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To make a contribution towards Nation Building and Healing of our land, South Africa, and the Transformation of our Society, through the Development of Athletics, from Grassroots to the highest levels of Excellence To From Date Subject No pages ASA Members
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#### **ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

**Dear ASA Members** 

## Circular 136 of ASA 2017 (10/30) – ASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT DELIVERED AT ASA CM 28 OCT 2017

Please find attached the ASA President's Report that was delivered at the 2017 ASA Council meeting held on 28 October 2017 at the OR Tambo Garden Court in Kempton Park.

Please note that the Power Point Presentation on ASA international achievements are also attached at the bottom of this report.

Athletics greetings

Richard Stander ASA ACEO

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## ASA PRESIDENTS REPORT AT THE ASA COUNCIL MEETING 28 OCTOBER 2017 – OR TAMBO GARDEN COURT, KEMPTON PARK

#### 1. Protocol and Greetings

The ASA Board, ASA ACEO, Provincial Presidents and Vice Presidents, All Delegates, Chairpersons and Presidents of Associates Members, ASA Commission Members, SASCOC, SRSA, General Managers, Secretaries, Observers, ladies and gentlemen.

Once more time it is a pleasure to stand in front of you to report on the progress made since we last met in June 17, 2017. Indeed, as we promised we have achieved the results as anticipated. We will deal with the achievements later in our report.

#### 2. Office Administration

The ASA administration is getting better and better every day since the arrival of ASA ACEO. Although there is still a lot of work to be done, to get rid of the challenges that was in the system.

The ACEO and his stuff are hard at work to assist us in taking the sport to the greatest heights ever. The Board is happy that most of the things that need to be done are no longer delayed.

We need to have staff in our office that will deal with critical skills that make the organisation function like IAAF. There are options but all depends upon the availability of money to hire.

The fact remains that we desperately need staff to solidify the functioning of the Development, Communication and Marketing department to be fully managed by staff that is competent and understanding the dynamics of the global athletics.

This IS urgent and cannot be delayed, but can only be implemented if budget is available to do so.

#### 3. ASA Board, Committees and Commissions

The board is pleased to report that a lot of progress has been made in the day to day operations of ASA. The progress is based on the cooperation of the structures that are working as volunteers.

The coordination and collaboration of these committees and commissions make it easy for the board and office staff to do their job. Without the guidance of these structures, there is little success and progress we can expect as ASA.

#### 4. Development Strategy

ASA has revised the Development strategy for implementation by all members of ASA. This is a blue print that was neglected for reason unknown to anyone. We assume it was during the days of turmoil.

We have reviewed the document and it will be delivered to your offices for action, if it needs be you must improve it when implementing it. This is the official ASA Development Strategy.

#### 5. Financial Position of ASA

The ASA Financial Position is showing huge signs of improvement compared to where we come from over the past decade.

We have completed paying for the ASA Property or house. It now belongs to ASA. We have also paid all the monies owed to Blignaut lawyers; a whooping sum of R10, 4 million.

We have paid SARS in full and in total for the monies owned to them over the past decade. We have paid all other creditors that we found here. The only balance is R71k for the UP High Performance that is going to be settled soon. The rest will depend upon the outcome as ASA is defending these matters and will wait for the outcome of the court.

#### 6. ASA Achievements at the International Arena

We are all here to develop athletics nothing else. Our main focus as we stated was to take SA to the top of the ranking list of IAAF.

We have done that, but it is not enough. In the youth category, we are number 1 in the world. Jamaica and Kenya and others could not repeat their victory at the IAAF World Youth Championships.

In the Senior Category, SA is number 3; our challenge is USA and Kenya so far. We need to work harder one more time to gain the top spot in the next few years. We should thank the coaches and athletes who responded to our call by setting the highest times, heights and distances that made it easy to walk to the medal podium.

Thank you the Provinces and leadership that bought into our criteria and prepare those athletes for the medal and records as predicted.

Our coaches are superior and know what they are doing. Our athletes have shown us that, no matter how high is the standard they will match it and easily climb on top of the world ranking list. This cannot be achieved without the long hours of coaching dedication by the volunteer coaches of our country.

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We say bravo to them! Please show us the list of all the achievers in all the categories for the 2017 season. More records were broken by our athletes which is a sign of excellent work by both coaches and provinces.

Special mention of two athletes who brought gold medals and other medals, these are Wayde Van Niekerk for winning and defending his world 400 m title won in Beijing in 2015 gold and 200 m silver, and Caster Semenya for winning 800 m gold and 1500 m bronze and Luvo Manyonga for winning Gold in the long jump at the IAAF World Championships in London.

The youth boys and girls did wonders by fighting for the flag of SA in Nairobi Kenya. Both the 100 m and 200 m Gold and silver were won by SA against Jamaica and other sprint nations. The 400 m hurdles for boys and girls were also won by SA.

