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**ANOCA AND ANGOLA
SIGN 2025 HOSTING
AGREEMENT**



The agreement was signed by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Rui LUÍS FALCÃO PINTO DE ANDRADE, the ANOCA President, Mustapha BERRAF, and the President of NOC Angola (COA), Gustavo DA CONCEIÇÃO.

The highly-attended ceremony was an opportunity for Angola to reaffirm its commitment to hosting a major sports event for Africa. The 4th African Youth Games will bring together budding talents from across the continent, and aim, not only to promote sport, but also integration, cultural exchanges and unity among African countries.

“I would like to congratulate the government and, in particular, the President of the Republic, H.E. João LOURENÇO. We look forward to working with the people of Angola in

all matters within ANOCA’s remit. We will make our contribution. We will work hand in glove and, ultimately, we will be able to say that the effort was worthwhile. Angola has the infrastructure and human resources to make the 2025 African Games memorable. You have all it takes to succeed and, together, we will use this agreement to stage a great celebration of African sport, to the delight of all the young people of the continent. I congratulate the Angolan government, the NOC and the people of Angola for this historic commitment to sport and Olympism.”

Said ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF:

“These African Youth Games are an opportunity for Angola to demonstrate its organisational capacity and boost



national sports infrastructure, making the country a strategic African sports hub. The Ministry of Youth and Sports reaffirms its commitment to work relentlessly to ensure that the 2025 African Youth Games stand out for their organisational excellence and the positive impact they will have on youth and sport in Africa.”

Said Angola’s Minister for Youth and Sports, Rui LUÍS FALCÃO PINTO DE ANDRADE. The Minister further said that:

“We have been working for some time now. Fortunately, we will be organising the 4th African Youth Games in Angola and we will set up the Organising Committee in the days ahead. From then on, we will follow the schedule set out to ensure a successful organisation in Angola. Our commitment, dedication and approach to sports diplomacy were decisive factors. It’s not an easy task. We know it’s a huge commitment, but our team will work as it has always done.”

COA President, Gustavo DA CONCEIÇÃO, welcomed the agreement in the following words:

“The signing caps a negotiation process in which we were involved. As part of the 50 years of independence, we received guidelines from the Ministry of Youth and Sports to create sports competitions, and COA undertook to organise this African competition for young people under the age of 18. We went to Paris and competed with Togo for Africa’s preference. Today, part of the work has been crowned with success. But this is just one step in the process, as there is still a long way to go.”

All signatories to the agreement have thus voiced their confidence in the success of this competition, which will be a milestone for youth and sport in Africa, and for Angola’s image on the international stage.



4TH AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES

ANOCA APPROVES ANGOLA'S HOSTING PLAN

In terms of sports and social infrastructure, the ANOCA EXCO deemed Angola's conditions for hosting the 4th edition of the Africa Youth Games, billed for December 2025, conducive.

Speaking to the press after an inspection tour of the country's sports and social infrastructure, ANOCA Vice President João Da Costa Alegre AFONSO confirmed that the country "has suitable conditions in place." The visit ended in the Bay of Luanda Island, at the headquarters of the Angolan Water Sports Federation (FADEN).

The following facilities were inspected: the Kilamba Multisports Pavilion, the 11 November Stadium, the Olympafrica Multipurpose Centre (a branch of Société Olympique), the Kikuxi Villas Club Tennis Academy and Dream Space.

The ANOCA delegation also visited the Alvalade Swimming Pool, the Cité Sportive (affiliated to the Club Premeiro de Agosto) and the FADEN headquarters, confirming that Angola is fit to host any international or intercontinental sports event.

Representing ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF, who was also in the



country, João Da Costa Alegre AFONSO noted:

“The purpose of the mission was to assess the conditions and sign memorandums of understanding with the Angolan Government and the NOC, headed by former basketball player Gustavo DA CONCEIÇÃO. The conditions are perfect for the team and individual disciplines, in water and on land. We will now confirm and sign the memorandums with the authorities, then work on the details of necessary improvements.”

As President of the Confederation of African Canoeing, João Da Costa Alegre AFONSO also proposed that the country should host the African Canoe Championships in Angola in August 2025. The event would mark the 50th anniversary of Angola’s independence in the build-up to the African Youth Games.

Angola will be hosting this continental competition for the first time in its history. The country participated in the three previous editions, the last of which was held in March 2024 in Accra, Ghana, and featured disciplines such as women’s handball, basketball 3x3, beach volleyball, judo, swimming, table tennis and chess.

A delegation of 100 Angolans, including athletes, managers, medical staff, judges and other officials, took part in the event.



ANOCA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

AT THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE FOURTH AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES, ANGOLA 2025

The Honourable Minister,

The Secretary of State,

The NOC President,

Dear Representatives of Governments,
the African Sports Movement and African
youth,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are gathered here today, with a deep sense of pride and responsibility, for this solemn ceremony to sign the hosting agreement of the Fourth African Youth Games billed for Angola in 2025.

