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**African Olympic and Sports Movement
on Working Visit to Algiers**





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A delegation of the African Olympic and Sports Movement led by Intendant General Lassana Palenfo was in Algiers recently, precisely from 28 November to 1 December 2016 to oversee preparations in the build up to the African Youth Games billed for Algiers from 19 to 28 July 2018.

This special edition of ANOCA Newsletter is devoted to that working visit undertaken in the Algerian capital city by representatives of ANOCA, AASC and the AU.

President's Message

African Youth Games : a legacy for sporting Africa!



Dear readers,
After our satisfactory working visit to Algiers ahead of the organisation of the forthcoming African Youth Games, my message will focus on the event, in which sporting Africa now takes pride, and which is increasingly gaining in popularity and is appreciated by all as editions go by.

As a matter of fact, when we took the helm of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, our driving ambition was not only to unify the entire African Olympic and Sports Movement around the ideal of African youth development, but also to promote diversity, by upgrading the quality and increasing the number of sports events at continental level. It was in this light that we created the ANOCA Games, which were organised in the various development zones, and reserved for youths aged -18. Consequent on the success of these games, we decided, together, to organise just one event for athletes of the same age category every four years, at the same venue. The goal here was to further





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bring together youths of the continent, make them more competitive and increase the number of sports disciplines on schedule.

That is how the African Youth Games came to be, the third edition of which will hold from 19 to 28 July 2018 in Algiers, after the first and second editions organised respectively from 13 to 18 July 2010 in Rabat and 22 to 31 May 2014 in Gaborone. The first two editions of this genuinely popular African youth festival were great moments of intense multidimensional unity and communion. This of course helped make the African Youth Games more popular and created a strong affectionate link with the entire African Olympic and Sports Movement. This explains the current enthusiasm generated by the event, which has become a real celebration of solidarity and humanism. Today, the African Youth Games are a legacy for all of Africa.

Recently, precisely from 28 November to 1 December 2016, I headed a delegation of representatives of key structures of the African Olympic and Sports Movement, namely the African Union, ANOCA and AASC. We were in Algeria to oversee preparations for the next edition billed for the Algerian capital city in 2018. I was not only satisfied with the presence in Algiers of all these frontline representatives of the African Sports and Olympic Movement, but also with the fact that they expressed interest in the event. Together, we inspected the infrastructure meant to host the event and held discussions with officials of the local organising committee. This demonstrates, if need be, that the African Youth Games have become a legacy for all of Africa, which is concerned with their success and the development of budding talents.

