



2023 ITTF Development Mid-Year Progress Report

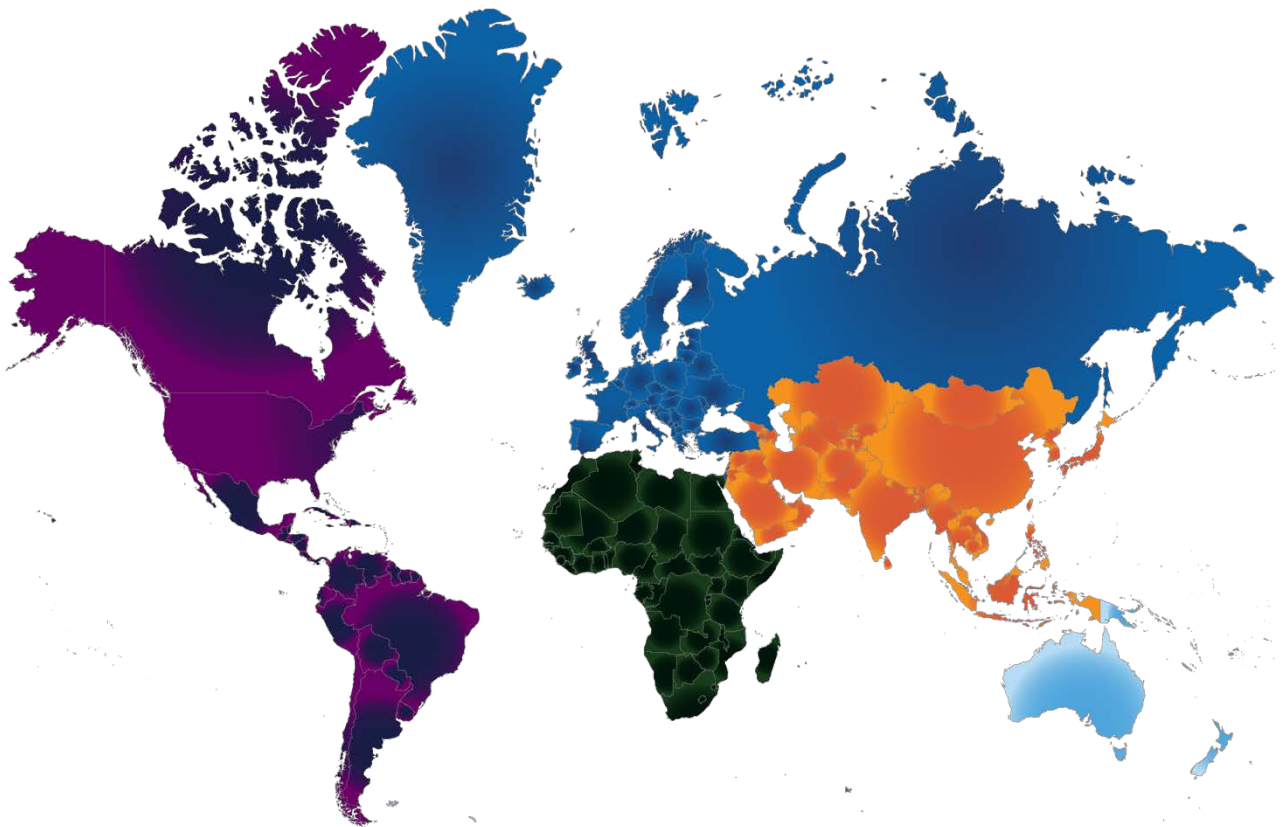


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2023 Development Projects

As we reach the midpoint of the year, it is time to take a moment to reflect on the progress of the development activities that have shaped our sport across all continents in the last six months.

For the past three years, we witnessed a rollercoaster of challenges and opportunities, but the adaptability and innovations we had to demonstrate have resulted in positive developments. This year, we can finally aim to implement a full portfolio of new and revitalized projects and activities.

Our Development Projects, having very much our athletes in mind, started off with two incentives targeting Athlete Development for able-bodied and Para athletes, embracing inclusivity with their coordinated releases: the [Continental Youth Grants and the Para Table Tennis Player Grants](#). High interest in both incentives resulted in 165 applications for the Continental Youth Grants and 80 for the PTT Grants, from which 31 Youth Grant holders and 16 PTT Grants holders have been selected.

For our global Talent Identification Program, the Hopes, from 2023 in a 2-year cycle, we have projected 15 activities to be run in 2023: 13 Regional and 2 Continental activities, with revamped Directives scheduled for release that will bring even more talents onto our radar.

Otherwise, Continental Training Camps for able-bodied and Para TT players remain an essential part of the development efforts, while a new incentive in the form of Continental Training Centers will be released in the coming weeks.

Following our commitment to increase the number and improve the technical level of individuals involved in table tennis of various profiles, the [Mentorship](#), a revamped "[My Gender. My Strength.](#)" project and other continent-specific incentives will contribute to the growth of coaches, match officials and competition managers in numbers and capabilities, and thus contribute to the overall development of table tennis within their Member Associations.

Furthermore, both the Athlete Development and the Capacity Building areas will be addressed through our Regional Initiative, where different projects on regional level can be implemented according to the needs of the Member Associations of the Regions, and support is available for other specific and needs-based Regional/Continental activities in general.

Diversity, equality, inclusivity, and sustainability are significant principles of all our projects and implemented wherever and whenever it is relevant and feasible.

The second half of the year holds enormous promise for our development projects, and we are excited to witness the positive outcomes of our commitment and dedication. With the support of Continental and Regional Federations, Member Associations, partners, and everyone involved, we are confident that the results will not only be rewarding but will also inspire us to reach even greater objectives in the future.

Katarzyna Kubas

Head of Development Projects

2023 Participation and Quick Pathway Programs

The Participation Program has entered in its third year and has become an engaging program providing targeted support to Member Associations. The [Program](#) portfolio has grown, tackling even better the needs and priorities of our members with an expanded menu of online services and incentives. We believe that the opportunities offered will enrich and support the development journeys of our Member Associations and contribute to the growth and development of table tennis worldwide.

Every Member Association can benefit from national table tennis initiatives: either through an MA Activity with the involvement of ITTF Participation Officers and external experts engaging with the Associations on the ground, and National Projects that are represented by different suitable development options for the Associations being delivered locally.

Gender balance, diversity, and sustainability are the main areas that are very well addressed in all our Program incentives now. The minimum required participation of females within the Participation Program in the activities has been raised to 35% as one of the conditions for funding. We encourage participation from provinces across the country for Member Associations to build the capacity of different specialists in all the corners of their territories and for their activities or services to target either able-bodied or Para Table Tennis or, ideally, feature combined projects as well.

The incentives are offered on a rotational basis and for the current year, 2023, many Member Associations have been eligible for the Online Services, which was our flagship incentive offered during the inaugural launch of the Participation Program. Following positive feedback from the Associations for the “digitalized” services, we annually expand the services’ menu. Four additional services have been added this year in such important areas as Integrity, Sustainability, as well as Competition Management and Event Delivery that have been in high demand recently on different continents.

Our partners, Stupa Sports Analytics and StreetTT, and our team are looking forward to seeing Member Associations even more active and engaged to get the best out of the applications offered as digital solutions through the Program.

We are delighted to begin our long-term table tennis development experience with the Member Associations of Australia, Brazil, Oman and Tunisia through the new Quick Pathway Program, the latest addition to the Development Program. The Program aims at providing relevant, 360° support to the selected Member Associations following the application process from last year to fast-track their development and to create a significant impact in relation to global competitiveness and worldwide commercialization and promotion of the sport of table tennis.

