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WINTER SPORTS



AFRICA GLIDES ON SNOW





WINTER GAMES, HERE WE COME!

Though this may sound unrealistic to some of us, it is the logical sequel to a normal process of inclusion of our dear and beautiful sporting Africa in what may look like an impossible situation.

As a matter of fact, this is a very simplistic perception of the cherished values of the international Olympic movement, which aims to make sport a vehicle for peace, love, solidarity, sharing and fair play.

This universal approach transcends all past divisions on the participation of Africa in the Olympic Winter Games.

Such views are overly outdated and have now been written off since the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa and Gangwon Province, Republic of South Korea.



MUSTAPHA BERRAF

**IOC Member
President of ANOCA**

Thanks to this





Establish a dynamic and proactive cooperation with the entire Gangwon region for the benefit of African youth, for whom we are doing our utmost to offer a gamut of opportunities through sport

agreement, we will proudly develop Winter Sports and share the experience of organising the Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The maiden and historic materialisation of this unprecedented initiative is the opening of the Pyongyang Winter Sports Training Camp as part

of the Horizon Academy Programme. This took place from 30 May to 12 June 2022 with resounding success, and confirmed our common aspirations for this ambitious and innovative cooperation.

ANOCA aims, through this collaboration, to establish a dynamic and proactive cooperation with the entire Gangwon region for the benefit of African youth, for whom we are doing our utmost to offer a gamut of opportunities through sport.

The opening of the training camp for the winter sports project in Pyongyang is a unique event, which is why we are combining our efforts to develop winter sports.

Among the strong actions that underlie this ground-breaking project are





cooperation in encouraging young Africans to participate in the Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games, cooperation in participating in the winter sports support project for young people from snowless countries and support for joint organisation of the Games by the two Koreas (South-North) with the goal of achieving **«Peace Olympics»**.

Special thanks to Mr William Frederick BLICK, IOC member, who contributed to the success of this exciting programme. He is a well spring of inspiration to the parties.

We are equally grateful to IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH, for his involvement in the success of the Horizon Academy Programme.

We also thank all ANOCA Executive Committee

members for their commitment and full participation in the implementation of this project.

Our participation testifies to our unbending will to lend momentum to the powerful union of Sport and Olympism across Africa and the world over.

We look forward to massive participation by all African NOCs so that African youth can benefit from it fully and effectively.

With or without snow,
WE STAND WITH THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES GANGWON 2024.





PROJECTS

WINTER SPORTS, A GROUND BREAKER FOR AFRICAN SPORT





On 16 March 2022 the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, and Gangwon Province, Republic of South Korea, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual support and unprecedented cooperation based on the following:

- **Promoting the success of the Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games;**
- **Participating in the**

winter sports support project for young people from snowless countries.

- **Guiding the African Youth Team to participate in the Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games.**
- **Supporting the joint organisation of the Games by the two Koreas (South-North) with the mission to achieve «Peace Olympics».**

The overall goal is to introduce winter sports to new nations by training



young athletes in winter sports. The project is technically managed by the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation.

It includes a two-week summer training course that ended on 12 June 2022 in Pyongyang for young African athletes to be introduced to winter sports by Korean coaches at summer training centres

in the following disciplines: Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Luge, Cross-country skiing, Ski jumping, Downhill skiing. The training schedule featured physical events both at the beginning and end of the programme, along with recommendations to the athletes on which winter sport to take up, with an equally exciting cultural exchange programme.





All expenses were borne by the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation, including international

flights, local transportation, accommodation, meals, outfits and equipment, travel insurance and training fees.