Universities too, have made a mark at the previous University Games. Our athletes came back with medals to the country. Our Masters brought a lot of glory to the country. All these point to the fact that athletics is alive is SA.

#### 7. ASA Achievements at the IAAF World and CAA Championships in 2017.

We are proud of the achievements of ASA Athletes and Coaches during the 2017 season at the above events.

- 7.1. ASA is ranked No 1 in the World in the Youth Category.
- 7.2. ASA Is also ranked no 3 in the World in the Senior Category.
- 7.3. ASA is ranked number 5 by the IAAF after the Rio Olympic Games.
- 7.4. ASA is ranked no 2 in the Continent in the Junior Category.

ASA won more medals than any other time since readmission to international competition in 1991. ASA has improved the overall rankings in the youth and seniors to top 5 in the world.

We are working hard to improve our World Junior Rankings at the next IAAF World Championships on Finland next year. Our selection must point at what we want to achieve as a country.

**Note:** Please refer to the attached Power Point Presentation for more specific information regarding ASA's successes internationally.

#### 8. IAAF Awards

Three of our athletes have nominated for the IAAF Awards to the place in November 24, 2017 in Monaco. They were nominated for the male and female athlete of the year.

These are Wayde Van Niekerk, Caster Semenya, and Luvo Manyonga. We hope that these athletes will progress to the next level and win the overall prize.

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Breyton Poole and Sokwakhana Zazini were also invited to the IAAF Awards Function for their achievements at the 2017 IAAF Word Youth Championships

#### 9. Progress on Sponsorship and Marketing

We have received some reports from the sponsorship company on progress made thus far in getting sponsorship for ASA.

All what we can say it is promising and we shall wait in anticipation for the positive news.

#### 10. Legal Issues

The biggest matter that threatens to close ASA down was that of an athlete who was injured and claimed R12 million damages.

The Technical Officials who got injured during the competition matter is still pending as the matter is supposed to be decided by the court of law.

The other matter is a Marketing Company that is contesting the issue with ASA. This matter is sub judice. We shall report to you in the next ASA Council Meeting.

#### 11. IAAF and CAA Reforms and Constitutional Amendments.

The IAAF and CAA Reforms are now being implemented. The first phase was the amendment of the IAAF Constitution in London.

The process went well but some of the proposed amendments were not approved as members felt it was too early to have such amendments and it will need IAAF to do some refinement in order for members to be comfortable with it.

On the side of CAA, an amendment of the CAA Constitution was passed in Morocco on the 9-10 October 2017. All member federations will have to work their constitutions to align it with the IAAF and CAA clauses where necessary. This is the work that will be done leading to 2018.

#### 12. Regionalization (District) of Athletics

The ASA position on this matter still remains the same as previously reported in this house. If there are any changes ASA will enact the changes in our constitution.

The ASA Constitution and those of members as approved by ASA remain intact.

#### 13. Preparation for the 2018 Season

ASA is calling upon all members who have athletes in the categories for the youth, junior and senior to begin the preparation of athletes for the IAAF World Indoors in Birmingham and Finland Junior Championships, Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

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as well as CAA Youth and Senior as well as Cross- Country Championships in two disciplines in 2018.

Our focus as members of ASA is to ensure that our athletes are given more opportunities to compete within the country before the international championships.

We are determined to bring other countries top athletes to challenge our athletes at home rather than sending them to other countries without their coaches.

In our fixtures you will notice that a number of competitions are proposed to take place leading to the ASA Championships.

The input of the coaches and the commission as well Provinces is critical to this calendar. It is also noted that a fixtures calendar up to 2020 is in circulation and need to be finalized soonest. Your contribution and input as Provinces is highly appreciated.

#### 14. Progress on ASA Provincial Visits.

We have started visiting the Provinces as promised. So far we have been to 4 provinces. The rest of the provinces will be visited depending upon their availability and the team from ASA.

Please indicate to the ACEO your availability so that we plan around you.

Our findings during these visits are as follows:

- 14.1. A lot of commitment from the board is evident
- 14.2. unity amongst board members
- 14.3. programs very strong on the ground
- 14.4. good partnership with 2 tiers of government
- 14.5. challenges but solutions are found by members
- 14.6. Limited resources
- 14.7. abundance talent that is being identified and channelled to higher level
- 14.8. training infrastructure a challenge but that does not stop people to train
- 14.9. Meetings for Board, Commissions, Committees taking place as planned
- 14.10. Development and transformation taken very seriously
- 14.11. Respect for ASA constitution and authority and follow guidelines and rules as required.
- 14.12. The rest of the provinces should prepare for the visit and have all the members of the board present so that we get the real feel of what is happening on the ground.