Different development activities onsite and online have been organised since the beginning of the year as part of our Programs and more are planned to take place in the months to come until the end of the year. We hope that together with our Member Associations’ engagement we will be able to achieve more and bring our beloved sport to new heights!

Yelena Druzhkova

ITTF Head of Development Programmes

AFRICA



1 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

| AREA | PROJECT | DATES | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS | MAs |
|--------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| PLAYER DEVELOPMENT | Continental Youth Grants | Ongoing | Players | 7 (4 male & 3 female) | CMR, NGR, TUN, EGY, ALG |
| | PTT Grants | Ongoing | Players | 4 (1 male & 3 female) | NGR, EGY |
| CAPACITY BUILDING | Regional Initiative (West Africa): ITTF Level 2 National Referee Course | 27 Apr – 1 May | Match Officials | 10 (5 Male & 5 Female) | GHA, BEN, NGR |
| | Assistant Competition Manager Training | During the 2024 WTTC Africa Regional Qualifications | Technical Officials | 4 (3 Male & 1 Female) | ETH, ZAM, TUN, EGY |
| | “My Gender. My Strength.” | Ongoing | Female Coaches | 5 (5 female) | ALG, TUN, BOT, COD, ERI |
| | Mentorship | August – November | Players, Coaches, Match Officials | TBC | TBC |

1.1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

CONTINENTAL YOUTH GRANTS

The aim of this incentive is to identify talented players and provide them with financial and technical assistance to enhance and advance their development, improve their level of performance and to support them in gaining international exposure by participating at the WTT Youth Series.

- The selection followed an online application process where 36 applications were received from 13 MAs which resulted in 7 players from 5 MAs (CMR, NGR, TUN, EGY, ALG) being selected to benefit from the Grant in 2023.

PARA TABLE TENNIS GRANTS

The aim of this incentive is to assist Member Associations by providing dedicated support to promising and talented Para Table Tennis players and this way enhance their training and/or boost their participation at international PTT-sanctioned events in 2023, having in mind the qualification period for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

- The selection followed an online application process where 12 applications from 5 MAs were received which resulted in 4 players from 2 MAs (EGY, NGR) being selected to benefit from the PTT Grants in 2023.

REGIONAL HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

In accordance with the new Hopes Program directives, the Hopes Program will be run in 2-year cycles globally, meaning that starting from 2023 and in the future in odd years the focus will be on the Regional Hopes or Continental Hopes without a Challenge while the Continental Hopes will take place in even years, with the first edition taking place in 2024. However, activities on national level should anyway be running continuously as part of the Member Association Talent Identification and Talent Development programs.

This said, an online bidding process to host the Africa Regional Hopes Week & Challenge was opened in April 2023. 9 Member Associations submitted their bid to host Regional Hopes in Africa which resulted in the selection of TUN, CIV, RWA, and NAM while no bid from the Central Region was received.

1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

ITTF Level 2 National Referee Course – Western Africa Region

The ITTF Level 2 National Referee Course was held in Accra (GHA) in conjunction with the 2024 WTTTC Western Africa Regional Qualifications, from 27 April - 1 May 2023 within the framework of the Regional Initiatives. The course was conducted by the experienced South African Expert, Genevieve Lentz and preceded by a 1-day practical component on the last day of the Regional Qualifications event.

- 10 applicants from 3 MAs (GHA, BEN, NGR) participated in the course, with 3 of them from 2 MAs (GHA, NGR) successfully passing the Level 2 Course.

ASSISTANT COMPETITION MANAGERS TRAINING

The training was offered during 2024 WTTTC Africa Regional Qualifications to the best evaluated candidates of the Competition Managers Seminars in 2022. The 3 candidates from 3 MAs had opportunity to attend the events as Assistant Competition Managers to enrich their knowledge and experience by learning from the ITTF Competition Managers during the Regional Qualifications' events.

- Abeba Amare Amare (ETH) participated as the ACM in the 2024 WTTTC Eastern Africa Regional Qualifications in DJI from 9-12 March 2023.
- Ghazi Ben Hsen (TUN) participated as the ACM in the 2024 WTTTC Western Africa Regional Qualifications in GHA from 24-27 April 2023.

- Collins Mwenda (ZAM) participated as the ACM in the 2024 WTTC Southern Africa Regional Qualifications in BOT from 28 June-2 July 2023.

“MY GENDER. MY STRENGTH”

The 2023 edition of the Project aims to enhance and advance women’s participation in table tennis by supporting ambitious and active female coaches in pursuing their coaching career to the next level and thus contribute to table tennis development in their Member Associations.

The successfully selected candidates will have a chance to gain theoretical knowledge, practical experience and advance their leadership and management skills by taking part in the three stages of the project.

- The selection followed an online application process where 9 African Member Associations applied but only 5 candidates from 5 MAs (ALG, TUN, BOT, COD, ERI) were selected this year.

MENTORSHIP

The Mentorship aims to support promising and talented coaches and match officials in enhancing their knowledge, upgrade their skills, and significantly contribute to their professional development through a learning experience led by highly profiled experts in their fields during an up to four months-long mentoring process, which includes regular online sessions and relevant monthly assignments.

- Overall, 67 applications from 16 African Member Associations have been received, selection is in progress.

1.3 SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR ACTION PLAN

REGIONAL HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

- Western Africa Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in CIV, 10-15 August
- Northern Africa Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in TUN, 13-18 August
- Eastern Africa Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in RWA, 2-7 September
- Southern Africa Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in NAM, 8-13 September

YOUTH TRAINING CAMP

Africa Youth Training Camp to be held in conjunction with the upcoming WTT Youth Contender Cairo (EGY). The activity will be organized in cooperation with the China Table Tennis Association (CTTA).

PARA TABLE TENNIS TRAINING CAMP

Training Camp for PTT Players to be held in conjunction with the upcoming ITTF-PTT Africa Championships in Giza (EGY) from 15-19 September.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- Southern Africa Training Camp: The 5-day training camp, to be held in conjunction with the 2024 WTTC Southern Africa Regional Qualifications from 3-7 July, conducted by Omoniyi Adedotun of NGR. 20 Participants (12 female and 8 male) from 7 MAs (BOT, LES, ZIM, ZAM, RSA, ESW, ANG) entered.*
**Completed at the time of reporting*
- A Regional Initiative in the Eastern Africa region will be organized in conjunction with the 2023 Eastern Africa Hopes Week & Challenge in RWA in September.
- A Regional Initiative in the Northern Africa Region will be organized in conjunction with the ITTF African Championships in TUN.

CONTINENTAL TRAINING CENTER

The Training Center shall be endorsed by the respective Member Association, open for national, regional, continental, and international participation, working in general support

for the sport of table tennis and its growth, quality improvement and promotion. It is expected to serve to provide training and coaching opportunities for athletes, especially beneficiaries of continental youth grants, and coaches in a high performance environment, but also provide a space for the organization of possible development projects. Selection of the Continental Training Center will be run via an online application process.

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE

Equipment packages allocated within the 2023 Africa Development framework will be ordered in September/October 2023.



