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Angola 2025 - African Youth Games

CHEFS DE MISSION'S MEETING

FULL SUCCESS IN LUANDA!



CUSTOMED MEETING FOR SUCCESSFULL GAMES

On the 20th and 21st September 2025, the City of Luanda hosted the technical meeting of Chefs de mission organized by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) in view of the 4th edition of the Angola 2025 African Youth Games (AYG).

This crucial meeting enabled the Local Organizing Committee (COJAJ) to give national delegations (more than 60 representatives of African National Olympic Committees) all necessary information relating to technical aspects, accommodation, protocols, visas, accreditation and local transport.

This event which will take place between December 10 to 20 2025 is of particular importance as it coincides with the 50th anniversary of Angola's independence. The Games' mascot, the Capote (guinea fowl), was presented as a strong symbol of Angola and Africa.

ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND COJAJ'S COMMITMENT

ANOCA commends the Government of Angola for its firm commitment, based on three main pillars:

- Placing youth at the hearth of celebration through sport, thereby acknowledging the transformative role of sport in education and social inclusion.
- Ensuring excellence in all issues relating to organization, by putting in place dignity and security conditions for all participants.
- Leaving a sustainable heritage in terms of infrastructure, knowledge and opportunities, not only for Angola, but for the whole of Africa.

COJAJ presented its structure, which is managed at strategic level by the Minister of Sports, and also includes Ministers of Finance, Health, Foreign Affairs and other key stakeholders. The organizing body also works closely with ANOCA and the ACOLS (African Confederation of Olympic Sports).



UPDATE ON THE SPORTS PROGRAMME AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Competitions will be clustered in a geographic «*triangle*» (Luanda, Bengo and Cacuaco/Colibengo), the longest triangle being limited at 69 kilometres.

The sports programme aims at being aligned on the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, with about 25 sports disciplines. Chefs de Mission were given detailed information on projected sites:

- The Citadelle Sportive pavilion will host Karate, le Taekwondo (TKW), Judo (JUD), and Fencing (FEN). This centre also hosts the National Centre of Sports Medicine.
- The Alvalade swimming pool is devoted for Swimming (SWM).
- The Tony Jesus Table Tennis Pavilion will host Table Tennis (TTE).
- The Luanda Island / Paz Flor Cultural Centre will be host to beach sports (Beach Volley, Beach Soccer, Beach Handball) and Badminton.
- the Dream Space was specially proposed for weightlifting (weight incrementation).
- The Place Kinaxixi / Place Baleizão will be used for African traditional sports exhibition Wela / Kiela.
- The Mangais Complex will be reserved for Golf.

Infrastructure also include the following:

- The Luanda Sports Cathedral for combat and collective sports.
- The José Saiovo Centre in Bengo for athletics.
- Nautical infrastructure at the Luanda Island for aquatic sports.
- The 11 November National Stadium for rugby and football

Olympic Villages

Three Olympic villages will be opened near to competition sites and will include:

- 24/24 medical assistance
- Free WIFI connectivity
- Catering services respecting cultural and religious diversity
- Opening on 8 December 2025.



SECURITY, HEALTH AND INTEGRITY OF COMPETITIONS

Angola insists on athletes' preservation. Vaccination against yellow fever is compulsory to enter the territory. COJAJ offers primary and emergency medical assistance in all Olympic cities and competition sites (assistance points, ambulances and advanced life support. However, each delegation is responsible for insuring athletes against injuries linked with the competition.

Special attention will be given to the integrity of the Games:

- **Age checking**: The maximum age is set at under 17 (U-17). A Task Force was put in place do deter fraud. Tests on age checking, respecting the Olympic movement's protocol (probably the IRM/MRI), will be carried out, and any athlete not respecting limits will be excluded.
- **Compulsory age tests** through MRI to ensure equity.
- **Strict antidoping Protocol** in collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and RADO Africa
- **Compulsory training** for all athletes, officials and officials.
- **Boxing**: It should be recalled that the Boxing tournament will be managed by the *World Boxing*, the structure recognized by the Olympic Movement, without the implication of the former AIBA.



SPORTS PROGRAMME OPTIMIZATION

Only sports disciplines including at least 5 participating countries will feature in the final programme. Sports confederation must communicate their technical regulations within 4 days after which they will be excluded.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION

A **centralized communications system** through WhatsApp and a dedicated technical platform with a 24/24 assistance were put in place to ensure maximum coordination between all stakeholders.