This event marks a decisive milestone for the sports development and the promotion of Olympic values on our continent. Since

their inception, the African Youth Games have always been much more than just a competition. They are a symbol of hope, unity and the celebration of our collective potential.

Before I proceed, I wish to sincerely thank the Head of State, His Excellency João LOURENÇO, President of the Republic of Angola, and his government. I would also like to thank the President NOC Angola and all the partners who are committed to making this event a success. Your determination to host this event reflects your commitment towards the younger generations, who are the cornerstone of our common future.

In 2025, Angola will not only play host to the continent's best young athletes, but it will also be a place where dreams come true, where Africa's cultural and sporting diversity is showcased, and where strong bonds of friendship and fraternity are forged.

We know that organising such an event requires huge efforts. It involves not only preparing high-quality infrastructure, but also guaranteeing a safe and conducive environment for athletes, officials and all participants. We are convinced that Angola is up to the task and that these Games will be memorable, both in terms of their organisation and the spirit that they will embody.

To you, African youths, I wish to make a strong appeal:

Prepare yourselves passionately, with discipline.

These Games are a unique opportunity for you to showcase your talent, boost your competitive spirit and fly the flag of your nations high. They are also a time to learn, to share and to build a better future through the values of sport.

ANOCA, in keeping with its mission, will continue to work to make sport a powerful development and integration tool on our continent. The 2025 African Youth Games will be a new milestone in this drive.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

By signing this memorandum of understanding today, we are making a collective commitment to give young Africans the means to dream, excel and develop. Together, we are laying the foundations for an event that will be etched in history and in people's hearts.

Long live African sport!

Long live African youths!

And may the Fourth African Youth Games in Angola be a resounding success!

Thank you.



ANOCA President

IOC Member

Vice President of ANOC

ORGANISATION OF THE 4TH AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Minister of Youth and Sports, Rui FALCÃO, asserted that the financial conditions required for the organisation of the 4th edition of the African Youth Games billed for December 2025 in the country have been met.

After the signing of the hosting agreement of this youth competition in Angola, the Minister, without mentioning the

exact amount allocated to the event, declared to the press that the financial conditions necessary for the organisation of the Games have been met, thanks to the General State Budget, as part of celebrations that will mark 50 years of Angola's independence on 11 November 2025.

He further added that:



“Angola has been working for some time to ensure the success of this event, both from an organisational and sporting point of view, using existing infrastructure. The choice of Angola as the host country is a reflection of the quality of the country’s sports diplomacy in Africa, the commitment of the people of Angola to sports development, as well as the results achieved globally. Prior to the

Games, the country will, using these very facilities, host other African competitions to test athletes and guarantee a befitting representation.”

After the maiden edition in 2010 in Rabat, Morocco, the 2nd edition of the African Youth Games took place in 2014 in Gaborone, Botswana, and the last in 2018 in Algiers, Algeria. Angola will be the first-ever Portuguese-speaking country to host the event.





ANOCA DECORATES PRESIDENT JOAO LOURENCO OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

President João LOURENÇO was awarded the ANOCA 'Order of Merit', in recognition of his commitment to promoting and developing sports in the country over the last quadrennial.

The award was announced by ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF, following the assessment of his key role in the successful organisation of many

international competitions in recent years.

Speaking on the occasion, President BERRAF stated:

“ANOCA commends the national authorities for their contribution to the development of several sports disciplines throughout the country.”



For his part, NOC Angola President Gustavo DA CONCEIÇÃO, noted:

“This prestigious award to the President of the Republic is consequent on the decision of the ANOCA General Assembly during the Olympic Games Paris 2024, in France. ANOCA was also moved to award the Angolan leader this prestigious distinction considering the significant investment in renovating sports infrastructure and organising international competitions.”

It was a first for an Angolan president.

Ranked 21st in 2018 with three silver medals and four bronze medals, Angola will be the third country to host the African Youth Games. Currently in its fourth edition, the competition was first organised in 2010 in Rabat (Morocco), then in 2014 in Gaborone (Botswana), and lastly, in 2018 in Algiers (Algeria).

The Angolan Games will serve as qualifiers for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.