*Assistant Competition Manager Training
– Abeba Amare (ETH)*



Southern Africa Training Camp (BOT)



*Assistant Competition Manager Training
– Collins Mwenda (ZAM)*



*ITTF Level 2 National Referee Course
– Western Africa Region (GHA)*

2 PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

| PARTICIPATION | Member Associations | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Member Associations on board (with access activated) | 41 (out of 54) – 76% | | | | |
| 2023 PP incentives | Allocated | Completed | Hours | Participants | Activities |
| 1) MA Activities | 15 – 27.8% | 1 – 6.6% | | 79 | 1 |
| 2) National Projects | 14 – 25.9% | 3 – 21.4% | | 44 | 3 |
| 3) Online Services | 25 – 46.3% | 10 – 40% | 120 | 291 | 0 |

The 2023 Participation Program has been in full swing for the past six months, starting in January this year. Member Associations in the African continent could benefit from the three incentives of MA Activities (15), National Projects (14) and Online Services (25). The initiatives gained popularity among the Member Associations during the inaugural launch in 2021. It is worth noting that within all the incentives, MAs have several options to choose from based on their operating environment and highest need.

2.1 MEMBER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The 2023 MA Activities menu offers a variety of activities, chief among them being the DMA (Developing Member Associations), which is compulsory for the Associations in category 4 to guide and support them in development planning and execution in the long run. Of the 15 African MAs offered these services, two MAs (Tunisia & Ghana) in category 2 had the option to benefit from coaching courses linked with training camps outside the framework of a DMA Activity.

Guinea Conakry was the first of 13 MAs to complete their DMA Activity. They chose to conduct an ITTF-PTT Level 1 coaching course, a school competition and an Umpires and Referees Basic session, with a training camp held at the end.

It is worth mentioning that the DMA Activity offers a more comprehensive, flexible menu of activities that Associations can discuss and choose from with the guidance of the ITTF Participation Officers in their regions.

The African continent has a total of nine DMA Activities planned to be hosted by Member Associations in the different regions before the end of the year.



Participants and coaches of the DMA Activity in Guinea Conakry

MA Activities schedule:

| MA | MA ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| GUI | DMA Activity | 21-30 June | Paul TIENDREBEOGO (ITTF) |
| LBA | DMA Activity | 31 July-8 August | Ramzi B.H MABROUK (ITTF) |
| CIV | DMA Activity | 2-9 August | Paul TIENDREBEOGO (ITTF) |
| TUN | ITTF Level 2 + Training Camp | 17-26 August | Ahmed DAWLATLY (EGY) |
| BOT | DMA Activity | 19-28 August | Kealeboga KEITSENG (ITTF) |
| GHA | ITTF-PTT Level 1 + Training Camp | 23-30 August | Ramzi B.H MABROUK (ITTF) |
| NIG | DMA Activity | 17-26 September | Paul TIENDREBEOGO (ITTF) |
| CHA | DMA Activity | 6-15 October | Paul TIENDREBEOGO (ITTF) |
| DJI | DMA Activity | 21-30 October | Ramzi B.H MABROUK (ITTF) |

2.2 NATIONAL PROJECTS

Fourteen Member Associations in the African continent have been offered the opportunity to host National Projects with co-funding from the ITTF. The Associations can choose their project, considering their needs and guided by the menu and the ITTF Participation Officers.

From the 14 Associations offered this opportunity, MTN, MAR and ZIM have been able to complete their National Projects, all opting to host a Youth National Team training camp.



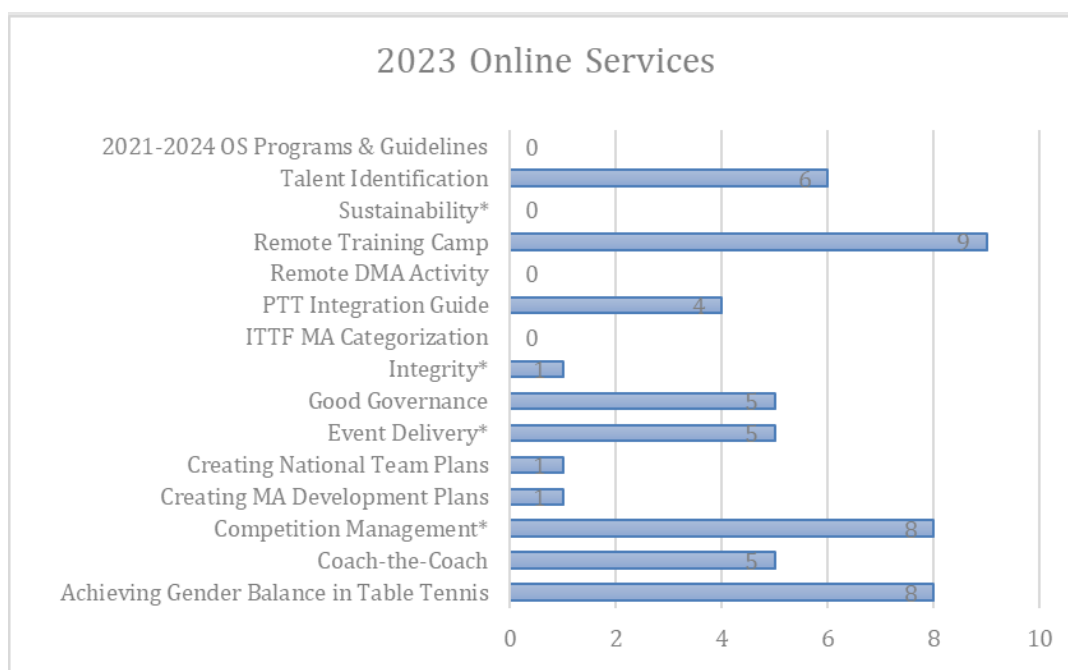
National Projects in Mauritania and Morocco

2.3 ONLINE SERVICES

The 2023 menu of online services offered Member Associations an improved selection with the inclusion of four new services, giving Associations 15 options to choose from to match their needs. In the current cycle, we offered proactive Associations an additional funding incentive upon completion of their 10 hours of online services.

Of the 25 Associations that were offered this initiative, 16 have qualified to host a National Activity that is in line with the service(s) they have consumed. With this option, Associations have been quite active in initiating and consuming the services. The African Member Associations have consumed a total of **124 hours** of online services where the "Remote Training Camp" was the most requested and consumed service among the MAs. "Achieving Gender Balance" and "Competition Management" were the second most selected by African Associations.

Member Associations with access to a National Activity have scheduled 12 activities across the continent, which will be conducted in the second half of the year. Most of the Associations have opted to host either a youth or national team training camp. Only the Member Association of Senegal has opted to conduct a schools national competition.



2023 Online Services selected in Africa

3 QUICK PATHWAY PROGRAM

| MA | DATES | FOCUS | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| RSA | 2021-2023 | "Road to Durban" | Player Development | Players, Coaches |
| TUN | 2023-up to 2025 | Development & Action Plans TBC | | |

"Road To Durban"

The Quick Pathway is a unique, long-term table tennis development experience, and our main objective is to provide significant support to the South African Member Association. Bearing in mind the organization of the 2023 ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Durban (RSA), the program started in 2021 and continued in 2022 and 2023. The support package for 2023 comprises an amount of up to US\$10,000, which serves to support the needs of the Member Association based on the selected KPIs and the exit strategy, which should support the organization's needs for the 2023 World Table Tennis Championships.

In 2023, the South African team embarked on an intensive **training camp** in New Delhi, India, which aimed to help them improve their gameplay and performance under the guidance of top-class coaches. The camp ran until 13 May, and the team consisted of eight players – Danisha Patel, Zodwa Maphanga, Lailaa Edwards, Musfiqah Kalam, Chetan Nathoo, Theo Cogill, Liam Beukes, and Dean Levy. The Program also supported a national training camp in Durban prior to the 2023 ITTF WTTC Finals.

4 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

The first two quarters of the year saw two Olympic Solidarity courses being conducted in Africa. The first was conducted in CGO from 11-20 April 2023, where the MA hosted an ITTF-PTT Level 1 coaching course and a training camp.