Cultural Innovation

These games will introduce Ouella, an African game of intelligence, as an exhibition sports, to illustrate ANOCA's commitment to promote the African sports heritage alongside with classical Olympic disciplines.

KEY RESOLUTIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD

In response to Chefs de Mission's worries, ANOCA and COJAJ took many major resolutions:

1. **Extension of registrations (Long List)**: The initial deadline of 30 September was found too short. The deadline for registrations in the Long List is extended to 10 October 2025. Registrations will start as soon as the registration platform is corrected.
2. **Correction of the Registration Platform**: COJAJ took the commitment to immediately solve the platform's technical problems, especially to enable non-African coaches to register. One of the platform's officials will be available 24h/24 to assist Chefs de Mission and solve any challenges.
3. **Technical manuals and Sports Programme**: ANOCA will exert immediate pressure on ACASOL to enjoin confederations submit their technical regulations (weight categories and exact disciplines) within four days. Disciplines whose regulations would not have been submitted within this deadline could be withdrawn from the programme. The aim is to publish the competition's programme as soon as possible.
4. **Accreditations/Visas**: COJAJ commits to finalize necessary arrangements with Angolan authorities to use accreditations as visas, in conjunction with concerned air companies. Chefs de Mission are urged to indicate their travelling plans and migration information as soon as possible.
5. **Village's Calendar**: The Olympic Village will open its doors on 8 December and will be closed on 22 December 2025. Arrivals and departures out of this period will be financially supported by National Olympic Committees (NOCs).
6. **Increased Communication**: a WhatsApp group will be created immediately for all Chefs de Mission to ensure total and speedy communication.
7. **Participation diplomas**: All participants in the Games will receive a participation diploma.
8. **Follow-up meeting**: An Online follow-up meeting is scheduled for 20 October 2025 for the final stock-taking of technical manuals, programmes and logistics before the start of the Games.

ANOCA wishes to thank Angolan authorities, the Angolan Olympic Committee and COJAJ for their hospitality and the job well done. It reiterates the importance of cooperation between NOCs and the local organizing committee to guarantee the success of this major event for the benefit of the African youths.



João Da Costa Alegre AFONSO

ANOCA's 1st Vice-President

« OUR MISSION IS TO PUT IN PLACE CONDUCIVE CONDITIONS FOR OUR ATHLETES »

Two speeches marked the opening ceremony of the technical meeting of Heads of Mission organised by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa: one by the 1st Vice-President of ANOCA and the other by the Angolan Secretary of State for Sport.

Delivered a federating speech during the opening ceremony, emphasizing the historical importance of this meeting:

« *It's a great honour for me to welcome you here on behalf of the Association of National Olympic Committees and its President, Mustapha BERRAF, For this Chefs de Mission meeting for the*

4th edition of the Angola 2025 African Youth Games. Sejam benvindus, bienvenue à l'Angola, welcome to Angola, bienvenidos à Angola. »

ANOCA's Vice-President reminded the fundamental philosophy that underpins these Games:

« ***By organizing these Games, ANOCA intends to demonstrate that athletes are at the heart of all our initiatives. Our mission is to create conducive conditions to enable them to take part in regional and international competitions.*** »

This technical meeting is of paramount importance for the success of this event. As pointed out by Mr. AFONSO :

« ***This meeting is a crucial moment for you, as it's your responsibility to prepare your teams to successfully participate in these Games in accordance with the rules, especially as age is concerned.*** »

During these intensive working days, Chefs the Mission will examine essential organizational issues: technical information, accommodation, protocols, visas, accreditation and local transport. Emphasis will be laid on the sports aspect, thus ensuring an optimum preparation of all participants.

ANOCA's representative insisted on the collaborative dimension of this meeting:

« ***Therefore, it's a unique occasion for all of you to exchange, share experiences and ask questions. » He added that « the chefs de mission meeting is a essential platform that enables us to express problems on various aspects relating to the competition.*** »

The Luanda meeting is an interactive platform. It's a strategy that will guarantee the quality of the meeting.

Vice-President AFONSO promised that « ***During the next days, we will listen to you and exchange with you on all issues dealing with the hosting of this sports event*** », thus asserting the organisers' will to listen and to adapt.

These fourth African Youth Games are more than a mere sports competition. They are a symbol of unity, hope and continental pride, a story of a generation bearing the aspirations of the entire Africa.

