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BETTER DAYS AHEAD FOR OLYMPAFRICA CENTRES





The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), IOC member and President of the Algeria Olympic Committee, Mustapha Berraf, was on a visit to the Republic of Slovenia on 15, 16 and 17 December 2019. During his stay, he was received in audience by the Speaker of the Slovenian National Assembly, Hon. Dejan Oidan, on 16 December 2019. In office since 23 August 2018, the speaker of the lower house of the Slovenian parliament received his guest at the Assembly house in Ljubljana. The high-level meeting between the two officials focused on the situation of African sport and prospects for the future.

In this regard, Slovenia intends to support the African Olympic and Sports Movement to purchase inflatable sports enclosures to be provided to Olympafrica centres. An agreement was signed to this effect between the President of ANOCA and the CEO of Duol, a manufacturer of air domes and inflatable enclosures for playgrounds, stadiums and arenas. The agreement was signed in the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Science and



Sport, Jernej Pikalo. Each of the air domes is 3,500 m² in size, is solidified and can contain several homologated playgrounds. They can last for a minimum of 45 years and are remarkably time saving.

Hailing the bilateral relations between his institution and Slovenia, Mustapha Berraf said: "Slovenia is a friend of sporting Africa. It was time for our Olympic movement to establish dynamic and proactive cooperation with this great nation. Moreover, I am happy for African youths because this collaboration will be very beneficial for them, especially those in Olympafrica centres. We will continue working, with assistance from sports stakeholders and our partners such as Slovenia and others, to make this increasingly exciting programme more dynamic.»

Olympafrica centres afford many young people across the continent the opportunity to practise their favourite sport and be involved in other activities. Olympafrica is more than just a social development programme through sport. It showcases Olympism as a life model for thousands of young Africans. It is a diversified programme, which is one of the pillars of ANOCA's development policy.