The Member Association of TOG in cooperation with their National Olympic Committee hosted two ITTF coaching courses of two levels under the tutelage of ITTF Senior Participation Officer, Mr. Ramzi Mabrouk. Twenty candidates attended the course, with

participants of the neighboring Member Associations of BEN and CGO invited to take part. The 2 Associations brought 4 coaches in total.

Full article | [Olympic Solidarity courses focus on Coach Education](#)

| MA | ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT | PARTICIPANTS | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
| TOG | ITTF-PTT L1 CE + ITTF L2 CE | 30 January - 9 February | Ramzi B.H MABROUK (ITTF) | 38 | 7 | 45 |
| CGO | ITTF-PTT L1 CE + TC | 11-20 April | Paul TIENDREBEOGO (ITTF) | 34 | 10 | 44 |



OS Technical Courses for Coaches in Togo and Congo Brazzaville

AMERICAS



2 AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

| AREA | PROJECT | DATES | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS | MAs |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PLAYER DEVELOPMENT | South American Hopes Week & Challenge | 2–7 May | Players, Coaches | 18 (9 Male & 9 Female) | ECU, PER, BRA, PAR |
| | Continental Youth Grants | Ongoing | Players | 7 (4 male & 3 female) | BRA, CAN, DOM, MEX, PUR, USA, VEN |
| | PTT Grants | Ongoing | Players | 4 (2 male & 2 female) | BRA, COL, USA |
| CAPACITY BUILDING | “My Gender, My Strength” Program | Ongoing | Female Coaches | 4 (4 female) | ARG, CAN, TTO, MEX |
| | Mentorship | August–November | Players, Coaches, Match Officials | TBC | TBC |

2.1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

SOUTH AMERICAN HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

The Americas Regional Hopes Week & Challenge activities are organized in conjunction with the Regional U11 & U13 Championships to maximize its benefits and participation. Therefore, a 6-day activity was held in Asunción (PAR) from 2-7 May 2023. The Regional Hopes Week & Challenge also serves as the official qualifications for the next Continental Hopes Week & Challenge, at which the Region has a quota of 4 girls and 4 boys.

Qualified Boys: Boris Villavicencio (ECU), Artur Leite (BRA), Josué Perez (ECU), Henrique Osaka (BRA).

Qualified Girls: Alicia Zamora (PER), Sara Reyes (ECU), Ivanna Medranda (ECU), Julie Benedikt Westwerkam Tobaru (PER)

A total of 18 players from 4 MAs participated in the activity, led by ITTF Elite Coach Massimo Costantini.

CONTINENTAL YOUTH GRANTS

The aim of this incentive is to identify talented players and provide them with financial and technical assistance to enhance and advance their development, improve their level of performance and to support them in gaining international exposure by participating at the WTT Youth Series.

- The selection followed an online application process where 49 applications were received from 21 MAs which resulted in 8 players from 8 MAs (BRA, CAN, DOM, MEX, PUR, USA, VEN, PER) being selected to benefit from the Grant in 2023.

PARA TABLE TENNIS (PTT) GRANT

The aim of this incentive is to assist Member Associations by providing dedicated support to promising and talented Para Table Tennis players and this way enhance their training and/or boost their participation at international PTT-sanctioned events in 2023, having in mind the qualification period for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

- The selection followed an online application process where 25 applications from 11 MAs were received which resulted in 4 players from 3 MAs (BRA, COL USA) being selected to benefit from the PTT Grants in 2023.

2.2 CAPACITY BUILDING

“MY GENDER. MY STRENGTH”

The 2023 edition of the Project aims to enhance and advance women’s participation in table tennis by supporting ambitious and active female coaches in pursuing their coaching career to the next level and thus contribute to table tennis development in their Member Associations.

The successfully selected candidates will have a chance to gain theoretical knowledge, practical experience and advance their leadership and management skills by taking part in the three stages of the project.

- The selection followed an online application process where 11 Member Associations applied but only 4 candidates from 4 MAs (ARG, CAN, MEX, TTO) were selected this year.

MENTORSHIP

The Mentorship aims to support promising and talented coaches and match officials in enhancing their knowledge, upgrade their skills, and significantly contribute to their professional development through a learning experience led by highly profiled experts in

their fields during an up to four months-long mentoring process, which includes regular online sessions and relevant monthly assignments.

- Overall, 34 applications from 12 American Member Associations have been received, selection is in progress.

2.3 SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR ACTION PLAN

REGIONAL HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

- North American Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in the USA, 25-30 July
- The Caribbean Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in DOM, 13-18 August
- Central American Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in HON, 14-19 August

PARA TABLE TENNIS TRAINING CAMP

Training Camp for PTT Athletes to be held in conjunction with the upcoming ITTF-PTT Fa20 Copa Tango in Buenos Aires (ARG) from 1-5 October.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Two Regional activities to be held in the Americas based on an online application process which will be announced soon.

CONTINENTAL TRAINING CENTER

The Training Center shall be endorsed by the respective Member Association, open for national, regional, continental, and international participation, working in general support for the sport of table tennis and its growth, quality improvement and promotion. It is expected to serve to provide training and coaching opportunities for athletes, especially beneficiaries of continental youth grants, and coaches in a high performance environment, but also provide a space for the organization of possible development projects. Selection of the Continental Training Center will be run via an online application process.

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

To be held in conjunction with the ITTF Pan American U11 & U13 Championships in COL in October.

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE

Equipment packages allocated within the 2023 Americas Development framework will be ordered in September/October 2023.



South American Regional Hopes Week and Challenge, Asuncion (PAR)

2 PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

| PARTICIPATION | | Member Associations | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Member Associations on board (With access activated) | 39 (out of 46) - 85% | | | | |
| 2023 PP incentives | Allocated | Completed | Hours | Participants | Activities |
| 1) MA Activities | 20 - 43.5% | 4 - 20% | | 158 | 6 |
| 2) National Projects | 6 - 13 % | 1 - 17.7% | | 56 | 1 |
| 3) Online Services | 20 - 43.5% | 5 - 25% | 89 | 269 | 0 |

The Participation Program has commenced in the Americas with great enthusiasm and expectations. During the first half of 2023, significant accomplishments were recorded across the three main incentives, reflecting the Program's commitment to achieving new milestones.

These achievements signify the strong commitment of the Member Associations in the Americas towards the Program, promoting collaboration, and fostering continuous growth within the table tennis community. With the unwavering dedication of Associations and the continued guidance of the ITTF Participation Officers, the Participation Program is set to unlock new possibilities and drive the development of table tennis in the Americas throughout the year.

2.1 MEMBER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

During the first half of the year, the encouragement of MA onsite activities has generated great expectations and has yielded impressive results. Under the guidance of ITTF Participation Officer Carlos Esnard in ARG, CHI, and URU, and ITTF expert Oscar Roitman (ARG) in GUY, four MA Activities (out of a total of 20) have been successfully completed creating important opportunities for the growth and advancement of our sport.

The focus has been on fostering player development at all levels, training coaches, and strengthening the national structure based on good governance principles. The achievements during this period have been remarkable. One of the highlights has been the commitment to gender balance in activities, which has resulted in a remarkable female participation rate of 40.5%, a testament to our continuous commitment to female involvement in sport.