ANOCA's Vice-President ended his speech with this vibrating homage:

«***Special homage to all ANOCA members for the special importance given to Angola's sports authorities, athletes and Olympic Committee for hosting this project for Angola's pride. It's with the support of all, with the vision and courage of those who believe in a promising future for African athletes that we will promote our continent's sports.*** »

Through this exceptional mobilization of more than fifty African nations, Angola stands as the catalyst of an important continental movement. The 2025 AYG are not only games, they represent the dynamic African sports movement.



Sports Secretary of State

Representing the Minister of Youths and Sports of the Republic of Angola

« WE ARE ELATED TO WELCOME THE AFRICAN YOUTHS IN ANGOLA »

The Opening speech by His Excellency the Sports Secretary of State representing the Minister of Youths and Sports of the Republic of Angola dealt with some aspects. This is what he said in his opening remarks:

« ***Taking this as a great honour, I am talking to your Excellencies on behalf of His Excellency Rui Luís Falcão Pinto de Andrade, Minister of Youths and Sports of Angola, and therefore of the Angolan government, to welcome you in Luanda, the capital of Angola, to say a word at the start of this important Chefs de Mission's meeting for the Luanda 2025 African Youth Games. This meeting and the corresponding games are taking place in a special year for Angola and for Angolans, as we are living and celebrating the 50th anniversary of our independence this year. The celebration of our independence reminds us our historic past in the fight against colonialism,***



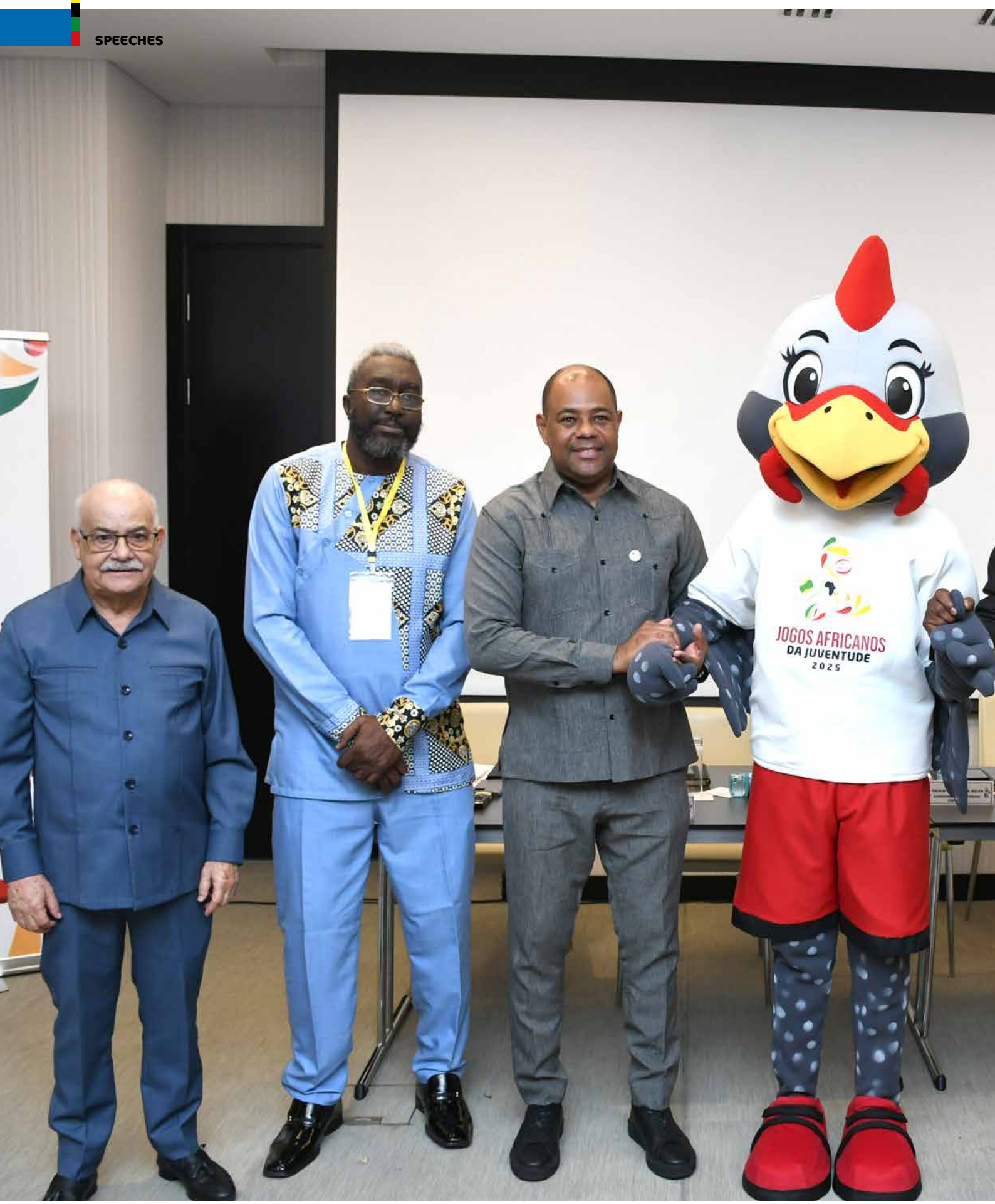
for autonomy, self-determination, peace and national unity, in the hope of building a promising future for our youths. »