ANGOLA 2025

ANOCA DELEGATION TOURS FACILITIES IN ANGOLA

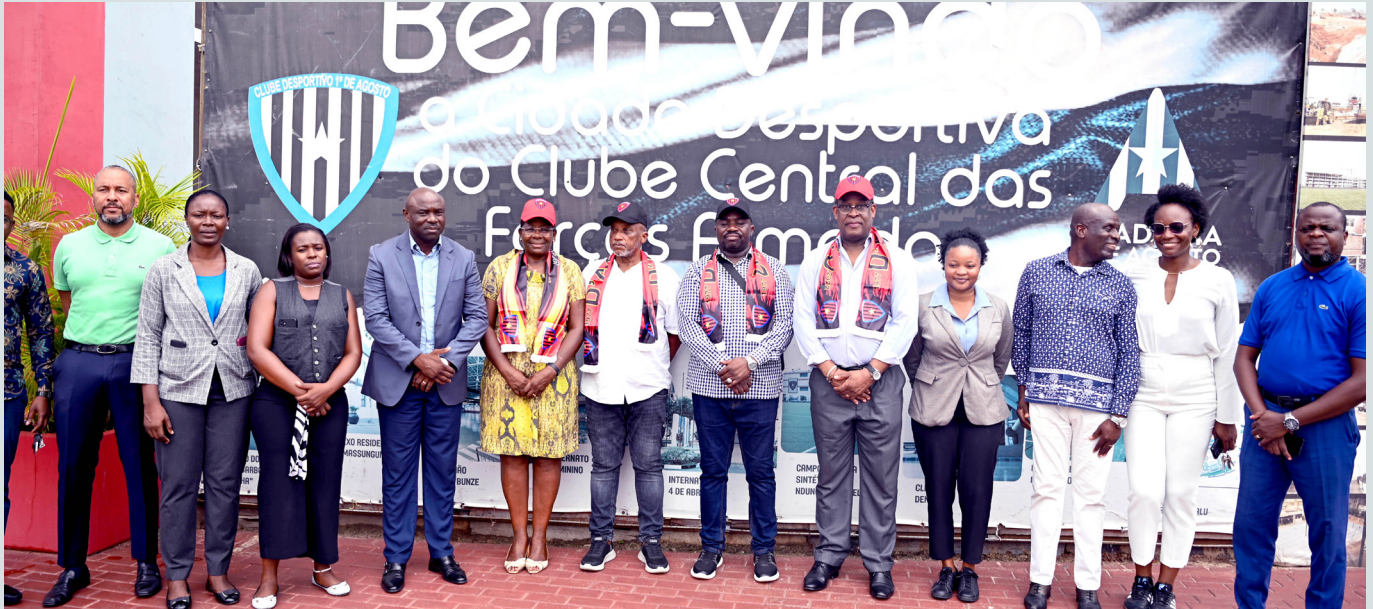
ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF was in Luanda from Sunday 15 December to Wednesday 18 December 2024. Alongside a delegation made up of the ANOCA First Vice President João Manuel DA COSTA ALEGRE and the President of ANOCA Zone VI, Alfred FOLOKO, they visited the following facilities expected to host the 4th African Youth Games Angola 2025, together with representatives of the Executive Committee of NOC Angola:

- The Olympafrica Centre, Viana,
- The 11 November Stadium,

- The Kilamba Multisports Pavilion,
- The Alvalade Swimming Pool,
- Sports facilities of the Club Premeiro de Agosto,
- The Kikuxi Villas Club,
- Facilities of the Angolan Water Sports Federation,
- Dream Space and the Kilamba Multisports Arena

This tour revealed the high-level quality of Angola's sports infrastructure and their potential to host this major continental event.

RENEWED SUPPORT FOR THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT



The ANOCA President was recently on an official visit to Angola, marking a significant milestone in the development of the Olympic Movement on the continent. During this stay, he visited the construction site of the NOC Angola headquarters, a futuristic project that embodies the country's vision and commitment to sports and youth, and which has received considerable support from ANOCA.

Through this close collaboration with NOC Angola, ANOCA reaffirms its central role in promoting modern and sustainable sports infrastructure in Africa.

In addition to being a strategic hub for the management and promotion of Olympic activities in Angola, the future headquarters represents a key step

in boosting the country's institutional capacities. The President hailed the progress made and urged all parties to sustain their efforts in making this project a model of excellence and innovation.

“Sport is a powerful development lever, and this initiative is tangible proof of what we can achieve together,” he stated. This visit is a symbol not only of the strong partnership between ANOCA and NOC Angola but also their shared commitment to sports development in Africa.”

The construction of this headquarters in Angola clearly illustrates ANOCA's mission: to support African NOCs in their quest for progress and autonomy and secure a bright future for sports on the continent - a giant step forward for the African Olympic Movement.



IMPRESSIONS

ALFRED FOLOKO, PRESIDENT OF ANOCA ZONE 7, SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT TO ANGOLA



has demonstrated its commitment to African youth by investing in quality equipment to support sports development,” he stated. The President also praised the remarkable progress made in the construction of the NOC headquarters in Angola. This project, initiated by ANOCA to boost the organisation’s institutional presence in the region, is progressing at an encouraging pace.

“I am very pleased with the progress of this project. It shows that ANOCA’s initiatives in our region are taking shape and progressing significantly,” he noted. Mr FOLOKO concluded by congratulating the Angolan authorities on their vision and determination to promote sports for youth development in Africa. This visit marks a milestone in strengthening sports and institutional projects in Zone 7 and making sports a lever for cohesion and progress on the continent.

During his recent visit to Angola, Alfred FOLOKO, President of ANOCA Zone 7, expressed his great satisfaction with the ongoing projects in the region. After visiting several sports facilities, Mr FOLOKO was impressed by the quality of the infrastructure and its potential to host major sports events.

“I am very much satisfied with the infrastructure I have visited. Angola











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