MA Activities in Guyana, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile

MA Activities schedule:

| MA | MA ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT |
|-----|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| CHI | Women's Activity: Youth Training Camp | 10-18 May | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| GUY | ITTF-PTT L1 and Youth Training Camp | 16-25 May | Oscar Roitman (ARG) |
| ARG | ITTF L2 and Youth Training Camp | 20-29 May | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| URU | DMA Activity | 10-19 Jun | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| CUB | ITTF L2 and Youth Training Camp | 3-12 Jul | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| DOM | National Hopes Week & Challenge | 4-12 Ago | Rafael Armendariz (ECU) |
| PUR | Youth Training Camp | 7-15 Aug | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| MEX | Youth Training Camp | 29 Ago - 5 Sep | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| VIN | DMA Activity | 12-21 Sep | Aleena Edwards (TTO) |
| VEN | ITTF-PTT L1 and Youth Training Camp | 16-25 Sep | Soledad Tenzi (ARG) |
| GUA | ITTF-PTT L1 and Youth Training Camp | 1-10 Oct | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| ANT | DMA Activity | 2-11 Oct | Aleena Edwards (TTO) |
| CRC | ITTF-PTT L1 and Youth Training Camp | 23 Oct - 1 Nov | Carlos Esnard (ITTF) |
| ECU | ITTF L2 and Youth Training Camp | 15-24 Nov | Francisco Seijas (VEN) |
| COL | ITTF L2 and Youth Training Camp | 26 Nov - 5 Dec | Francisco Seijas (VEN) |

2.2 NATIONAL PROJECTS

The National Projects incentive in the Americas highlights a successful start of activities aligned with the Participation Program's main direction, giving participation opportunities through a diverse range of initiatives undertaken by the Associations, including school programs, coaching programs, coach salary, training camps, and national championships as the most preferred.

Notably, Belize has taken the lead by successfully completing the National Project in May, engaging students and teachers in the school program at St. Martin De Porres R.C. Pre and primary school. This motivating activity for beginner players has strengthened table tennis development in the capital of the country. Belize is the first Association to complete its National Project of the five that have already been scheduled (of a total of 6 projects assigned in 2023), demonstrating the positive impact of the Participation Program that continues to foster table tennis according to the realities within a Member Association and its development needs.

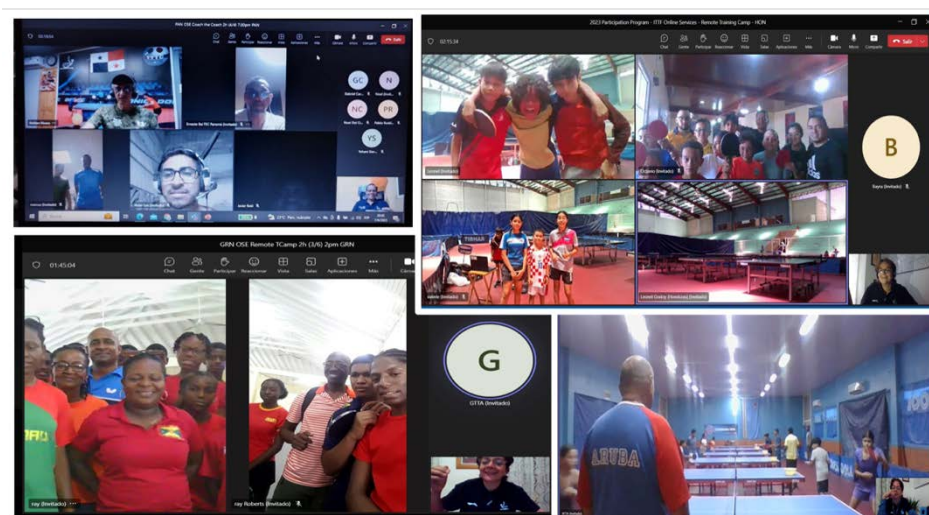
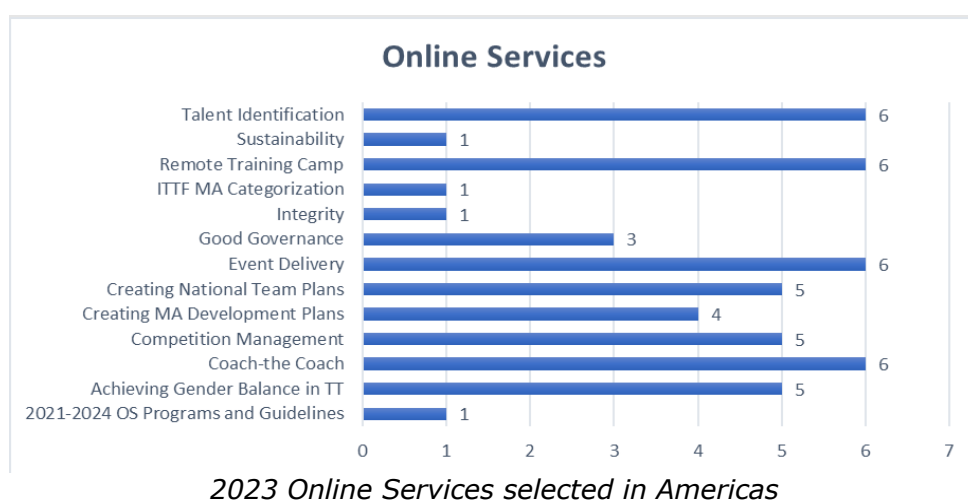


National Project in Belize

2.3 ONLINE SERVICES

The Online Services have generated significant interest and participation from Member Association staff, coaches, and players in the Americas, strengthening capabilities and promoting table tennis growth. 12 Associations were eligible to receive some financial support once they completed the 10 hours of Online Services in 2023. So far, 5 Member Associations have successfully completed these and are now focusing on their National Activities, mostly scheduled for the second half of 2023.

A remarkable note in the first half of the year was the Remote Training Camp held in Honduras. This camp successfully connected two distant cities: Tegucigalpa and Esperanza, enabling simultaneous interaction between players, coaches, and ITTF Participation Officers. This experience demonstrated that the Participation Program has effectively reached different corners of the countries in the continent, achieving greater participation and interactivity with the officers. The players enjoyed a motivating and enriching experience that will surely contribute to their development and growth in the sport.



2023 Online Services delivered to the MAs of Panama, Honduras, Grenada and Aruba

3 QUICK PATHWAY PROGRAM

| MA | DATES | FOCUS | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| BRA | 2023-up to 2025 | | | Development & Action Plans TBC |

ASIA



1 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

| AREA | PROJECT | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS | MAs |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| PLAYER DEVELOPMENT | Continental Youth Grants | Players | 10 (5 male & 5 female) | IRI, MAS, PHI, LBN, QAT, KSA, IRQ, LBN |
| | PTT Grants | Players | 4 (1 male & 3 female) | IRI, IRQ, MAS, KSA |
| CAPACITY BUILDING | Mentorship | Players, Coaches, Match Officials | TBC | TBC |
| | "My Gender. My Strength." | Female Coaches | 4 (4 female) | LBN, IRI, PLE, IND |

1.1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

CONTINENTAL YOUTH GRANTS

The aim of this incentive is to identify talented players and provide them with financial and technical assistance to enhance and advance their development, improve their level of performance and to support them in gaining international exposure by participating at the WTT Youth Series.

- The selection followed an online application process where 36 applications were received from 15 MAs with 10 players from 8 MAs (IRI, MAS, PHI, LBN, QAT, KSA, IRQ, LBN) being selected to benefit from the Grants in 2023.

PARA TABLE TENNIS GRANTS

The aim of this incentive is to assist Member Associations by providing dedicated support to promising and talented Para Table Tennis players and this way enhance their training and/or boost their participation at international PTT-sanctioned events in 2023, having in mind the qualification period for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

- The selection followed an online application process where 24 applications from 7 MAs were received with 4 players from 4 MAs (IRI, IRQ, KSA, MAS) being selected to benefit from the PTT Grants in 2023.