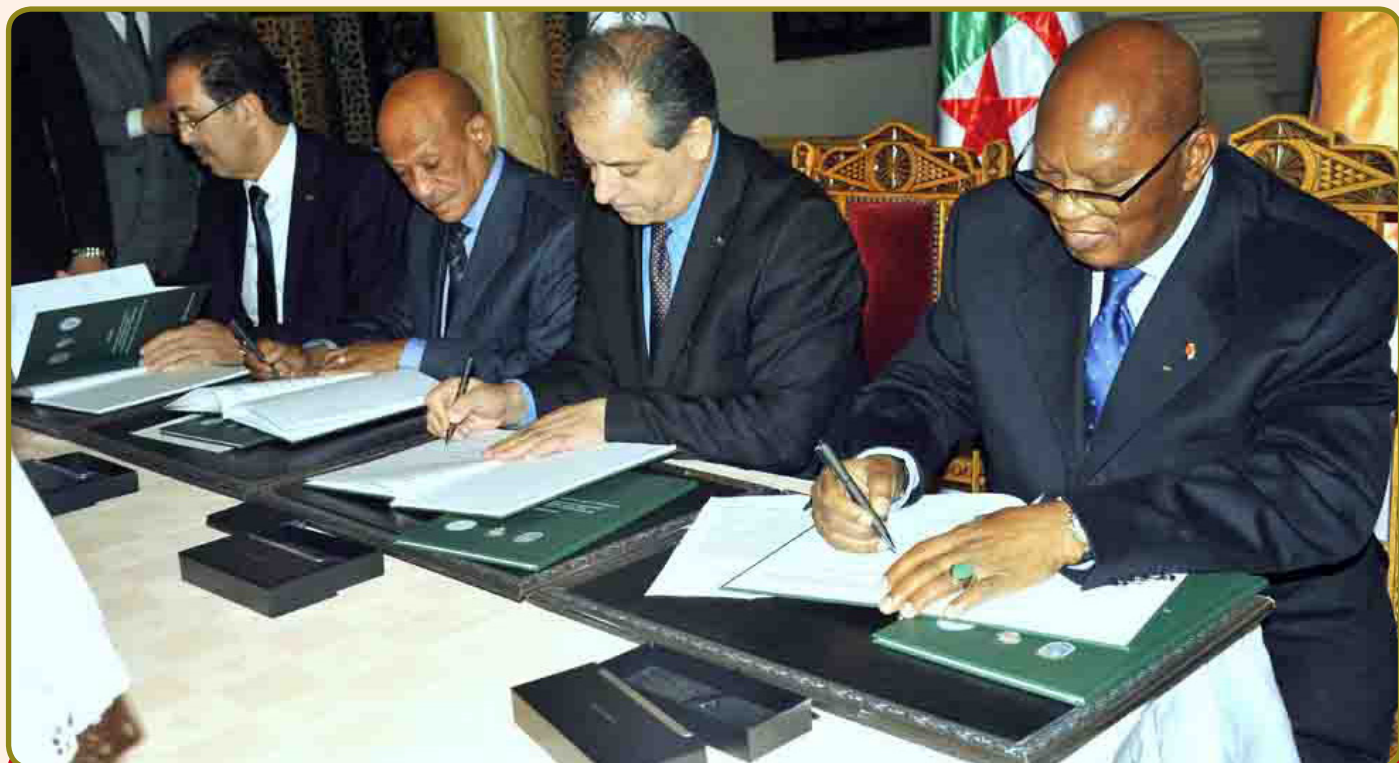
Yours in sport,

Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, *President of ANOCA*





2018 AYGs : organisation agreement signed in Algiers



Signing of the protocol agreement awarding the organisation of the 3rd edition of the AYGs to Algeria

The protocol agreement entrusting the organisation of the 3rd edition of the African Youth Games (AYGs) to Algiers, capital city of Algeria, was signed on 30 November 2016 at the Wilaya headquarters, Algiers, by the President of the Association National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, the President of NOC Algeria (COA), Mustapha Berraf, the Minister of Youth and Sports, El Hadi Ould and the Wali of Algiers, Abdelkader Zoukh. Reacting to the signing, the Wali had this to say: **«We shall be ready and up to the task that the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) has entrusted us with. The city of Algiers shall spare no means to ensure a successful organisation of the 2018 AYGs in fellowship, conviviality and sportsmanship.»** On his part, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo congratulated **«Algeria on signing this agreement, which eloquently testifies to the deep commitment of the country's authorities at the highest level, to develop sport and foster the interests of African youths... The assembly of youths shall afford a platform for cultural exchanges and for sharing of the values of excellence, friendship and mutual respect. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey a message of friendship, esteem and respect to the President of the Republic, H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, for his unflagging support to the African Sports Movement,»** Lassana Palenfo concluded.





2018 AYGs : ANOCA meets with local organising committee



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While in Algiers, the ANOCA delegation held an important working session with the local organising committee of the 3rd African Youth Games. The aim of the meeting, which took place on 29 November 2016, was to fine tune major organisational aspects of the coming event. The consultative meeting thus examined a number of items, notably transportation, accommodation, accreditations, competition venues, catering, health, the schedule, communication and the stakes in relation to the Youth Olympic Games billed for Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2018. On this last score, it was decided that the 3rd African Youth Games will act as qualifiers for the summer Youth Olympic Games.

