



To: **African Boxing Confederation (AFBC)** – All National Federations*

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AFRICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AFBC) – OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NORMALISATION COMMITTEE AND SUPPORT TO THE WIDER AFBC COMMUNITY

Dear AFBC President and respected members of the continent,

Further to the most recent communication as seen within the respective IBA platforms, we think that it only right and proper to send out a joint message of collaboration, support, and ultimately the response needed to ensure that Africa remains in its rightful place amongst the higher echelons of the global boxing community.

We hear the talk about challenge, we hear the talk about unity, we hear the talk about doing what is right in the most difficult of circumstances. We come to you, our brothers, and sisters of Africa, to unite the way forward as one, to ensure that Africa thrives with the opportunity to deliver, and to develop at the highest level. Never is it easy to make decisions that can impact many, both for the right, and maybe the wrong reasons. In this instance, it is absolutely correct to initiate a well discussed and 'war-gamed' out scenario in support of the current situation and a positive move forward for AFBC – the introduction of the AFBC Normalisation Committee.

It has been a well deliberated decision, for some time, key figures have attended numerous meetings to understand the second and third order effect, to see how IBA can support Africa to the fullest, to ensure that the mission and vision of our sport is managed for all to rise and to benefit from the resounding success of the past few years.

Africa is pivotal to our work as we move forward, with fine ambassadors of the sport, with a deep heritage of clear sportsmanship, ever evolving talent, and the riches that are deserved for our children of tomorrow. We owe our experience, our commandership, and our expertise to providing this platform for the future. We must steer this ship in the right direction in order to achieve the highest level of success, to create those conditions for future generations – we reach out to all in this situation, to support this bold step, and to embrace those positive vibes that we see and hear every day.

Success is around the corner, but first we must identify the areas of development, the areas of need, and the mechanisms that we are required to put in place on behalf of AFBC. There is nothing bad in this scenario, just a simple case of re-navigation; the expertise lies within the continent, and the Normalisation Committee will help to find resolution to bring our African members together.

Opportunities will become part of this process, we intend to work closely with the AFBC National Federations, to negotiate the way forward, along with bringing in vibrant key active personnel from within the African boxing community.

We see positive and negative comments daily, and the mechanism of normalisation is not to undermine, but a clear case of wider assistance, to create a central point of contact to manage those difficult questions that we witness every day, for one reason or another. The Normalisation Committee will hopefully take AFBC to new heights, to bring in the wider policy and plans needed that will absolutely benefit the Continent, the National Federations, and respective members, along with our coaches and



officials. Not forgetting the most important part of this situation, the boxers, the athletes, the future African stars of tomorrow. We will do our utmost to ensure that the future remains as bright as ever, and the work in place will ensure that those foundations are built in the right direction, and by those who fully understand boxing across Africa.

The members of the Normalisation Committee will be announced very shortly, along with those Terms of Reference (ToRs), and respective management tools put in place that will assist in delivery. To summarise and to conclude, the Normalisation Committee will add another dynamic of support, to bolster the work that is in place, and to ensure that the road is clear moving forward.

Let us all come together and create those conditions for success. [Now is the time to unite Africa.](#)

Your feedback will be pivotal to our work here, which is something that is extremely valued, and will be very much needed to shape the positive impact across our member federations. Any suggestions or ideas are welcomed and should be sent directly to international@iba.sport.

End of message.

Yours sincerely,



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