REGIONAL HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

In accordance with the new Hopes Program Directives, the Hopes Program will be run in 2-year cycles globally, meaning that starting from 2023 and in the future in odd years the focus will be on the Regional Hopes or Continental Hopes without a Challenge while the Continental Hopes will take place in even years, with the first edition taking place in 2024. However, activities on national level should anyway be running continuously as part of the Member Association Talent Identification and Talent Development programs.

This said, an online bidding process to host the Regional Hopes Week & Challenge was opened in May 2023. 4 Member Associations bid to host a Regional Hopes in Asia which resulted in the selection of LBN, PAK, THA as hosts. No bid from the Central Region was received.

1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING

"MY GENDER. MY STRENGTH"

The 2023 edition of the Project aims to enhance and advance women's participation in table tennis by supporting ambitious and active female coaches in pursuing their coaching career to the next level and thus contribute to table tennis development in their Member Associations.

The successfully selected candidates will have a chance to gain theoretical knowledge, practical experience and advance their leadership and management skills by taking part in the three stages of the project.

- The selection followed an online application process where 9 Asian Member Associations applied but only 4 candidates from 4 MAs (LBN, IRI, PLE, IND) were selected this year.

MENTORSHIP

The Mentorship aims to support promising and talented coaches and match officials in enhancing their knowledge, upgrade their skills, and significantly contribute to their professional development through a learning experience led by highly profiled experts in their fields during an up to four months-long mentoring process, which includes regular online sessions and relevant monthly assignments.

- Overall, 44 applications from 15 Asian Member Associations have been received, selection is in progress.

1.3 SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR ACTION PLAN

REGIONAL HOPES WEEK & CHALLENGE

- Western Asia Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in LBN, 10-15 October
- Southern Asia Regional Hopes Week & Challenge to be held in PAK, dates TBC
- Southeast Asia Regional Hopes Week & Challenge in THA, 5-10 November
- Central Asia Regional Hopes Week & Challenge, location and dates TBC

PARA TABLE TENNIS TRAINING CAMP

Dates and Host TBC

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- Southeast Asia: ITTF Level 2 National Umpire Course + ITTF Level I Basic Referee Course to be held in THA, 5-10 November

- Central Asia - TBC
- Western Asia - TBC
- South Asia - TBC

ADVANCED EDUCATION FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

Advanced Umpires Training + Advanced Rules Examination and Blue Badge Evaluations will be organized in conjunction with the 27th Asian Youth Championships in Doha (QAT) from 16-22 July.

CONTINENTAL TRAINING CENTER

The Training Center shall be endorsed by the respective Member Association, open for national, regional, continental, and international participation, working in general support for the sport of table tennis and its growth, quality improvement and promotion. It is expected to serve to provide training and coaching opportunities for athletes, especially beneficiaries of continental youth grants, and coaches in a high performance environment, but also provide a space for the organization of possible development projects.

Selection of the Continental Training Center will be run via an online application process.

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE

Equipment packages allocated within the 2023 Asia Development framework will be ordered in September/October 2023.

2 PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

| PARTICIPATION | Member Associations | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Member Associations on board (With access activated) | 34 (out of 45) - 76% | | | | |
| 2023 PP incentives | Allocated | Completed | Hours | Participants | Activities |
| 1) MA Activities | 13 - 28.8% | 2 - 15.3% | | 113 | 5 |
| 2) National Projects | 7 - 15.6% | | | | |
| 3) Online Services | 25 - 55.6% | 2 - 8% | 41 | 86 | |

After a successful 2022, the Asian Member Associations have welcomed the Participation Program with open arms, taking the opportunity to develop and grow table tennis for all the games' pillars. Initial activation of the program has increased by 15.5% compared with 2022. More than 75% of the Asian Member Associations are on board, benefiting from program incentives, with the door still open for more to join in the second half of the year.

2.1 MEMBER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

In the first half of 2023, two MA Activities were completed in Asia under the 2023 Participation Program. The shining moment of the program so far is the DMA Activity held in Sana'a (YEM) in May. Proudly, this made table tennis the first International Federation to organize a physical activity in Yemen since 2015, just after the onset of the war. More than 90 participants were motivated to benefit from various activities, with over 35% of participants female.

Oman Table Tennis Association benefited from a training camp held from the 4-11 June in Muscat at the Sultan Qaboos Sport Complex. The venue, which has hosted WTT contender tournaments in previous years, provided excellent conditions for the 2 coaches and 12 players of which 3 were female.



MA Activities in Yemen and Oman

Full article | [DMA Activity in Yemen](#)

MA Activities schedule:

| MA | MA ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT |
|-----|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| YEM | DMA Activity | 14-23 May | Fahd Gubran (YEM) |
| OMA | Training Camp | 4-11 June | Hisham Ismael (EGY) |
| IRI | Training Camp | 1-10 July | Mohammed Atoum (ITTF) |
| BHU | DMA Activity | 9-18 July | Trevor Hirth (ITTF) |
| MDV | DMA Activity | 11-20 October | Mohammed Atoum (ITTF) |
| PLE | Training Camp | 15-22 October | Ashraf Abdel-Fatah (EGY) |
| KAZ | National Umpire & Basic Referee | October | TBC |
| TJK | Training Camp | 17-26 November | Yevgeniy Timchenko (KAZ) |
| AFG | DMA Activity | TBC | TBC |
| INA | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| SGP | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| TKM | National Hopes Week & Challenge | TBC | TBC |
| UZB | Training Camp | TBC | TBC |

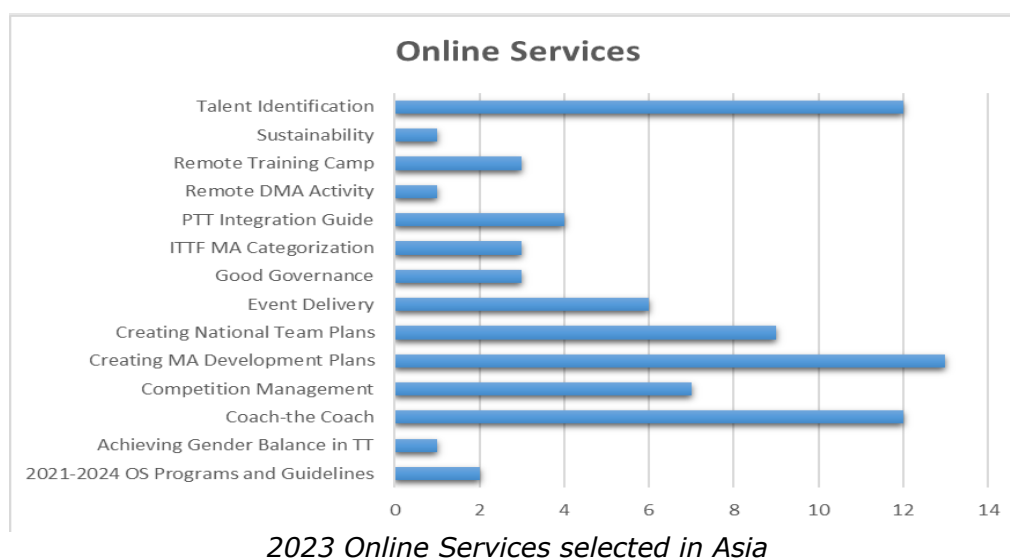
2.2 NATIONAL PROJECTS

The National Project incentive for Asian Member Associations reached all categories, supporting them according to their specific needs and priorities. Every year since the inception of the Participation Program, the Asian Associations selected different projects to develop youth, national team players, educational activities, and school programs.

