed warm greetings from the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports and the Acting Executive Director of the National Sports Council. He emphasized that the launch of BRICPOL represented more than a ceremonial event, describing it as a clear statement that discipline, structured training, and youth development must remain central to national progress.

He highlighted the role of sport as a powerful tool for transformation — one that built confidence, instilled respect, nurtured leadership, and promoted peace and social cohesion.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, through the National Sports Council, reaffirmed its commitment to supporting recognized and responsible associations that aligned with national development priorities. The leadership of BRICPOL was commended for its vision and initiative, with emphasis placed on good governance, transparency, inclusivity, and adherence to established standards to ensure sustainability and growth.

The ceremony featured skills and technique demonstrations by BRICPOL members before concluding with the formal declaration of the association as officially launched.



CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The National Sports Council (NSC), under the auspices of the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS), joins the The Gambia National Olympic Committee and the entire sporting fraternity in mourning the passing of DCP Ba-Kebba B.K.S. Susso.

The late DCP Susso was a dedicated servant of the nation, who distinguished himself in the Gambia Police Force and contributed immensely to sports development as a Board Member of GNOC and President of the Gambia Taekwondo Association. His unwavering commitment, integrity, and passion for the advancement of sports have left an indelible mark on the national sporting landscape.

His passing is a profound loss not only to the Police Force and the Olympic family but also to the entire sports fraternity of The Gambia. He will be remembered for his leadership, humility, and steadfast support for youth empowerment through sports.

On behalf of the NSC, MOYS, and all affiliated sports associations, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, the taekwondo community, and all those affected by this great loss.

May Allah (SWT) forgive his shortcomings, grant him Jannatul Firdaus, and give his family the strength and patience to bear this irreparable loss.

Ameen.



THE GAMBIA TO HOST 2026 AFRICAN UNION SPORTS COUNCIL REGION 2 GAMES AS ASKY AIRLINES NAMED OFFICIAL AIRLINE PARTNER

The Government of the Republic of The Gambia, through the Ministry of Youth and Sports, has officially signed the Host Agreement with the African Union Sports Council Region 2 for The Gambia to host the prestigious AUSC Region 2 Games scheduled to take place in Banjul from 7–13 June 2026.

The agreement formally designates Banjul as the host city for the regional multi sport event, which will bring together young athletes under the age of 20 from member states across the region to compete in a celebration of youth development, sports excellence, and regional unity.

As part of preparations for the Games, the African Union Sports Council Region 2 has also announced a strategic partnership with ASKY Airlines, naming the airline as the Official Airline Partner for the 2026 AUSC Region 2 Games.

Sporting disciplines scheduled for the 2026 AUSC Region 2 Games include:

- Athletics
- Basketball (3x3)
- Beach Volleyball
- Boxing
- African Traditional Games (Exhibition)

SESDO PRESENTS FLOODLIGHTS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO NSC

Banjul, The Gambia – 16th March 2026 – The SESDO Executive Committee (ExCo) formally presented the Progress Report on the Procurement and Installation of Floodlights Project to the National Sports Council (NSC), highlighting ongoing efforts to enhance sports infrastructure in the country.

During the meeting, Acting Executive Director of NSC, Mr. Mahmoud Lamin Jawla, commended SESDO for its effective leadership, strong management, and high level of transparency. He encouraged the Executive Committee to maintain its momentum in advancing sports development nationwide.

Mr. Jawla assured the delegation that the progress report would be reviewed and shared with the Ministry of Youth and Sports. He reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to infrastructural development and emphasized that as long as SESDO continues to meet expectations, the Ministry, through the NSC, will remain a steadfast partner in supporting their initiatives.



NEMA KUNKU SPORTS COMMITTEE PAYS COURTESY CALL TO NSC, LAYS GROUNDWORK FOR GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT

Banjul, The Gambia – 26th February 2026 – In a display of vision and purpose, the Nema Kunku Sports Committee paid a heartfelt courtesy visit to the National Sports Council (NSC), signaling a promising partnership for the advancement of sports at the grassroots level.

The Committee, representing the aspirations of local communities, highlighted the potential of young talents emerging from neighborhood fields—where ambition grows as boldly as dreams. During the visit, they candidly shared the challenges facing community sports: scarce resources, inadequate infrastructure, limited capacity-building opportunities, and the critical mission of uncovering hidden talents across the nation.

The Acting Executive Director of NSC, Mr. Mahmoud L. Jawla, welcomed the delegation warmly, recognizing the initiative as both timely and visionary. He praised the Committee’s proactive approach, describing it as “a bridge being built between grassroots passion and national sporting excellence.”

Speaking to the delegation, Mr. Jawla assured the Committee of NSC’s full support and guidance. He emphasized, however, that transparency and accountability must remain central to their operations, noting that “trust is the currency of progress, and confidence is the pillar upon which lasting partnerships are built.”

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