WINTER SPORTS

PYONGYANG YOUNG AFRICAN ATHLETES GET

A total of 51 young Africans recently had an intense winter sports training experience as from 30 May 2022 in Pyongyang, capital city of South Korea. The programme, which ended on 12 June, was part of the fruitful cooperation between ANOCA and Gangwon



INTRODUCED TO WINTER SPORTS



Each athlete had to have experience in any sport, be able to hold a conversation in English or French and preferably had received at least two vaccination shots against Covid-19

The opening ceremony, which had earlier taken place by videoconference, featured a number of addresses, amongst them that delivered by Governor Moon of Gangwon Province, who welcomed participants, wishing them a pleasant stay.





Other addresses included that of IOC President, Dr Thomas BACH and the ANOCA President's, which was delivered by Matlohang MOILOA-RAMOQOPO, representing the Honourable Mustapha BERRAF.

Members of the ANOCA Executive Committee and Presidents of African NOCs congratulated the ANOCA

President on this initiative, which benefits African athletes and youth, young people born between 2006 and 2009. Each athlete had to have experience in any sport, be able to hold a conversation in English or French and preferably had received at least two vaccination shots against Covid-19. Unvaccinated participants observed a



seven-day quarantine upon arrival in Korea.

These procedures for young athletes were same for coaches accompanying them.

There were 14 coaches for the African delegation which comprised the following 12 countries: Algeria, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan and Tunisia. For 14

days, the young people participated actively in a sports programme that included meetings with Olympians, an introduction to board sports, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, downhill skiing, ski jumping and physical events, which mainly took place in the afternoons.

There was also a cultural programme that featured awareness raising against doping, gender equality





education, human rights and peace education. Relaxation was also part of the deal with a visit to Gangnung beach, K-Pop and B-boy dance lessons and a farewell dinner to crown it all.

This summer camp, which the organisers termed very positive, will be followed by a winter camp during which the athletes and coaches will have the opportunity to visit

a ski resort in North Korea all night till dawn. Athletes will only be able to train in the sport recommended to them at the summer camp; they will have the opportunity to take part in competitions organised at the PyeonChang venues, all spiced with cultural and educational activities.





2024 GOALS

GANGWON 2024 AND PARIS 2024: DUAL OLYMPIC GOAL FOR AFRICA



These are two very challenging events where Africa intends to shine and write new pages in its Olympic history.

The exceptional way in which these two international competitions are being prepared confirms the importance accorded them

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by ANOCA, which has put in place a precise mechanism for all African athletes preparing to participate in the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games for instance. Olympic solidarity and ANOCA grants are available to the 54 continental NOCs for the benefit of athletes.

Paris 2024 is in line with ANOCA's 2020-2024 action plan, which provides for a series of international sports events with the aim of offering African youth opportunities to display their amazing talents and come under the Olympic spotlight.

The Gangwon 2024 Winter Olympic Games are in the same category.

The Republic of Korea will play host to the world's youth and African youth will be there, thanks to the

winter sports project born of the fruitful cooperation between ANOCA and Gangwon Province, which **«is a friendly territory for African sports»**, in the words of ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf.

Hundreds of young African athletes expected to compete in specific snow disciplines will be trained as part of this project, a real ground breaker for Africa, which to begin with is snowless.

For ANOCA, the most important thing for these young people will not only be to participate, but to bring home medals, just like athletes from continents with snow.





PICTURES









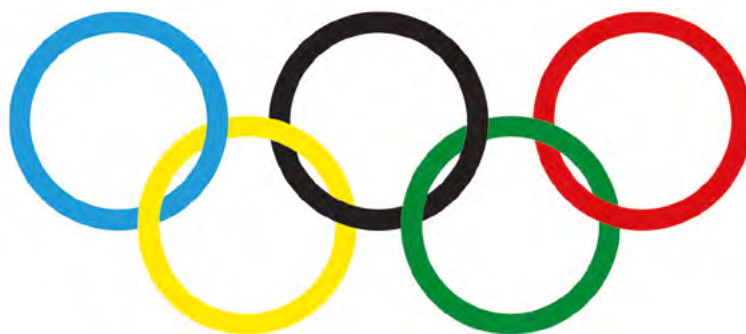










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