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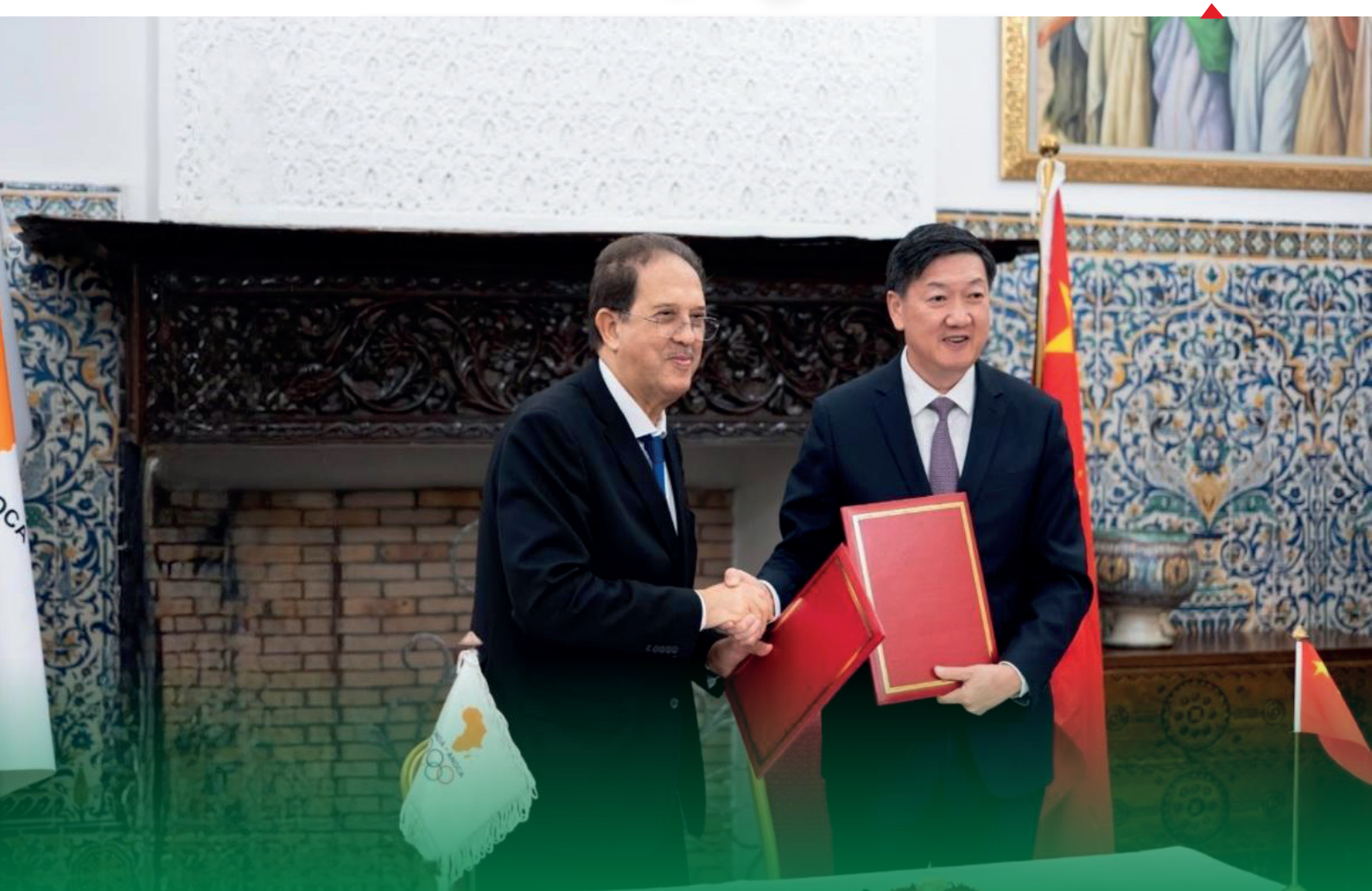


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DAKAR 2026

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

FROM OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2026



Under Mustapha Berraf's leadership

CHINA STRENGTHENS ITS COMMITMENT TO ANOCA IN SUPPORT OF ATHLETES AND AFRICA'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



Algiers, 4 November 2026 – Preparing African athletes for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, supporting young talent through to Brisbane 2032, strengthening coaching expertise and opening new avenues for digital cooperation: these are the commitments arising from meetings between Mustapha Berraf, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Member of the International Olympic Committee and Vice-President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), and Mr Gao Zhidan, China's Minister of Sports and President of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

Meeting in Algiers at Mustapha Berraf's invitation, the two leaders gave renewed impetus to the partnership between China and ANOCA for the benefit of the National Olympic Committees of all 54 African countries. These commitments form part of the renewal of the memorandum of cooperation they originally signed in Hangzhou in September 2023.

