



Podium Post

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2023 RECAP

STRATEGIC PLAN MIDTERM REVIEW WORKSHOP

ZOC hosted a dynamic Strategic Plan Midterm Review Workshop at the Rainbow Towers on November 25th and 26th, 2023. Which resulted in the refinement of the ZOC Strategic Plan which was shared on November 29th.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

ZOC convened a momentous board meeting on December 1st, where strategic decisions were deliberated and made, charting a course for the realization of our collective vision.





CHAMPIONING ATHLETES: TRIUMPHS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Isaac Mpofo secured his spot in the 2024 Paris Olympics marathon race, at the 2022 Valencia Marathon with a remarkable timing of 2 hours, 6 minutes, and 48 seconds. Stephen Cox clinched his place in the 2024 Olympics in the men's single sculls at the 2023 World Rowing African Olympic qualification regatta in Tunisia.



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S PROJECTIONS

The IOC projected a list of athletes anticipated to qualify for the forthcoming Olympic Games, encompassing a talented cohort of 10 athletes. This list includes: Sprinters Tapiwa Makarawu, Makanaka Charamba, Takudzwa Chiyangwa and Simba Maketa. It also features long distance runner Fortunate Chidzivo and cyclists; Skye Davidson as well as Rodrick Shumba. Golfer Scott Vincent is also amongst those set to qualify and swimmers; Denilson Cyprianos and Paige van der Westhuizen.

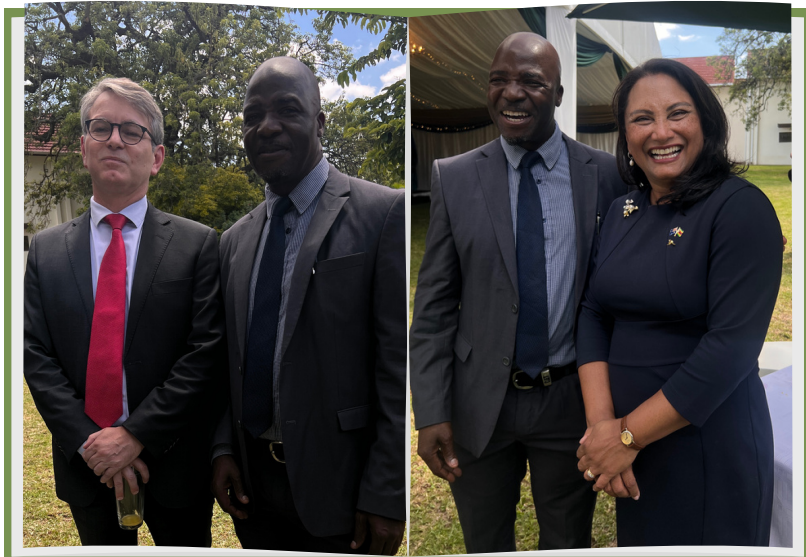


EMBRACING MOMENTS: EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

ZOC CEO and Marketing Officer graced the picturesque setting of Mazowe Dam, partaking in an enthralling rowing regatta hosted by Chisipite Senior School on the 12th of November. The event was further elevated by the presence of the illustrious Steve Cox, who not only participated as a special guest but also engaged in a recreational race alongside Mr. Andrew Lorimer, President of the Rowing Association.

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE

On the 21st of December 2023, ZOC CEO participated in a Tree Planting Day event alongside Mr. Chimukoko, chair of the Olympians and Athletes Commission, signifying our commitment to sustainability and community engagement.



AUSTRALIANA EXTRAVAGANZA

On the 25th of January 2024, the resplendent Australia Day Celebration took place, graced by our esteemed President, marking a moment of cultural exchange and camaraderie with the French Ambassador as well as the Australian Ambassador.



A TESTAMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

On January 25th, our CEO; Marlene Gadzirayi proudly graduated with a Masters of Science in Management and Finance from the esteemed University of Sussex, embodying the spirit of lifelong learning and scholarly pursuit.

HONORING SPORTING PROWESS

ZOC attended the NAAZ Awards on January 26th, paying homage to exceptional athletes who continue to inspire and elevate our sporting landscape. Some winners were Kimberly Kachambwa, Takunda Mhete, Vimbai Maisvoreva and Isaac Mpofu.



CHARTING THE PATH TO PARIS 2024

CEO was invited to Barry Manandi and Mike Madoda's show on ZiFM on the 18th of January as the start of a bi-weekly campaign featuring different ZOC related guests on the show building up to Paris 2024. ZOC hosted a press conference on the 29th of January. Providing updates on our athletes' preparations for the upcoming Olympics. Isaac graced the occasion in person while Steven joined via virtual means from his training base at the Sydney Rowing Club in Australia after being offered membership for training with the support of ZOC. CDM Mr. Mapondera and Technical and Development Chair Mr. Fulton led this momentous occasion.