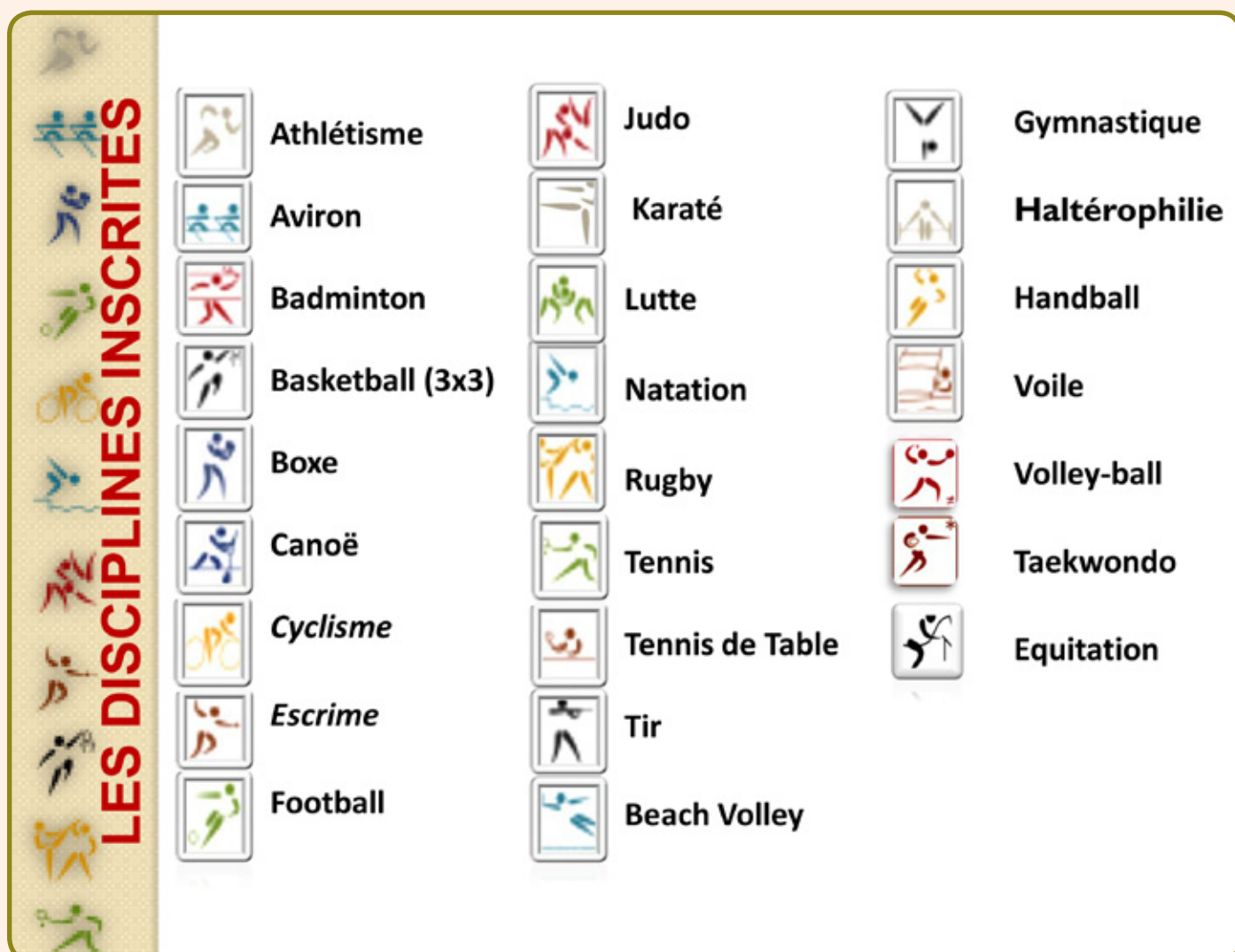
The President of ANOCA urged representatives of ANOCA member countries to help the organisers by **«meeting commitment deadlines and taking all measures to ensure the participation of their youths and future talents in this up and coming event.»**

The ANOCA delegation to that meeting comprised the following dignitaries: ANOCA President, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, the President of NOC Sao Tome and Principe, Da Costa Alegre Afonso, consultant Diamil Faye, the President of NOC Uganda, William Frederick Blick, the Secretary-General of NOC Bostwana, Tuelo Daniel Serufho, the President of the Athletes' Commission, Amadou Dia Ba, the President's Director of Cabinet, Mohamed Azzoug, the Technical Director, Obakeng A. Ngwigwa, and the President's Assistant, Sanssan Georges Kambou.





2018 AYGs : sports programme made public



The sports programme of the 3rd African Youth Games was recently made public in Algiers during the inspection tour by officials of the African Olympic and Sports Movement from 28 November to 1 December 2016. It features the following disciplines: Athletics, Rowing, Badminton, Basketball (3x3), Boxing, Canoeing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Judo, Karate, Wrestling, Swimming, Rugby, Tennis, Table Tennis, Shooting, Beach Volley, Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Handball, Sailing, Volleyball, Taekwondo and Horsemanship.

This rich and diversified programme shall help preserve achievements through proper preparation and training of youths who represent the future. The technical regulations of various scheduled sports events shall be drawn up in collaboration with continental sports confederations.





