

MINUTES OF MEETING (MoM)

Zone 4 East Africa Championship – Visio Conference

Date: 16 February 2026

Time: 21:00 – 22:20 (Mauritius Time)

Mode: Visio Conference via Google Meet

1. Attendance

Present:

- Mr Radhakrishansingh Rajkoomar – Mauritius
- Mr Viswen Thondrayen – Mauritius
- Mr Prayag Harshil – Mauritius
- Mr Hassan Charbouna – Morocco
- Mrs Baholy Sarah – Madagascar
- Mr Nizar – Comoros
- Mr Emil Ali – Djibouti
- Mr Danny Bonte – Seychelles
- Mr Raj Jhugroo – Seychelles
- Mr Maina Kamau – Kenya
- Ms Margaret Muthoni – Kenya

2. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting commenced at 21:00 (Mauritius time).

Mr Radhakrishansingh Rajkoomar officially opened the meeting and warmly welcomed all participants. He expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration among Zone 4 members and emphasised the importance of unity and structured planning to ensure the success of the first edition of the Zone 4 East Africa Championship.

3. Introduction of Special Guest – Mr Hassan Charbouna

Mr Rajkoomar introduced Mr Hassan Charbouna from Morocco and extended his sincere gratitude for the prestigious support and expertise he is lending to the organisation of this championship.

Mr Hassan Charbouna presented himself to the members and shared his extensive experience in organising and supporting major pétanque competitions across Africa. He referred to his website, www.boulistemaroc.com, which showcases his involvement in the development of pétanque in Morocco and internationally.

He further explained his contribution to the recent African Championship held in Nouakchott, Mauritania in November 2025, highlighting the organisational standards applied during that event.

Mr Hassan also shared his long-standing professional relationship with Mr Rajkoomar and expressed his strong commitment and determination to support the Zone 4 Championship. He stressed that Africa is not far behind European standards in terms of organisation and sporting structure, and this competition must serve as an example of excellence.

4. Address by the Zone President

Mr Emil Ali joined the meeting shortly after the opening and warmly greeted all participants.

He expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr Hassan Charbouna for his willingness to assist and stated that his contribution would be highly valuable for the credibility and technical strength of the competition.

5. Competition Format – Swiss System

It was agreed that the tournament would be conducted under the **Swiss System**, ensuring fairness, competitiveness, and proper ranking structure.

Mr Hassan Charbouna confirmed that he would personally assist in structuring and supervising the Swiss System implementation to ensure international standards are respected.

6. Accommodation, Transportation and Nutrition Programme

Mr Rajkoomar presented the detailed logistical programme for delegations.

For seven (7) consecutive days, each participant will receive:

- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Official Opening Ceremony Dinner
- Official Closing Gala Night Dinner

To ensure punctuality, discipline, and international-level organisation, transportation will operate according to a strict schedule.

Daily Schedule (7 Days)

Morning Breakfast Transfer

- 7:00 AM – Pick up from Riambel Apartments
- 7:20 AM – Arrival at Le Batelage Restaurant

Post-Breakfast Transfer to Competition Venue

- 8:15 AM – Departure from Restaurant
- 8:30 AM – Arrival at Souillac Boulodrome

Lunch Transfer

- 1:00 PM – Departure from Boulodrome
- Lunch at Restaurant

Return to Competition

- 2:15 PM – Departure from Restaurant
- 2:30 PM – Arrival at Boulodrome

Evening Dinner Transfer

- 7:00 PM – Departure from Boulodrome
- Dinner at Restaurant
- Return to Riambel Apartments

Additional logistics include:

- Airport-to-Apartment Transfers
- Apartment-to-Airport Transfers

Members acknowledged the professionalism of the logistical planning.

7. Official Tournament Programme

- **27 April 2026** – Arrival of Delegations
- **28 April 2026** – Start of Competition followed by the Official Opening Ceremony
- Competition will continue until **Friday 1 May 2026**, including all finals
- **Saturday 2 May 2026** – Free Day
 - Island tour organised by the Mauritius Federation
 - Beach picnic and lunch for delegations
 - Official Closing Gala Dinner at Le Batelage Restaurant as from 19:00
- **Sunday 3 May 2026** – Open Tournament
 - Participation of visiting delegations
 - 16 qualified Mauritian teams
 - Entry fee: €50 per team
 - All collected funds will be allocated as prize money

Financial Conditions

It was confirmed that the organisational fee will be:

- **€40 per person per day**

This fee covers:

- Accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Local transportation
- General logistics and organisational expenses

It was further agreed that:

- **Full payment must be made no later than 15 March 2026.**

All delegations are requested to confirm their final number of participants before this deadline in order to facilitate logistical planning and administrative arrangements.

Mr Rajkoomar confirmed that Mauritius will provide all official trophies and medals for the competition.

8. Discussion on “Coupe des Nations”

Mr Emil Ali enquired whether a “Coupe des Nations” trophy would be included.

Mr Rajkoomar confirmed that Mauritius has no objection to offering an additional trophy for this category.

Mr Hassan suggested the possibility of awarding official champion T-shirts to winners.

Mr Rajkoomar confirmed that this could be arranged if required.

9. Qualification Structure and Inter-Zone Considerations

Mr Ali raised the matter of the number of countries per zone and the qualification process for Inter-Zone competitions.

Concerns were expressed regarding zones composed of only four (4) countries, making it complex to qualify four teams.

After discussion, it was agreed:

- Two (2) countries per zone will qualify for the Inter-Zone competition.

Mr Hassan highlighted that if two teams per zone qualify, the draw structure becomes more balanced and technically suitable.

10. Certificates and Recognition

Mr Danny Bonte proposed issuing official certificates or attestations (Participation Certificate / Champion Certificate).

He explained that such documentation would allow federations to maintain official records and recognise participation in international competitions.

Mr Hassan supported this proposal.

All members unanimously agreed that official certificates will be prepared for:

- Participants
- Champions
- Medalists

11. Future Planning

Mr Hassan confirmed that he will draft a detailed competition schedule and share it with all members.

Mr Rajkoomar conducted a round-table discussion to gather final views.

All members expressed strong enthusiasm, unity, and eagerness to ensure the success of the first edition of the Zone 4 East Africa Championship.

Mr Hassan and Mr Emil Ali encouraged all delegations to make every effort to field two teams each, reinforcing that strong participation will elevate the competition's prestige and credibility.

12. Closure of the Meeting

Mr Rajkoomar thanked all participants for their constructive contributions.

The meeting concluded at 22:20 (Mauritius time).



Prayag Harshil
Secretary of the Organising Committee

Emil Ali
President – Zone 4 East Africa