

# THE PROPOSED HELLENIC UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA





## **INSPIRATION THAT HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HELLENIC UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA**

### **SAINT PAUL**

‘And also anyone who competes in athletics is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules’ 2 Timothy 4 : 5

‘Every athlete who competes for the prize exercises self-control in all things ..... I discipline my body and keep it under it under control’  
1 Corinthians 9 : 25 & 27.

### **ARISTOTLE**

‘The fate of empires depends upon the education of it’s youth’

### **MAHATMA GANDHI**

‘Knowledge is the might and right and the light’

### **NELSON MANDELA**

‘Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unify people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope when there was once only despair. Indeed, it is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination. Sport is the game of lovers of life.’

### **ANTONIO JUAN SAMARANCH - FORMER IOC PRESIDENT**

‘Our philosophy proceeds from the belief that Sport is an inalienable part of the educational process and a factor for promoting peace, friendship, cooperation and understanding among peoples.’

### **KIRSTY COVENTRY - PRESIDENT IOC**

‘Unleash the transformative power of sport’. ‘Spread Olympic values through education’.

### **HISTORIAN WILL DURANT**

‘Greece has bequeathed her science, her philosophy, her letters and her arts as the living cultural basis of our modern world’

‘There is nothing in Gree:k civilization that does not illuminate our own.



## INTRODUCTION

Our university is planned to specialise solely and unequivocally in the academic and practical study of every aspect of sport without exception. This includes the organisation and practical implementation of every aspect of the Olympic games and every other worldwide universal sports competition and sports medicine in its entirety.

Thus, we will be offering Bachelors and Masters degrees and Doctorates in Sports Science and Management.

Our aim is to make Zimbabwe the flourishing center for Africa and Internationally in the study of sport and sportsmanship.

Thus, the values, ethos, rules and professional practice in every sporting discipline will be covered. This wide sporting spectrum and study in Higher Education will therefore, comprise not only academic learning, but every aspect of physical fitness, well-being, training, the physiology and psychology of sport and sports medicine, as well as the infrastructure required for every different type of sport.

Accordingly, the university will teach every aspect of sports medicine including access to the latest AI driven robotics for injury rehabilitation.

The ethos of the university will include the precepts so eloquently described by the ancient Greeks when they created the Olympic movement and the Olympic Truce. This ethos and its educational principles have also been described by Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of modern Olympic games, and by Nelson Mandela, by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Olympic Academy (IOC).

Africa's turn will inevitably come to hold the Olympic games. Then and in the interim, our graduates will be ready and well able professionally to implement the vast variety of skills and know how necessary to organise, sponsor and apply the plethora of different rules applicable to each sporting discipline - even in so far as concerns the design of sports fields, athletic tracks, pitches and stadia and other sports infrastructure.

Thus, we aim to become a world recognised and internationally accepted institution of higher learning for sports qualifications, skills and professional specialists in every aspect of sports.



Zimbabwe's long-standing contributions to the Olympic movement are already well known. Some of these include:

The 'gold' won by Zimbabwe women hockeyplayers at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 which took place in the year of Zimbabwe's Independence.

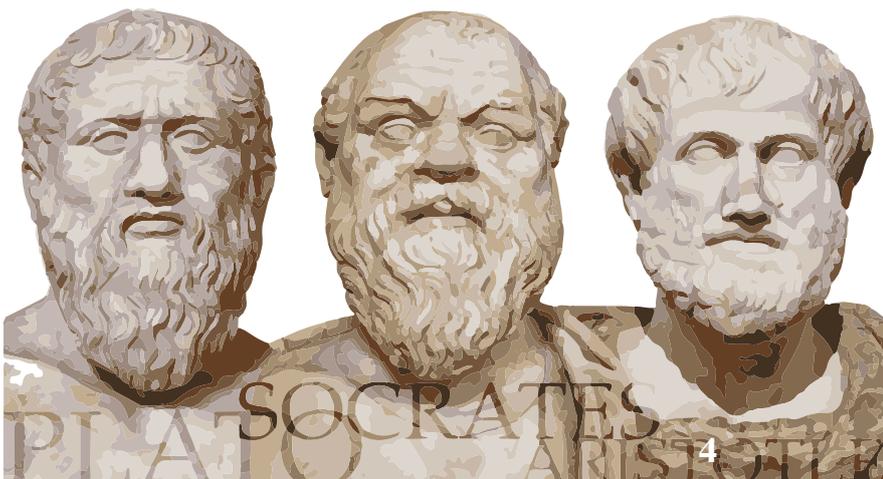
Kirsty Coventry's gold silver and bronze medals are records pers se and she now occupies the highest office in sport as President of the International Olympic Committee - and is the first African and woman in the world to have achieved this honour - an honour for Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe's flourishing Zimbabwe Olympic Committee served by its present incumbent President Thabani Gonye has extended unequivocal support for the University. Other renowned sports administrators such as Thomas Sithole and the late Mark Manolios have become symbols of Zimbabwe's dedication to sport.