Delegation of the African Olympic and Sports Movement inspects Algiers 2018 infrastructure



A major feature of the working visit of officials of the African Olympic and Sports Movement to Algiers was the inspection tour of infrastructure for the 3rd African Youth Games billed for the Algerian capital city from 19 to 28 July 2018. A number of venues were thus inspected, notably the Mohamed-Boudiaf Olympic Complex and its various playgrounds which include the 5th July Stadium, the Athletics Stadium, the Olympic Pool, the Tennis Court and the Multi-purpose Hall of the Dome (La Coupole). Intendant General Lassana Palenfo and his retinue also inspected the Harcha Hacene Multi-purpose Hall, the Baraki Multi-purpose Hall, the APC of Algiers-centre, the Ben Aknoun Women's Sports Centre and the Cheraga Multi-purpose sports Hall, as well as the Africa Village in Sidi Fredj and the Ouled Fayet University Hostel.

The ANOCA President's appraisal: ***«We inspected the infrastructure so as to ensure that African athletes will have the best conditions for qualification for the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. On the whole, we are quite satisfied with what has been done and believe that Algiers 2018 shall afford conditions conducive for talent development».***





Algiers 2018 : Local Organising Committee Office Inaugurated



Inauguration Ceremony of the office of the organising committee of the 2018 AYGs

The office of the organising committee of the African Youth Games (AYGs-2018) located in the Ben Aknoun neighbourhood, Algiers, was inaugurated on 30 November 2016 by the Minister of Youth and Sports, El Hadi Ould Ali and the President of the Association of National Olympic committees of Africa, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, in the presence of the Wali of Algiers, Abdelkader Zoukh and COA President, Mustapha Berraf. Speaking at the inauguration, El Hadi Ould Ali had this to say: **«Algeria is proud to host African youths in its capital. Now that the office has been inaugurated, members of the organising committee shall settle down to prepare for the 3rd edition of the African Youth Games in the best conditions.»** The organising committee of the 2018 AYGs is chaired by the Minister of Youth and Sports himself, who shall be in charge of giving directives as to preparations for the event, while the CEO is Halim Azzi.

According to COA President, Mustafa Berraf, **«We have entered the execution phase of our programme for the preparation of the 2018 AYGs. It is a critical intermediate stage that we are taking seriously, so that Algiers should be ready on D-day. Halim Azzi has been appointed Director General of the Games. He shall be heading a harmonious and competent team in charge of preparing for this event.»**





Messahel receives ANOCA, AU and AASC representatives



Delegation of the African Olympic Movement received in audience

As part of preparations for the forthcoming African Youth Games, the Algerian Minister for Maghrebean African and the League of Arab States Affairs, Abdelkader Messahel, on 30 November 2016, granted audience to a delegation of the African Olympic and Sports Movement led by ANOCA President, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo. The delegation comprised representatives of ANOCA, the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC) and the African Union, with COA President, Mustapha Berraf, in attendance.

M. Messahel lauded youth and sport development efforts by NOCs, which have helped **«project a positive image of Africa, away from conflicts and tragedies,»** giving rise to sports champions and great teams of continental and international acclaim.

On his part, the President of ANOCA, Lassana Palenfo, asserted that the aim of the





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delegation's visit to Algeria was to ascertain that the country had the wherewithal to host the 3rd edition of the African Youth Games. He further hailed the synergy of action amongst stakeholders of the African Olympic Movement. **«The African Union, ANOCA and the AASC have been working in a coordinated manner to guarantee the smooth organisation of the forthcoming African Games in Algeria,»** he said.

Hailing Algeria's sports infrastructure, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo insisted that **«Algeria has all necessary structures and the technical capacity for a smooth organisation of the upcoming AYGs. The country is qualified to host such continental events, given that it is replete with the necessary accommodation structures and capacity.»**

As for the President of the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), Ahmed Nacer, he observed that the meeting with Mr Messahel reflected **«Algeria's great interest in the African continent and Arab issues,» underscoring that Algeria is an «example to follow and which does African sport proud.»** Major General Ahmed Nacer pointed out that the presence of three major bodies in charge of the management of African sport, namely ANOCA, AASC and the African Union, **«portray the unity of African sport through the African Youth Games billed for Algeria in 2018.»**



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Algeria's Minister of Youth and Sports El Hadi Ould Ali received a delegation of representatives of the African Union, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa and the Association of African Sports Confederation at the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The delegation led by ANOCA President, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, also comprised AASC President, General Ahmed Nacer and a representative of the African Union. They were accompanied by COA President, Mustapha Berraf.

The discussions focused basically on preparations for the African Youth Games scheduled to take place in Algiers in 2018. Another point in issue was efforts made by the public authorities of Algeria to create the best conditions for African athletes. Mr Ould Ali informed his guests that the preparation process for Algerian athletes has already been initiated with the organisation, during the next winter holidays, of the third training camp for budding talents who will participate in the games.





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