#### 15. SASA, Representation on ASA Provincial Structures.

We sent out information to all the ASA provinces and SASA to supply ASA with the list of SASA members serving on the ASA Provincial Board.

The ACEO will update the house on the progress. We thank all those that responded and implemented the decision. We are on track to align the athletics operations in the country so that we speak with one voice on matters that affect us.

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#### 16. Negative Social media by Provinces and individuals

There is persistent negative energy and attack directed to ASA board and other members by individuals serving on the ASA structures using the social media and main stream media.

We have seen even the distribution of letters to non-council members by a province. We do not understand why this is done by one province only.

We need the Council to reflect and deal with this matter rather than to expect me to deal with it.

The Board looked at the matter previously and resolved that Members of ASA should stop using social media and other forms of media to attack other members but to promote athletics.

#### 17. Disputes between a province and its members.

We urge all provinces to deal with matters that arise in the provinces with their members by using their constitution, if your provincial constitution does not address the matter, please read ASA and consult with ASA office.

It is clearly recorded in our ASA Constitution that maters of conflict must be taken to Arbitration not to Court. Please read this ASA.

Members are also urged not to undermine the authority of the ASA Constitution even if they undermine people leading the organization.

It is in the best interest of you as members to respect the constitution and operate by the constitution. We have once warned members to refrain from focusing on non athletics issues that derails development and excellence of our country.

#### 18. Commercial clubs

The matter was dealt with in the previous meeting and it is still on going. ASA will report back in the future on how to finalize this matter. Dynamics on the ground changes all the time.

Some of the Commercial Clubs are changing form and structure for reason best known to the members closer to the situation. It is critical not to regulate against an individual but for the group and all members.

#### 19. Affiliation to ASA by Provinces

The ASA Board has taken a decision to make all Members of ASA to affiliate to ASA annually. This is in line with the constitution.

The ASA Office will deal with the collection of fees from members. This is starting from 1 January and expires on 31 December every year.

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#### 20. Coaches and Technical Officials symposium

We are delighted to report that ASA Coaches Symposium took place as planned. We are getting to a level where a pool of our athletes will be coached by accredited and qualified coaches. On top of this we also qualified Lecturers to train new comers and those at level one and two.

We will be hosting the Technical Officials Symposium on the 18/19 November 2017. We need your Technical Officials to be fully trained and involved in the officiating at the national and international level.

#### 21. Thank you

We thank all the provinces for providing opportunities to the athletes to compete and qualify for the ASA and the World Championships.

We also thank Coaches and all other support specialists who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in supporting the athletes to achieve at the highest level of our sport.

I wish you all the best for the festive season.

Aleck Skhosana
President Athletics South Africa

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## **2017 TEAMS PERFORMANCES**

IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LONDON 2017
IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPS NAIROBI 2017
CAA AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPS ALGERIA 2017
ASA NATIONAL RECORDS 2017

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## TEAM SOUTH AFRICA IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LONDON 2017









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## **MEDAL WINNERS**

ATHLETE	GENDER	DISCIPLINE	DEMOGRAPHIC	MEDAL
Wayde VAN NIEKERK	М	400m	Coloured	GOLD
Luvo MANYONGA	М	Long Jump	Black	GOLD
Caster SEMENYA	F	800m	Black	GOLD
Wayde VAN NIEKERK	М	200m	Coloured	SILVER
Ruswahl SAMAAI	М	Long Jump	Coloured	BRONZE
Caster SEMENYA	F	1500m	Black	BRONZE

## MEDAL TABLE

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States (USA)	10	11	9	30
2	≓≔Kenya (KEN)	5	2	4	11
3	South Africa (RSA)	3	1	2	6
4	France (FRA)	3	0	2	5
5	China (CHN)	2	3	2	7
6	<b>≋</b> Great Britain & N.I. (GBR)*	2	3	1	6
7	Ethiopia (ETH)	2	3	0	5
8	Poland (POL)	2	2	4	8
9	Germany (GER)	1	2	2	5
10	Czech Republic (CZE)	1	1	1	3

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## TEAM SOUTH AFRICA IAAF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS NAIROBI 2017



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## **MEDAL WINNERS**

ATHLETE	GENDER	DISCIPLINE	DEMOGRAPHIC	MEDAL
Tshenolo LEMAO	М	100m	Black	GOLD
Retshidisitswe MLENGA	М	200m	Black	GOLD
Sokwakhana ZAZINI	М	400mH	Black	GOLD
Breyton POOLE	M	High Jump	Coloured	GOLD
Zeney VAN DER WALT	F	400mH	White	GOLD
Retshidisitswe MLENGA	М	100m	Black	SILVER
Tshenolo LEMAO	М	200m	Black	SILVER
Johannes SCHLEBUSCH	М	Javelin Throw	White	SILVER
Jonathan DE LACEY	М	Shot Put	White	BRONZE
Morne BRANDON	М	Discus Throw	White	BRONZE
SOUTH AFRICA U18	Х	4x400m Relay		BRONZE