Many Africans have contributed and continue to contribute to every aspect of the Olympic games and to every other internationally recognised sporting authority. African competitors to Olympic games and other international games have achieved world records and are legendary.

We have applied to ZIMCHE for accreditation and thus we await formal registration.

There is no doubt that the universal penchant for sport and for major games competitions will allow the raising of funds that will enable the construction of the university on a piece of land which will be set aside for acquisition.





The Hellenic University of Africa has concluded a joint cooperation programme with the University of the Peloponnese in Greece whereby an internationally recognisable content for its first degree - a Bachelor of Sports Science and Management - will be awarded'. We therefore anticipate that this first Bachelor's degree will be ready for students in time for the first semester of 2027, that begins in August 2026.

The largest of institutions, we recall, started out modestly and thereafter grew exponentially. This is exactly what we anticipate for the Hellenic University of Africa. However, our joint endeavour with its cooperation between universities will also have wider permanent beneficial implications.

We most respectfully look forward to the establishment of our Hellenic University of Africa and we earnestly believe that this will give rise to international recognition of Zimbabwe's educational contribution to sport. To the best of our knowledge and belief there is no other university in the whole of the African continent that specialises exclusively in providing for Africa's desire for sport and sport competitions of every description.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF HELLENIC UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA**

1. GREECE may be one of the smaller countries of Europe in size and population numbers BUT .....
2. GREECE is a Cultural Super Power
3. ZIMBABWE may be one of the smaller countries of Africa in size and population BUT ..... is said to have one of the highest per capital literacy rates in Africa.
4. The need for Tertiary Education in Africa let alone in the SADCC Region of which ZIMBABWE is a pivotal member is absolutely huge as is evidenced by the estimates handed down at the 2018 African Union's Education Conference as follows:
  - a) An estimated ten (10) million African students every year are ready for a post school and/or Tertiary Education.
  - b) Whereas it is estimated that approximately 26% of post school students in the developed world undertake further College or Technical or Tertiary Education, in Africa only an estimated 6% of post school students have that privilege.



- c) Accordingly, it is estimated that Africa needs, at this time, some 600 additional Tertiary Institutions.
5. Africa has a penchant for sport - especially for soccer and long distance running and Africa continues to produce world class athletes. At present there is no university in Africa that concentrates solely on sport. Greece is foremost in the world in every aspect of the Olympic games which include the Winter Olympics and Para-Olympics. Since ancient times Greece and Africa, mostly through Egypt, have worked together. Hence the relevance of our African relationship with Greece and the Olympic games.
  6. The role of Greece in Tertiary Education is of the highest standard in the world. Also, perhaps not as universally well-known is the immense contribution of Greeks in the diaspora to Tertiary Education in the USA, Britain and other countries.
  7. The establishment of an Hellenic Tertiary Organisation in Zimbabwe is a natural progression from the spectacular academic success of the Hellenic Academy in Harare which caters for both a Primary and Secondary Education only. However, the Hellenic University of Africa will be a totally independent institution functioning on its own sole endeavours. It has no financial or administrative nexus whatsoever with the Harare and District Hellenic Community.
  8. The Hellenic University of Africa will seek to become and to be the Premier Sports Academic and Cultural Establishment For Zimbabwe And For SADCC and for Africa.
    - It aims to produce graduates whose qualifications will be internationally recognised.
    - It aims to become one of the leading research intensive Universities in Africa in sport.
    - It will enhance the lives of individuals especially youth and sequentially, the communities and indeed countries in which they live and work and will produce leaders in every field of sporting endeavour and development.