"***No talent should have its future limited by a lack of resources. Our responsibility is to translate international cooperation into tangible opportunities for our athletes and young people,***" said Mustapha Berraf.



SUPPORTING YOUNG AFRICAN TALENT THROUGH TO BRISBANE 2032

The two parties agreed to establish a programme drawing on China's expertise, training methods and sports infrastructure.

Following the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, African medallists and the most promising young African athletes will be identified to receive sustained support, with the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games as their goal.

Delivered in conjunction with their coaches, the programme will provide regular monitoring and preparation tailored to each discipline, enabling athletes to build on their performances in Dakar and progress towards the highest level of international competition.

This approach will make the Dakar Games a springboard for the development of African talent, providing young athletes with the opportunities and guidance they need to advance their sporting careers.



A DEDICATED PROGRAMME FOR LOS ANGELES 2028

A dedicated programme will also be developed for African athletes who qualify for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Specialised training camps will provide access to China's high-level expertise, equipment and facilities, complementing the work undertaken within their national teams and enabling them to approach the Games in the best possible conditions.

The objective is to strengthen African athletes' preparation and enable them to realise their full potential on the Olympic stage.

TRAINING COACHES AND BUILDING LASTING EXPERTISE ACROSS AFRICA

Continuing professional development for coaches and technical personnel is a central pillar of the partnership. Specialised training sessions and practical exchanges within Chinese sports institutions will strengthen African expertise, particularly in gymnastics, table tennis, athletics, football and swimming.

The knowledge acquired will be shared within national federations and sports organisations, extending the benefits to a wider community



of athletes and coaching personnel across African countries.

For Mustapha Berraf, the success of this partnership will be measured both by athletes' performances and by the lasting development of expertise across the continent.

Remaining in Algiers for these discussions on the future of African athletes, the ANOCA President was unable to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games. He was determined to lead the discussions personally through to their conclusion and will travel to Dakar tomorrow, bringing with him the commitments agreed with the Chinese side for the preparation and development of young African talent.

CHINA-AFRICA COOPERATION IN THE SERVICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

"***We will join forces to open a new chapter in sporting and technological cooperation between China and Africa, in the service of young people and the talents of tomorrow***," said China's Minister of Sports.

The visit takes place within the framework of the 2026 China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges, officially launched on 8 January at the African Union headquarters in Addis



Ababa. It reflects a shared commitment to strengthening exchanges and the transfer of expertise for the benefit of Africa's youth.

Leading an official delegation, Mr Gao Zhidan was accompanied by H.E. Mr Dong Guangli, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Algeria, who reaffirmed his readiness to support the agreed initiatives. The delegation also included Mr Wu Jian, Director-General for International Communication at the Ministry of Sports, Mr Xu Xianghong, Director-General of the Ministry's General Office, and Mr Chang Yu, Director-General for Policy.

The Chinese delegation was received at the highest levels of Algeria's institutions, lending support to this new phase of cooperation with ANOCA.

PADIC: TOWARDS A PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Beyond sport, discussions also addressed a potential partnership around PADIC, the pan-African programme for digital infrastructure, data governance and cybersecurity capacity building. The programme was conceived and is led by ANOCA, which retains ownership.



An initiative of the African Olympic family, PADIC draws on the network of 54 African National Olympic Committees as a platform for implementation across the continent. Its ambitions also encompass training, innovation and artificial intelligence, for the benefit of young people, institutions and African economic ecosystems.

Professor Thomas Grechenig, founder of RISE, ANOCA's technology partner with operations in Austria and Germany, presented the programme to the Chinese delegation. The presentation paved the way for discussions on opportunities for cooperation in its implementation.

New momentum is now driving support for athletes from all 54 African countries, their young people and the continent's digital transformation.



As a candidate for the ANOC presidency, Mustapha Berraf intends to extend this momentum to all 206 National Olympic Committees by strengthening their capabilities and broadening their access to sporting expertise and new technologies.

"***My career as an athlete laid the foundation for the path I have followed and shaped the experience I now place at the service of athletes and the Olympic family. Every athlete must be able to pursue the highest ambitions, regardless of their country or the resources available to them. I want our Olympic family to give every talent the conditions they need to succeed. This is the commitment I bring to the service of all 206 National Olympic Committees,***" said Mustapha Berraf.

Dakar 2026

Les jeunes racontent les jeux

