

South African billionaire Patrice Motsepe has secured a second term as President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) after being re-elected unopposed during the body's extraordinary general assembly held in Cairo on Wednesday.

Motsepe, 63, who first took office in 2021, had announced his intention to seek re-election in October 2024. With no challengers stepping forward, his return to the helm of African football was seen as a strong vote of confidence in his leadership.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino attended the assembly, which also saw Cameroonian football icon Samuel Eto'o win a seat on CAF's executive committee. Elections for Africa's representatives on the FIFA Council were also conducted.

Motsepe, owner of South African giants Mamelodi Sundowns, pledged to build on what he described as "good progress," pointing to financial reforms and increased profitability within CAF, including a record \$72 million profit from the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations — a dramatic rise from previous editions.

His first term followed the turbulent departure of Ahmad Ahmad of Madagascar, who was banned by FIFA, leaving CAF in a state of uncertainty. Motsepe has since been credited with stabilizing the organization and laying foundations for sustainable growth.

"There is still a lot of work to be done," Motsepe said, acknowledging the road ahead while reaffirming his commitment to transform African football both on and off the pitch.