The Hellenic University of Africa will seek a close interactive partnership with the International Olympic Academy of Olympia in Greece whose universal appeal accords entirely with its own aims, values and aspirations. There is no doubt that academic



learning in Sport couples with the physical practice of Sport and thereby inspires peace, stability and unity. We repeat Nelson Mandela's famous saying.

'Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unify people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope when there was once only despair. Indeed, it is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination. Sport is the game of lovers of life.'

### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Admission will be open to all students regardless of gender, race or creed. It is hoped to be able to award a number of scholarships to deserving scholars on the basis of academic merit and all-round achievement.

### **RESPECTFUL REQUEST**

Financial contributions towards the University will be most gratefully received payable into the University bank account indicated below. Every aspect of its Finances are subject to audit by Axentium successor to Deloittee.

Bank: STANBIC  
Account Name: Hellenic University of Africa  
Account Number: 9140009872913  
Branch Name: Borrowdale  
Branch Code: 141019

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## **PRELIMINARY PLANNING DETAILS**

1. The Hellenic University of Zimbabwe (now awaiting ZIMCHE accreditation) has concluded a joint venture with the University of Peloponnese of Greece. (This joint venture is called '*THE SPORTS UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA*').
2. Academic and practical teaching is scheduled commence in the first semester of 2027 in terms of a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Sports Science and Management.
3. **VISION**
  - a. As a first for Africa our vision is to establish a world class African-born university of excellence combining modern sports science education with scientific management and character formation with special emphasis on youth and community service thus, producing graduates equipped to lead in sport and international sporting events and sports medicine.
  - b. To inspire business integrity and excellent management across the continent of Africa and the world.
  - c. To build strategic partnerships with international sports bodies, universities, and local ministries
4. **MISSION**
  - a. To unleash the transformative power of sport and to spread Christian and Olympic values through education.
  - b. To transform sport into an engine of sustainable economic growth and social development and to produce a new generation of educated professionals who combine integrity with knowledge, discipline and leadership.
  - c. Through sports medicine in all its disciplines to contribute to community health and especially youth development, public fitness and training centres.
5. **VALUES**

To follow Olympic values and Christian ideals.
6. **RATIONALE**

Africa's youth population is the largest in the world, yet investment in sports science, performance management, sports medicine and sports-based entrepreneurship remains minimal.



This university seeks to transform sports from recreation to a national industry, linking education, research, and enterprise that will:

- Create jobs and global careers in sports and fitness,
- Advance sports medicine and athletic health,
- Foster professionalism and governance in sports administration,
- Promote social cohesion and national pride through healthy living.

The project responds directly to national and continental goals in education, youth empowerment, and health development.

## 7. **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- a. To develop an internationally accredited University of Sports Science and Management.
- b. To offer degrees and diploma programmes in:
  - Sports Science and Human Performance
  - Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
  - Sport Management and Marketing
  - Coaching and Talent Development
  - Event and Facility Management
- c. To establish centres of excellence for sports analytics, nutrition, and athlete monitoring.
- d. To conduct research in biomechanics, exercise physiology, and sports psychology.
- e. To partner with government, sports federations, private sector entities and recognised international sporting organisations.
- f. To promote staff and student exchanges and distance learning.

## 8. **PROJECT STRUCTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Phase 1 Academic and Operations Launch (Years 1 – 2)

- Recruitment of academic and administrative staff
- Procurement of teaching equipment and laboratory instruments
- Establishment and leasing of student accommodation and cafeteria facilities
- Launch of Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees with emphasis on community, programmes and outreach initiatives



### Phase 2 Feasibility and Funding (Years 2 – 3)

- Land acquisition and master plan development
- Architectural and environmental designs
- Legal registration and accreditation
- Initial fundraising and partnership drive

### Phase 3 Infrastructure Development (Years 3 – 5)

- Construction of main faculty buildings, lecture halls, and administration offices
- Establishment of library, ICT labs, and sports science laboratories
- Development of sports fields and performance testing facilities

## 9. **ESTIMATED BUDGET SUMMARY**

Setting up first Bachelor and Sport Science and Management Degree –  
USD500,000.00