In the first half of the year, more than 42% of the Associations entitled to benefit from a National Project activated their access to the program. Para Table Tennis training camp, classification seminars and Talent Identification programs were in demand. The implementation will mainly be carried out in the second half of the year.

2.3 ONLINE SERVICES

This year, four new online services were added to the menu, with Competition Management and Event Delivery being popular choices in Asia. A total of 25 Member Associations in Asia will benefit from a wide range of 15 online services. The 13 Member Associations who completed an MA Activity in 2022 will also benefit from a National Activity related to the online services with some financial support. 75% of Member Associations accessed the Program and commenced the implementation of the hours and National Activities.



3 QUICK PATHWAY PROGRAM

| MA | DATES | FOCUS | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS |
|-----|-----------------|-------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| OMA | 2023-up to 2025 | | | Development & Action Plans TBC |

4 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

| MA | ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT | #PARTICIPANTS | | |
|-----|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
| KSA | ITTF-PTT L1 + ITTF L2 | 4-14 June | Mohammed Atoum (ITTF) | 43 | 2 | 45 |
| PAK | ITTF L2 + TC | 17-27 June | Ramzi Mabrouk (ITTF) | 29 | 10 | 39 |

Saudi Arabia Table Tennis Association and Pakistan Table Tennis Association in collaboration with local NOCs hosted an Olympic Solidarity Technical Course for Coaches.

30 coaches from different cities took part in the ITTF-PTT L1 in Riyadh (KSA), followed by an ITTF L2 with 15 coaches, 2 of them female. The Saudi Table Tennis Association gives importance to education and strives to develop coaches in all regions of the Kingdom.

In Lahore (PAK) the ITTF L2 coaching course was followed by a 5-day training camp. 18 coaches, 4 of them female, attended the course and the training camp which allowed them to implement their newly acquired expertise. 4 girls and 14 boys representing different clubs in the Punjab region raised their level and skills through intensive training in a pleasant atmosphere.

Full article | [Olympic Solidarity Courses in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan](#)



OS Technical Courses for Coaches in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan

EUROPE



1 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

| ACTIVITY | LOCATION | DATES | PLAYERS | | COACHES | |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------|----|---------|---|
| | | | M | F | M | F |
| ETTU Scholarships | NA | NA | 6 | 6 | | |
| NAAP France | Nantes (FRA) | 5-10 March | 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Eurotalents U13 | Izvorani (ROU) | 12-19 March | 14 | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| Eurotalents Selection Camp 1 | Havirov (CZE) | 2-9 April | 23 | 17 | 18 | 5 |
| NAAP Cyprus | Agros (CYP) | 21-27 June | 37 | 5 | 2 | 2 |

1.1 ETTU SCHOLARSHIPS

12 scholarships have been granted to 6 girls and 6 boys from 11 Member Associations (AUT, BEL, CZE, GER, FRA, HUN, ITA, POR, ROU, POL, SVK)

1.2 NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NAAP Activity in Nantes (FRA): The National Association Assistance Program activity was held in Nantes, France from 5-10 March 2023. The event was hosted by the Pôle France of Nantes of the French Federation, which is identified as an "ETTU Network Training Center". The program involved 4 U17 players and two coaches from the English Federation who trained with the French team of 6 players and 4 training partners for a week. The training sessions aimed to share best practices at a high level between the coaches and players, with both parties learning a lot from each other.

NAAP Activity in Agros (CYP): The Cyprus Table Tennis Association recently organized a successful training camp in collaboration with the ETTU National Association Assistance program. Led by coach Marc Closset of BEL, the camp took place in the Agros mountains from 21-27 June, providing young table tennis players with a comprehensive training experience. The camp consisted of 37 boys and 5 girls of varying skill levels. The training program included a wide range of activities such as multi-ball training, service practice,

technique improvement, footwork exercises, and physical conditioning. The success of the camp can be attributed to the effective collaboration between the coaching staff, which included National Coach Adrian Simion and coaches Penelope Savva and Popi Drousioti.

1.3 DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

Eurotalents Camp U13 of 2023 in Izvorani (ROU): The First Eurotalents Camp of 2023 took place from 12-19 March in Izvorani, Romania. The camp was attended by players and coaches from 13 different Associations, including AZE, BEL, BUL, CZE, LTU, ESP, ENG, FRA, ITA, IRL, TUR, ROU and UKR. The head coach of the camp was Ana Maria Sebe. One of the highlights of the camp was an educational session conducted by Mr. Valeriu Tomescu, the Director of Human Performance Laboratory at the Romanian Olympic Committee, on 15 March. Mr. Tomescu presented his work on "Evaluation and monitoring in sport," which was well-received by the participants.

Eurotalents Selection Camp U13, Havirov (CZE): The first Eurotalents U13 Selection Camp took place in Havirov, Czech Republic from 2-9 April. Players and coaches from 14 European MAs attended the camp: CZE, ESP, TUR, AZE, SRB, ROU, CRO, LAT, POR, SVK, FIN, GEO, NED and IRL. Zvonimir Korenic of CRO was the Head Coach of the camp. The list of selected players is the following:

| NAME & POINTS | NAME & POINTS |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Laura Marsickova (CZE) 148 | David Toro (ROU) 151 |
| Maria Joana Ruivo (POR) 147,5 | Ladimir Mayorov (ESP) 150 |
| Esther Hasek (ESP) 147,5 | Alexandru Pop (ROU) 145 |
| Eloisa Barreda (ESP) 141 | Alexander Malov (ESP) 143 |
| Teodora Horvat (SRB) 140 | Peadar Sheridan (IRL) 141 |
| Nadalia Ionascu (ROU) 138,5 | |

1.3 SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR ACTION PLAN

| ACTIVITY | DATES | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Match Officials Mentorship and Course | 13-23 July | POL |
| Webinar Virtual Table Tennis | 24 July | Online |
| Eurotalents Selection Camp U13 | 4-11 Aug | HUN |
| NAAP Youth Training Camp | 14-19 Aug | AND |
| Eurotalents U13 | 19-24 Aug | FRA |
| NAAP Youth Training Camp | 15-22 Aug | KOS |
| Development Camp U15 /U17 | 23-30 Aug | LUX |
| Annual Coaching Conference | 14-16 Sep | SWE |
| Coaching Seminar | 25-27 Sep | LAT |
| NAAP Para Conference & Training Camp | 13-15 Oct | SCO |
| NAAP Youth Training Camp | 23-30 Oct | JER |
| NAAP Career Days | 17-18 Nov | DEN |
| Eurotalents U13 | 10-17 Dec | CZE |
| Development Camp U15/U17 | 17-23 Dec | FRA |

- 20 NAAP are planned in 2023.
- Information provided by ETTU



Eurotalents Camp U13, Izvorani (ROU)



NAAP Activity, Nantes (FRA)



Eurotalents Selection Camp, Havírov (CZE)

2 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

In the first half of the year, two Olympic Solidarity technical courses for coaches were organized in Europe: ITTF-PTT Level 1 in Kosovo and ITTF Level 2 in Israel, both combined with youth training camps as the practical component to help coaches apply their new knowledge and skills following the theoretical parts.

The Israel Table Tennis Association continued to train their coaches and players and successfully applied for another Olympic Solidarity program this year, Development of National Sports Systems (DNSS) that will be running until the end of the year.

In the second part of the year an interesting DNSS development project, which is still in the making will be implemented by the Greece Table Tennis Federation.

