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Welcome remark

*Finally, an easily and conveniently accessible platform for us to roll out a printed and cherished tool of communicating with each other on the numerous activities and events of our Member Associations. I am honoured and pleased to officially launch the 1st edition of the **CAF MA Division – Newsletter** which will serve as the mouthpiece and soul of our work. Produced monthly, the newsletter will amongst other things, feature stories from MAs, previewing and highlighting what is happening in our associations and Zones.*

Sarah Makone
Director Member Associations

How can we harness, appreciate, and applaud the progress and positive strides from our MAs unless it is readily available and accessible?

Every Member Association has something to share and show be it lessons learnt, or strides made on this road to progress that we are all traveling on in the development and strengthening of our beautiful game of football.

Together we can tell our tales of progress. We can inspire, encourage and challenge each other to higher standards through the **CAF MA Division – Newsletter**.

Through your regular and welcomed feedback, may the **CAF MA Division – Newsletter**, 1st edition and those to follow kick-start an impactful information exchange that will have significant impact on our MA's and contribute towards driving our **President, Dr. Patrice Motsepe's vision "to make African Football globally competitive and self-sustaining."**

Exciting Journey!

Good Governance

CAF Governance Workshop

CAF Zonal Division in collaboration with the Legal Division organised the first over CAF Governance Workshops. The inaugural edition took place in Zanzibar between 25th-27th June and the second edition concluded successfully in June. The overall aim of this initiative is to enhance the capacity of our Member Associations in governance structures, implementation of FIFA & policies and procedures. We intend to organise similar workshops in the other Zones by the end of the year. At the end of each workshop, an action plan will be developed with support from respective Zonal Unions to implement and improve the overall governance at the MA. The entire Confederation

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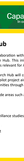
Financial Governance



CAF through the MA Division is poised to ensure that Member Associations are adequately prepared to the engagement, control and oversight of financial activities at the MAs and ZOs are with.

For the first time:

- CAF has engaged auditors to conduct Control Reviews on the funds disbursed to the Zonal Unions. The aim is to widen the scope of work of the CAF appointed auditors to include Member Associations.
- Qualified Finance Managers have been employed to fill in the gap in all the Zonal Unions.
- A draft Procurement policy and procedure has been circulated to all the Zonal Unions and Member Associations. The procurement function of the procurement processes across the entire Confederation.

Capacity Building

Coming Soon

CAF Research Hub

The CAF MA division in collaboration with the Zonal Unions have successfully rolled out the maiden edition of the CAF Research Hub. This initiative aims to provide research that informs actions and gathers evidence for theories relevant for African Football.

Furthermore, the CAF Research Hub will contribute to developing knowledge in African Football and Sport Management. The CAF Research Hub will also have an impact of the CAF African Schools Football Championship as it is continuously through the experiences of the young athletes who participate.

Follow up research will include areas such as:

- Women's Football
- Medical e.g., Injury surveillance studies
- Sport Management
- Finance / Administration
- Football Fan Engagement

CAF RESEARCH HUB

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VAR Academy

The VAR academy stands as a prime example showcasing the integral part referees play in the realization of CAF President, Dr. Patrice Motsepe's vision of football development. The introduction of VAR equipment across the continent has ignited a transformative journey in our Zonal Unions and Member Associations.

While this project undoubtedly represents a significant milestone in safeguarding the integrity of our football and catalyzing the professionalization of refereeing, it also aims to enhance training and quality of our referees. This in turn will enhance and facilitate their participation in CAF and FIFA competitions, and thereby nurturing the growth of football within each respective country through regional workshop sessions across Africa.

CAF Educational Centre

On 08 May 2024, CAF ratified a historic academy partnership with the **University of Cape Town (UCT)** to establish an educational programme. This world-class, bespoke programme will be offered online and onsite at the Graduate School of Business (GSB) in Cape Town, South Africa (Waterfront Campus), within the precincts of the premier tourist destination in South Africa, on the foot of Table Mountain and the edge of two oceans, the best professors and international football leaders will jointly present this exciting programme within our culturally rich continent, to globally advance African Football.

