

- Development Projects - limited in 2020 due to Covid-19 and massive travel restrictions since beginning of the year.
- Covid Position for the Asian Region
- Forward Planning and Budget

2020 Primary Development Achievements

Due to severe travel restrictions activities were mainly virtual

- *A seminar on High Performance Coaching was presented for the Philippines Rowing Association by Chris Perry*
- *An umpiring update seminar on Coastal Rowing was presented for the Asian Rowing Federation by Dr. Siu Kin Wah (HKG) and Dr. Takao Senda (JPN)*
- *Fay Ho, Mehdi Garidi, Afshin Farzam and Soulmaz Azad presented topics on Sustainable Development of Women's Rowing and Asian Rowing Development for a seminar organized by the Iran Canoeing, Rowing and Sailing Association*
- *A number of Asian Coaches are currently upgrading their qualifications as Coach Educators as part of the restructuring of the World Rowing Coach Education Programme*
- *A number of Asian Coaches completed the online component of the Level 1 Coastal Rowing Coach syllabus run by Guin Batten*
- *Hong Kong, China will host Asian Qualification for WRVICH in January 2021*

2021 Primary Development Objectives

- *The most pressing objective for 2021 is of course to ensure that a fair qualification regatta for the Olympic and Paralympic Games can be organized. Once this is clearer, other activities can be built around this*
- *To begin the roll-out of the newly restructured World Rowing Coach Education Programme in a consistent and well-planned way. Begin with online/virtual components and follow up with face-to-face when situation permits*
- *Trace back previously held coaching courses and bring previous qualifications into compliance with new system – with appropriate upgrade options*
- *In cooperation with ARF, establish a better long-term calendar and planning process. Asia can be a challenge as various parties have different ideas and we cannot impose – however communication is improving significantly recently*
- *Continue project proposed by Gianni to network Asian Training Centers and collect regular training/testing/racing reports*
- *Ask ARF to consider registering as a Continental Confederation*
- *Push forward further initiatives on female coaches and on Olympic Values*

- The situation in Asia is still very unstable and a number of countries are struggling to keep rising infections under control. Per head of population, India, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Philippines, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have high case counts
- Most Asian countries have adopted a very restrictive approach to border control with entry for foreign nationals generally completely blocked without special reason. Even those allowing entry for special reason - such as work or study - have imposed strict pre-travel testing and 14 day compulsory on-arrival quarantine. Costs for this are very high.
- Flight schedules within the region are very limited and seat costs are very high.
- Domestic rowing has recommenced in most countries
- Elite squads are generally in full training in hope / expectation that international travel becomes available and feasible for international competition in 2021

- Asia Team to meet virtually with Development Staff on a regular basis to continue periodic review and monitoring of planning and projects.
- An online project list to be kept showing project nature, Federations, staff, consultants and coaches involved, current status, next steps, etc.
- Continental Representative will focus on the higher level liaison with Federations, NOCs & NPCs, ARF, project partners, etc. Also special focus on women and safeguarding. Available to travel as soon as safe to do so. Currently 14 days hotel quarantine in HKG on return from any overseas trip.
- Continental Consultant will follow up technical projects and liaison with coaches, athletes, team staff, training centres, etc. Will also commence online delivery of updated coach education modules (including Para and Coastal) with face-to-face follow-up later when safe to travel.

2021 Primary Objectives / Following Strategic Plan Objectives

- 1. Govern / Administer: # 1 (Transparency) Ask ARF to consider registering as a Continental Confederation**
- 2. Develop: #4 (Quality and Education) To begin the roll-out of the newly restructured World Rowing Coach Education Programme in a consistent and well-planned way; # 5 (Universality) The most pressing objective for 2021 is of course to ensure that a fair qualification regatta for the Olympic and Paralympic Games can be organized. Once this is clearer, other activities can be built around this**
- 3. Showcase through Events: #4 (Diversity) Push forward further initiatives on female coaches and on Olympic Values**
- 4. Promote Rowing: #3 (Progressive Communication) In cooperation with ARF, establish a better long-term calendar and planning process. Asia can be a challenge as various parties have different ideas and we cannot impose – however communication is improving significantly recently**
- 5. Respect the Environment: #1(Sustainable Events) Continue project proposed by Gianni to network Asian Training Centers**