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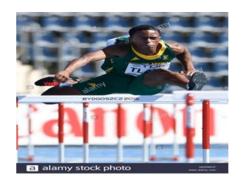
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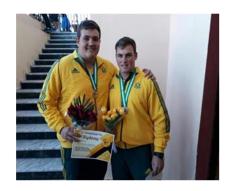
Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	⋙South Africa	5	3	3	11
2	China	5	2	4	11
3	<b>C</b> uba	5	2	1	8
4	<b>≕</b> Kenya	4	7	4	15
5	<b>Ethiopia</b>	4	3	5	12
6	<b>Germany</b>	3	5	5	13
7	<b>X</b> Jamaica	3	2	3	8
8	France	2	1	4	7
9	Ukraine	2	1	2	5
10	Turkey	1	1	1	3

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## **TEAM SOUTH AFRICA** CAA AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ALGERIA 2017













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## **MEDAL WINNERS**

ATHLETE	GENDER	DISCIPLINE	DEMOGRAPHIC	MEDAL
Clarence MUNYAI	М	200m	Black	GOLD
Mpho TLADI	М	110mH	Black	GOLD
Werner VISSER	М	Discus Throw	White	SILVER
Aaron PEDRO	М	Long Jump	Coloured	BRONZE
Carel HAASBROEK	М	Hammer Throw	White	GOLD
Kayle BLIGNAUT	М	Shot Put	White	GOLD
Patrick DUVENAGE	М	Shot Put/Discus	White	SILVER/GOLD
Thembu MONARENG	М	100m	Black	GOLD
Hernus VAN VUUREN	М	Javelin Throw	White	SILVER
Werner DAMES	М	Javelin Throw	White	GOLD
Yolandi STANDER	F	Discus/Shot Put	White	GOLD/SILVER
Yvonne ROBSON	F	High jump	White	GOLD
Jone KRUGER	F	Heptathlon	White	GOLD
Taylon BIELDT	F	100mH	White	GOLD
Jana STEINMAN	F	Shot Put	White	GOLD

## **MEDAL TABLE**

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	<b>Ethiopia</b>	13	13	12	38
2	South Africa	12	4	1	17
3	Algeria	4	8	8	20
4	<b>≕</b> Kenya	4	4	2	10
5	Morocco	3	4	5	12
6	<b>Z</b> imbabwe	3	3	3	9
7	Tunisia	2	1	3	6
8	Gambia	1	1	0	2
9	Burkina Faso	1	0	1	2
10	Botswana	0	3	1	4

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# ALL TIME MEDALS WON AT CAA AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	>= South Africa	110	66	53	229
2	<b>K</b> enya	80	76	33	189
3	Nigeria	75	68	38	181
4	Ethiopia	48	63	64	175
5	Egypt	47	44	29	120
6	Algeria	41	38	53	132
7	Morocco	27	34	47	108
8	Tunisia	23	24	46	93
9	Ghana	11	21	20	52
10	Mauritius	11	19	26	56

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## **2017 NATIONAL RECORDS**

## Men

Event	Record	Athlete	Date	Place
200 m	19.84	Wayde van Niekerk	10 June 2017	Kingston, Jamaica
300 m	30.81 [WB]	Wayde Van Niekerk	28 June 2017	Ostrava, Czech Republic
110 m H	13.11	Antonio Alkana	5 June 2017	Prague, Czech Republic
Long jump	8.65 m A	Luvo Manyonga	22 April 2017	Potchefstroom, South Africa
20 km RW	1:19:18	Lebogang Shange	13 August 2017	London, United Kingdom
			Junior records	
200 m	20.10 A	Clarence Munyai	4 March 2017	Pretoria, South Africa
300 m	31.61[WB	Clarence Munyai	28 June 2017	Ostrava, Czech Republic
100m	10.12	Gift Leotlela	18 March 2017	Pretoria, South Africa
			Youth Records	
400m H	48.84	Sokwakhana Zazini	17 March 2017	Pretoria, South Africa

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## 2017 NATIONAL RECORDS

## Women

Event	Record	Athlete	Date	Place
600 m	1:21.77	Caster Semenya	27 August 2017	Berlin, Germany
800 m	1:55.16	Caster Semenya	13 August 2017	London, United Kingdom
Hammer Throw	63.82	Letitia Jansen Van Vuuren	28 March 2017	Sasolburg South Africa
		Yout	h Records	
2000mSc	6:42.68	Sharley Koekemoer	7 April 2017	Cape Town South Africa
Hammer Throw	66.99	Tharina Van der Walt	13 May 2017	Pretoria, South Africa