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African Schools Programme

African Schools Football Championship - 2nd Season

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Zonal Union Structure

The MA Division set out a strategy to harmonise the organizational structure of the Zonal Unions with key positions acting as counterparts to CAF Divisions as follows:

- Competitions Manager
- Development Development Manager
- Football Development Manager
- Women Football Development Manager
- Marketing and Communication Manager

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Safeguarding

CAF steps up the fight against player trafficking in Africa

CAF is keen on ensuring that our Member Associations fully complied and implemented the latest developments in safeguarding. This was projected in some of the key initiatives. Example, CAF associated each MA had fully safeguarding officer/focal points appointed to work and forward. In all Africa training is provided for the safeguarding officers.

Post their training, the newly appointed safeguarding officers hit the ground running with a series of workshops on player trafficking within football across their respective zones. CAF Safeguarding, in collaboration with the Zonal Unions, organised workshops for all Safeguarding focal points from 34 Member Associations (MAs) and the 6 Zonal Unions.

Let's unite in our commitment to combat players trafficking and safeguard their rights.

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Zonal Union Affairs

Zonal Union Tactical Workshop

CAF held the inaugural Zonal Union Tactical Workshop on the 20th and 30th of April in Cairo. The workshop was attended by the Secretaries and Board members from all the Zonal Unions, with the prime objective of strengthening the collaboration between the CAF and the Zonal Unions, and to enhance capacity through knowledge exchange and strategic alignment.

Watch Recap

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Zonal Union Calendar

Women - Just Competition

- Cameroon - LOC Date
- Congo - Ocean Boys
- Congo - Simon Sika

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Egypt - Pyramis Half Half (ZOY ZOH)

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Ethiopia - Ethiopia Coffee
- Kenya - Vihiga Queens

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Sudan - Al Merrikh Omdurman
- Sudan - Al Merrikh Bahri
- Sudan - Al Merrikh Port Sudan
- Sudan - Al Hilal Omdurman
- Sudan - Al Hilal Bahri
- Sudan - Al Hilal Port Sudan
- Sudan - Al Merrikh Kassala
- Sudan - Al Hilal Kassala

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Algeria - CS Sonelgaz
- Algeria - Chlef
- Algeria - Oran
- Algeria - Alger
- Algeria - Administration Workshop for CR

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Senegal - Liên Guédo

Upcoming Competition (July):

- None

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

Women - Just Competition

- Morocco - COSAFA Match Morocco

Upcoming Competition (July):

- South Africa - COSAFA Cup

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- South Africa - Gold Training Workshop (Pretoria)
- South Africa - Sports Administration Workshop for CR

Women - Just Competition

- Mozambique - Vitória Desportiva de Chibuto

Upcoming Competition (July):

- Zimbabwe - CECAFA Senior Women's Competition
- Zimbabwe - CECAFA Senior Women's Challenge Cup (Men's Competition)

Upcoming Workshop (July):

- None

MA In The Spotlight

Coming Soon
Stories from Member Associations

Spotlight shined on the CECAFA Zonal Union's recent growth and future plans

Following the recent conclusion of the second edition of the CECAFA Senior Women's Championship, which came to a grand close in Zanzibar last month, President of the union Hon. Nicholas Mulot, sat down with CAF MA Division Lady in CAFOnline about some of the plans in place to drive growth and development for the union.

The CECAFA Zonal Union boasts a vibrant and dynamic landscape, encompassing nations like Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Tanzania.

President Hon. Mulot shared his members' vision and various plans for their upcoming competitions as well as the benefits of the recently ratified new statutes by CAF in relation to its Zonal Unions.

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Zonal Union in Focus

Federação Cabo-verdiana de Futebol (FCF)

Easily among the top three 3 fairytale story of the second edition of the CAF Women's CL has been considered a talented squad known for their exciting brand of play, but they couldn't quite break through on the big stage.

However, in a few decades the Cape Verdean Football Association (FCF) has been quietly working wonders. Maximising the use of the Goal Development Fund, Club Development Funds, Financial Incentive Funds & infrastructure, building new sites of the art training facilities and offices, and implementing a strategic plan refurbishing their headquarters and equipping it with the latest and modern facilities (latest video analysis technology, and modern dormitories for youth players).

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Libyan Football Federation (LFF)

Faced with significant challenges, the Libyan Football Federation (LFF) has demonstrated a commitment to overcoming these hurdles and the development of football within the nation. With infrastructure restoration and development being a pivotal focus for the LFF, it has prioritized the restoration and improvement of football infrastructure. This includes the renovation of stadiums and training facilities, ensuring they meet CAF standards and provide a safe and functional environment for players and fans alike.

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