



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION PARA-TABLE TENNIS DIVISION

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There is more correspondence around Para Table Tennis since communications started with Secretary General of African Paralympics-Jose Rodrigo. Feedback has been coming in from some countries in Africa but with us addressing issues such as language barriers this will eventually get better. With more communications between the “Able bodied Affiliates” and the Paralympic committee as well as the various Presidents of the different Zones, this can only get better.

We are fortunate to announce that the African Championship for Para Table Tennis (EGYPT 2011) will be held from the 7-11 November 2011 with Egypt offering to host as Para Table Tennis could not be included in the All Africa Games which was held in Maputo in September 2011. Communications is ongoing so as to ensure that Para Table Tennis is included in other major events such as the AAG.

There have been requests for development assistance as well as for equipment from affiliates in Africa. This has been investigated by ITTFs development wing. Investigations are also ongoing to recruit the assistance of the corporate sector in Africa to assist in developing Para Table Tennis.

There has been correspondence from Bello Nosiru, the head coach of NPTF/PTT-Nigeria that they are keen to host the 2013 Continental Table Tennis Championships. As per him, the Federation and the Government are working towards this.

Regions

CAMEROONIAN SPORTS FEDERATION FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS- On the date of 18 June 2011 a new Federation of disabled sport was created in view to recognize the disabled sports in the country and approved by the Ministry of sports and recognized by the new NPC who had just paid its fees and give all the documents to IPC (MIGUEL) to lift their suspension. The new board is looking at joining the great family of table Tennis Federation.

The Red Sea Coast- Since last year, the association of Handisport has become part of the great family of table tennis. They have initiated contacts and thus created a commission and a national coordinator. People with Disabilities have participated in the training of umpires, referees and the organizers of competitions led by the international expert Patrick Ringel of France -January 2011 and a technical course in May 2011 by Karima. With limited resources the federation has provided them with a table, rackets, balls and brochures to promote and make table tennis accessible to all. They are requesting from ITTF-PTT to assist by providing equipment for the people with disabilities.

Benin- The secretary General of the Federation of Disabled Sport acknowledges the ITTF-PTT but have indicated that they do not have the means to attend the Continental Tournament.

Kenya- Kenya Table Tennis will be fully committed in ensuring that the integration process in Kenya happens. The Association has appointed Andrew Mudibo who is the Secretary of the Kenya Table Tennis Association to lead this process. Apart from being a senior official in the association and region he is also an Official of the Kenya National Sports Council and he has been credited with many achievements which are unmatched in the development of table tennis in Kenya. However the Kenyan Para Table Tennis Exec has indicated that the integration process is nonexistent. Discussions are continuing to address this problem.

NIGERIA has indicated their willingness to host the 2013 African Continental Para Table Tennis Championships.

Egypt- is hosting the African Championship for Para Table Tennis-2011.

Yours in sport

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