Academic operation start-up and accreditation

Staffing and training

Land acquisition and planning

Campus design and architecture

Faculty buildings and classrooms

Laboratories and equipment

Library and ICT centre

Sports facilities and fields

Student housing and amenities

## 10. **FUNDING APPROACH AND PARTNERSHIPS**

The university welcomes diverse partnerships, including:

- Philanthropic Foundations
- Church and Faith-Based Organizations
- Development Agencies
- Corporate Sector Partners
- Diaspora and Private Donors



## 11. DONOR, ENGAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION PLAN

<b>Contribution Level</b>	<b>Recognition Package</b>
Under \$9,999.00	Founders' circle membership and commemorative acknowledgement
\$10,000.00 - \$49,999.00	Certificate of recognition, digital listing, and event invitations.
\$50,000.00 - \$249,999.00	Recognition plaque and naming on donor wall
\$250,000.00 - \$999,999.00	Endowed scholarship/faculty chair named after donor
\$1,000,000.00 plus	Naming rights for major facilities (Library, lab, sports field) plus seat on Advisory Council

In addition, annual Founders' Recognition Ceremonies will celebrate major donors, with publicity across media and university publications;

And project philanthropic, corporate, and institutional support in the following forms:

- Capital Grants and Donations toward campus construction
- Endowment Contributions to fund scholarships and research chairs
- Corporate Partnerships (naming rights for facilities, laboratories, or scholarships)
- Equipment and In-kind Support (sports gear, lab equipment, ICT)
- Research and Consultancy Collaborations

### **Donor Recognition and Legacy**

#### **Donors will be honoured through:**

- Named facilities (e.g., The [Donor Name] Sports Performance Centre)
- Endowed professorships and scholarships
- Founders' Circle recognition in university publications and media
- Invitations to major university events and partnership councils

## 12. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

### Educational Impact

- A start-up intake of 50 – 100 students to grow to objective training of over 1,000 plus students annually in sports-related fields.
- Development of Africa's first comprehensive sports medicine and performance science curricula to cover relevant degrees.

### Economic Impact

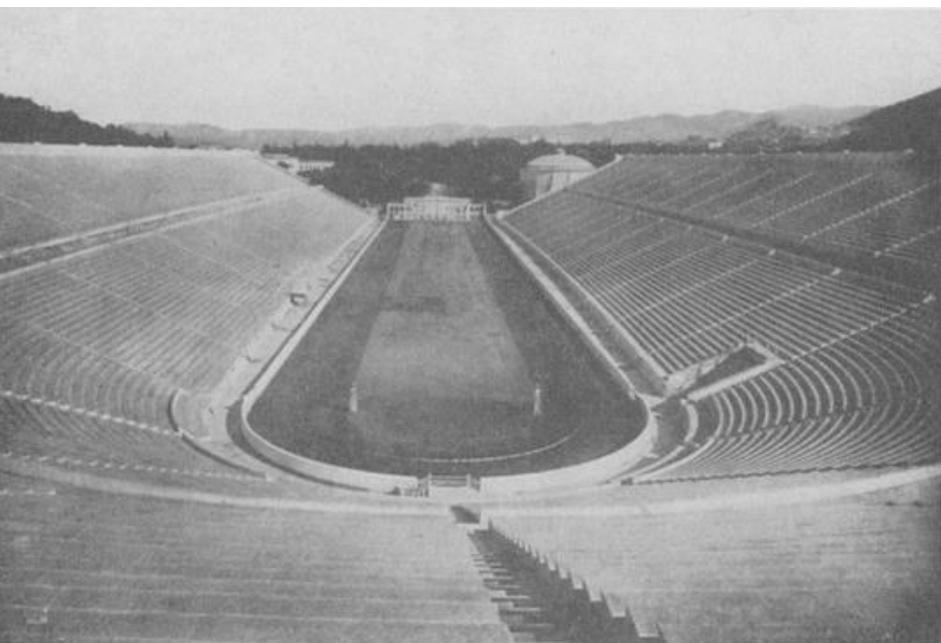
- Creation of 300+ direct jobs and hundreds of indirect opportunities.
- Empowerment of youth for self-employment and innovation in sports entrepreneurship.

### Social Impact

- Enhance Faith and Christian ideals and Olympic values
- Promotion of national health and wellness culture.
- Strengthened regional cooperation through university sports programs and exchanges.

