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CHEFS DE MISSION SET FOR A SMOOTH ORGANISATION!



2^E JEUX AFRICAINS DE PLAGE
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TUNIS, 28 APRIL 2023: Chefs de Mission of African NOCs that will participate in the 2nd African Beach Games met in Hammamet, Tunisia, in a major hotel of the city. It was a preparatory meeting ahead of the **African Beach Games** to be hosted by Tunisia **from 23 to 30 June 2023 at the Yasmine Hammamet resort.**

The meeting of Chefs de Mission of African NOCs was attended by ANOCA President, the Honourable Mustapha Berraf, the 1st Vice President of ANOCA Joao Da Costa Allegre AFONSO, the ANOCA Treasurer General, Engr. Habu Ahmed Gumel, the President of NOC Cape Verde and IOC member, Filomena Fortes, the Chairlady of the Coordination Committee of the African Beach Games and ANOCA Vice President Fardouza Mousa EGUEH, the ANOCA Zone 1 President and Secretary General of NOC Libya, Khaled EZANKOUILI, the Chairperson of the ANOCA Athletes' Scholarship Commission and Secretary General of NOC Senegal, Omar Seydina. Also present were Presidents and representatives of African Confederations and National Federations, and the Organizing Committee of the African Beach Games Hammamet 2023. There was also the notable and remarkable presence of the Tunisian Minister of Youth and Sports, Kamal Deguiche, and the Governor of Nabeul (host region of the competition), Mrs Sabah Malek.





A WELL-ATTENDED MEETING

There is thus no gainsaying that the meeting attracted an impressive array of dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, the Chair of the Organising Committee and President of NOC Tunisia, Mehrez Boussayene, declared: ***“I wish, on behalf of the Organising Committee, to express our deep gratitude for your invaluable support at all stages of our preparations. You have again stood by the local organising committee these last few days. By your leave, I would also like to express my warmest gratitude to President Berraf, whose continuous support and counsel to our team have been of great help. In particular, this helped us take the most suitable shortcuts to shorten distances and make up time in this real race against the clock that we are engaged in. Fortunately and with concerted efforts of all stakeholders, we are rising to the challenge.”***



While welcoming the Chefs de Mission, ANOCA President, Hon. Mustapha Berraf, congratulated the 47 African NOCs already registered, on ***“their commitment at the service of sport and Olympic values by mobilising their best athletes in the various disciplines of the Games.”*** He then addressed warm thanks to the State of Tunisia through the President of the Republic: ***“Allow me thank the Tunisian authorities who, through these games, once more make their country a crossroads of international sport and enhance the importance of multidisciplinary sports competitions as a driver of development, stability and peace.”***

Mustapha Berraf also thanked the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, and the IOC Olympic Solidarity for ***“the immense support and beneficial presence at our side.”***

All the speeches hailed the spirit of Solidarity with which the stakeholders of the organisation of the Games are imbued, very much in tune with the slogan of the Games, ***“Africa in Solidarity.”***

Taking the floor, the Tunisian Minister of Youth and Sports, Kamal Deguiche, noted that ***“this will afford an opportunity for Tunisia to bolster its African identity and foster African solidarity.”***



ROAD TO SUCCESS



Also taking to the rostrum on the occasion, the Organising Committee Chair and President of NOC Tunisia, Mehrez Boussayene, presented a paper on the level of preparedness for the 2023 African Beach Games. He reviewed preparations for the sports and cultural programmes, as well as the competition and transport venues, the medical certification system, medical coverage, anti-doping and the media. He spoke about accreditations, while the various sector commissions talked about the sites, facilities, accommodation, hospitality etc.

The meeting of Chefs de Mission also featured the launch of the mascot of the Games, "YOYO" and fruitful discussions amongst the representatives of African NOCs, African Confederations, the Organising Committee and ANOCA, the aim being to ensure the best conditions for the success of the African Beach Games Hammamet 2023. A highlight of this day of non-stop discussions and consultations was the inspection tour of the competitions venue.





The African Beach Games Hammamet 2023 will bring together over 1,000 athletes representing 48 African countries who will compete in 15 sports specialities. They are also expected to attract 500 volunteers and 5,000 spectators. A comprehensive cultural and recreational programme will be developed in parallel with the sports event.

On 22 June 2023, a day to the kick-off of the Games, the 21st Ordinary Session of the ANOCA General Assembly will convene, with a charged agenda featuring discussions on the preparation programme of African Athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games among others.

With barely two months to go before the African Beach Games in Hammamet, Tunisia, the Chefs de Mission were briefed on the final set of documents to be used during the games, namely: the general regulations of the games, the technical regulations, the accreditations guide, the accommodation and catering guide and the media guides.









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