Full article | [Olympic Solidarity courses focus on coach education](#)

Full article | [Olympic Solidarity course raises Israeli coaches to the next level](#)

| MA | ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT | PARTICIPANTS | | |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
| KOS | ITTF-PTT L1 CE + TC | 27 January – 5 February | Katarzyna KUBAS (ITF) | 39 | 11 | 50 |
| ISR | ITTF-PTT L2 CE + TC | 19 February – 3 March | Nicolas GUIGON (FRA) | 44 | 7 | 51 |
| ISR | DNSS | 2023 | Michel GADAL (FRA) | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| GRE | DNSS | 2023 | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |



Olympic Solidarity technical courses for coaches in Israel and Kosovo

OCEANIA



1 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

| AREA | PROJECT | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS | MAs |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| ATHLETES DEVELOPMENT | Continental Youth Grants | Players | 6 (4 male & 2 female) | AUS, NZL |
| CAPACITY BUILDING | "My Gender. My Strength." | Female Coaches | 2 female | AUS, NZL |
| | Mentorship | Players, Coaches, Match Officials | TBC | TBC |

1.1 ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Continental Youth Grants

The aim of this incentive is to identify talented players and provide them with financial and technical assistance to enhance and advance their development, improve their level of performance and to support them in gaining international exposure by participating at the WTT Youth Series.

- The selection followed an online application process where 15 applications were received from 4 MAs with 6 players from 2 MAs (AUS, NZL) being selected to benefit from the Grants in 2023.

1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING

MENTORSHIP

The Mentorship aims to support promising and talented coaches and match officials in enhancing their knowledge, upgrade their skills, and significantly contribute to their professional development through a learning experience led by highly profiled experts in their fields during an up to four months-long mentoring process, which includes regular online sessions and relevant monthly assignments.

- Overall, 5 applications from 3 Oceanian Member Associations have been received, selection is in progress.

“MY GENDER. MY STRENGTH”

The 2023 edition of the Project aims to enhance and advance women’s participation in table tennis by supporting ambitious and active female coaches in pursuing their coaching career to the next level and thus contribute to table tennis development in their Member Associations.

The successfully selected candidates will have a chance to gain theoretical knowledge, practical experience and advance their leadership and management skills by taking part in the three stages of the project.

- The selection followed an online application process where two applications from AUS and NZL were selected this year.

1.3 SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR ACTION PLAN

Hopes Training Camp

An activity to be organized after the ITTF Oceania Senior & Youth Championships in Townsville (AUS) from 11-16 September or after the WTT Youth Contender Darwin (AUS) 3-8 October. TBC

Youth Training Camp

A Youth Training Camp will be held prior to the WTT Youth Contender Darwin (AUS) from 22-26 September and organized in conjunction with ITTF High Performance.

Level 1 PTT Classification Seminar

A Level 1 PTT Classification Seminar to be held in conjunction with the ITTF-Oceania Para Championships in Honiara (SOL) from 14-18 November.

PTT Training Camp

A continental Training Camp for Para Table Tennis to be held prior to the ITTF Oceania Para Championships in Honiara (SOL), 11-15 November 2023.

Advanced Umpires Training + Advanced Rules Examination and Blue Badge Evaluations

AUT/ARE + BB evaluation to be held in conjunction with the upcoming WTT Youth Contender Darwin from 27 September – 1 October.

Match Officials Training Course for National and International Umpires

A combined course training for National and International Umpires nominated for the ITTF Oceania Senior & Youth Championships in Townsville (AUS).

Oceania Governance, Management and Development Workshop

(date and location TBC)

Continental Training Center

The Training Center shall be endorsed by the respective Member Association, open for national, regional, continental, and international participation, working in general support

for the sport of table tennis and its growth, quality improvement and promotion. It is expected to serve to provide training and coaching opportunities for athletes, especially beneficiaries of continental youth grants, and coaches in a high performance environment, but also provide a space for the organization of possible development projects. Selection of the Continental Training Center will be run via an online application process.

Equipment Assistance

An equipment package for the 2023/2024 Micronesian Games has been ordered and shipped to Marshall Islands in April 2023.

In partnership with the ITTF Foundation, a self-crafted tables pilot project has been discussed with the aim to have it launched at the occasion of the Pacific Games, which will be held in in SOL in November.

Equipment packages allocated within the 2023 Oceania Development framework will be ordered in September/October 2023.

2 PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

| PARTICIPATION | Member Associations | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Member Associations on board (With access activated) | 15 of 24 - 63% | | | | |
| 2023 PP incentives | Allocated | Completed | Hours | Participants | Activities |
| 1) MA Activities | 7 - 29.2% | 1 | | 32 | 2 |
| 2) National Projects | 6 - 25% | 1 | | 42 | 2 |
| 3) Online Services | 11 - 45.8% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

It is pleasing to have 15 Member Associations activated in Oceania, with 11 activities scheduled so far in 2023. In the second half of the year some extra attention will be focused on activating the smaller Associations who have not yet joined the program. All eligible Associations are on board for the onsite MA Activity, with all activities scheduled. Four Member Associations in category 4 will benefit from a DMA Activity.

2.1 MEMBER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

During the first half of 2023, only Tonga commenced activities, with an ITTF-PTT Level 1 coaching course, followed by a 5-day training camp. The new generation of coaches, 9 men and 6 women began preparing 11 boys and 6 girls for many upcoming competitions in 2023 during the training camp.



ITTF-PTT Level 1 Course + Training Camp, Nukualofa, Tonga

MA Activities schedule:

| MA | MA ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| TGA | ITTF-PTT L1 + Training Camp | 27 June – 6 July | Jessica Macaskill (NZL) |
| COK | DMA Activity | 16-25 August | Trevor Hirth (ITTF) |
| AUS | AUT + BB Evaluation | 27 September – 1 October | TBC |
| MHL | DMA Activity | 4-13 October | Trevor Hirth (ITTF) |
| GUM | DMA Activity | 15-24 October | Trevor Hirth (ITTF) |
| PLW | DMA Activity | 27 October – 3 November | Trevor Hirth (ITTF) |
| PYF | National Hopes Week & Challenge | 28 October – 4 November | TBC |

2.2 NATIONAL PROJECTS

2 of the 6 Associations allocated a National Project in Oceania are scheduled to stage one in 2023. The Participation Program will support FIJ with their Inclusive National Championships, which will include able-bodied and PTT events. SAM will be conducting a National Training Camp in August ahead of further training abroad in NZL, all in preparation for upcoming regional tournaments.



Inclusive National Championships in Suva, Fiji

2.3 ONLINE SERVICES

Online services are set to commence in the second half of 2023 for Oceania Associations, with 15 services available. Following successful completion in 2022, PNG, NZL and NCL are set to complete 10 hours of online services, as well as benefitting from some financial support towards a national activity. The most popular service chosen was Coach-the-Coach.



2023 Online Services selected in Oceania

3 QUICK PATHWAY PROGRAM

| MA | DATES | FOCUS | TARGET GROUP | PARTICIPANTS |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| FIJ | 2021-2023 | MA Administration | MA Staff | TBC |
| TGA | 2021-2023 | MA Administration | MA Staff | TBC |
| AUS | 2023-up to 2025 | Development & Action Plans TBC | | |

4 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

| MA | ACTIVITY | DATE | EXPERT | PARTICIPANTS | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
| NZL | Development of National Sport System | 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 | Dejan PAPIC (CAN) | TBC | TBC | TBC |

Table Tennis New Zealand have an ongoing DNSS program running since September 2022 with the appointment of Dejan Paptic. Dejan recently returned to NZL to continue the development as part of TTNZ's implementation of their strategic plan until 2025.



Olympic Solidarity DNSS, Training Camp in Dunedin, New Zealand