### Long-Term Vision

To become a continental centre of excellence in sports science and management, linked to the African Union's Agenda 2063 goals on education, health, and youth empowerment.



### 13. GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

The university will operate under a Board of Trustees, supported by a University Council and professional staff including Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Bursars, Librarian, Deans of Faculties, Experienced Athletes from every sporting discipline.

Revenue sustainability will be ensured through:

- Tuition income and auxiliary services,
- Research and consultancy programs,
- Endowment fund returns, and
- Continuous donor engagement.

Regular audited financial reports and annual impact reviews will guarantee transparency and accountability. AXCENTIUM successor to DELOITTE have been retained.

For Executive Summary see first attachment.

For Partnership Invitation see covering letter.





## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Vision**

To establish a world-class African university that blends academic excellence, sports innovation, and moral leadership — transforming sport into a driver of education, health, and economic growth.

### **Mission**

To educate and empower youth and the next generation of professionals in sports science, medicine, management, and coaching, linking research and industry for social and economic impact.

### **The Opportunity**

Africa's vast youth population and natural athletic talent remain underdeveloped due to limited access to professional training and sports science.

The proposed Faculty of Sports Science and Management addresses this gap by combining academics, research, entrepreneurship, and wellness outreach.

### **Core Programs**

- Sports Science & Human Performance
- Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Sports Management & Marketing
- Coaching & Talent Development
- Event & Facility Management

### **Projected Impact**

- To walk with and develop the needs of world-renowned major sporting events



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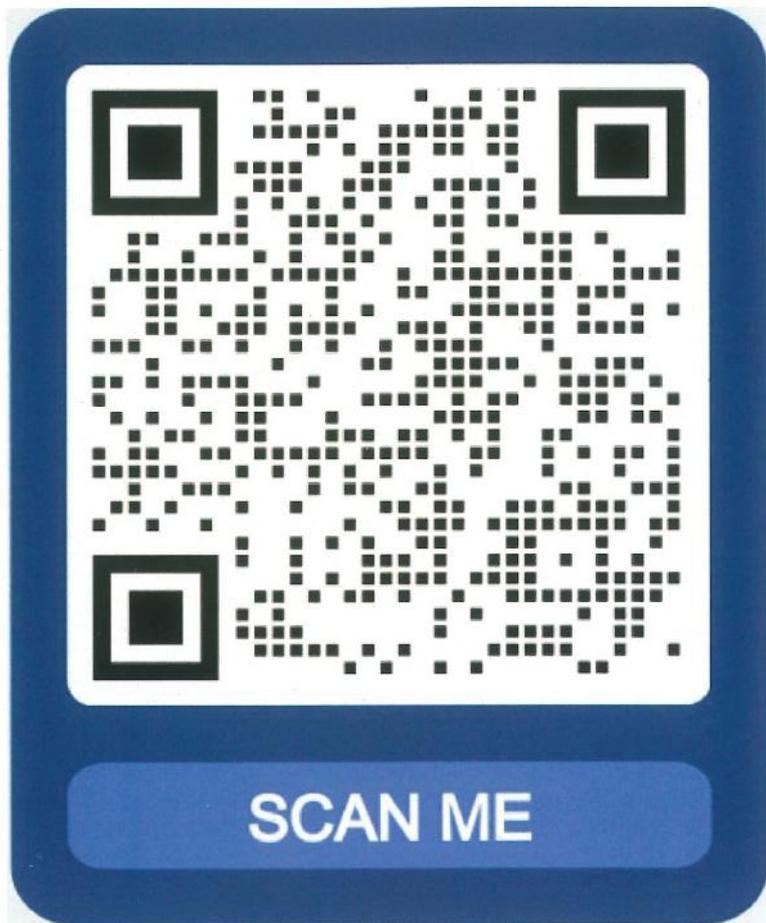
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#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. We are interested in funding the \_\_\_\_\_ faculty/faculties.
2. We are interested in providing technical equipment.
3. We are interested in funding the facility comprising \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We would appreciate a co-commitment undertaking from the PROJECT COMMITTEE to name the faculty/ facility with our name
5. We would appreciate that the faculty/library/facility that we propose to sponsor be named after us \_\_\_\_\_.



**KEY FACILITIES**

- PROVISION FOR SPORTS FIELDS AND SPECTATOR PAVILIONS
- ROOM FOR A STADIUM