He then revealed the Angolan Government' vision in relation with the organization of the African Youth Games:

« ***An there is no more inclusive way to express the Angolan government' firm resolve to fulfil this objective of our Nation to welcome Africa's sports youths, to celebrate our independence with us.***

So, with these Games, the Government of Angola performs three major commitments:

- ***Through sports, Placing youths at the centre of this celebration, while acknowledging the transformative role of sports in the education and social inclusion of youths;***
- ***Upholding excellence in all matters relating to organization, by offering dignified and secure conditions for all participants, as well as an ideal environment enabling youths to share their experiences, cultural values thus creating lifetime memories;***


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- ***Passing a sustainable heritage in terms of infrastructure, knowledge and opportunities for Angola and for the entire continent.*** »

He also reassessed the common responsibility for the success of the meeting:

« ***On behalf of His Excellency the Minister of Youths and Sports and the Government of Angola, I wish to thank all Chefs de Mission from various African nations here present, as well as each member of the Local Organizing Committee for the hard work and dedication for the holding of this great meeting of the African sports family. The contribution of each of you will be crucial for the success of these games. This meeting is the ideal moment to strengthen cooperation, streamline hopes and consolidate confidence in your and our mission. May this meeting be a milestone of exemplary unity and preparation towards the holding of games that will remain in the continent's memory.*** »

It is on this note that he officially declared open the Chefs de Mission's meeting for the Luanda 2025 African Youth Games.



CHEFS DE MISSION FOR THE ANGOLA 2025 AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE

They met to express their deep gratitude to several key personalities and organizations who contributed to the success of the meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ANGOLAN HEAD OF STATE AND HIS GOVERNMENT

Chefs de mission sincerely thanked Angola's Head of State, His Excellency President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço and his government for their unflinching support in the organization of the Angola 2025 African Youth Games. Their leadership and vision were crucial to make this event a success. Chefs de Mission also hailed the mobilization from the Ministry of Youths and Sports and the Angolan Olympic Committee, essential partners of this success. All agreed that the organization of the African Youth Games are a model of pan-African cooperation and a symbol of the continent's Olympic Movement's vitality.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GAMES' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Congratulations the Organising Committee of the African Youth Games (COJAJ) for their efforts put for this big come together of the African sports youths, for their outstanding work and for their dedication to ensure the success of the event. Chefs de Mission hailed the excellent job by the committee in order to offer an unforgettable experience to young African athletes.

TRIBUTE TO ANOCA PRESIDENT

The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Honourable Mustapha BERRAF was hailed for his leadership and his unflinching support in favour of African youths. His commitment to develop sports in Africa was saluted by chefs de mission. Under his leadership ANOCA succeeded to mobilize the continent's elites to provide African young athletes with infrastructure worth of Olympic standards.

They also saluted ANOCA's Executive Committee's mobilization whose logistic and institutional support contributed to the success of this preparatory meeting.







APPRECIATION TO ANOCA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANOCA's Executive Committee was also recognized for its constant support to Africa's sporting youths. Chefs de mission appreciated their hard work and dedication to promote Olympic values and support African young athletes.

Finally, Chefs de mission also underscored the importance of collaboration and team work to promote sports and youths in Africa. The Angola 2025 African Youth Games will remain an unforgettable moment for African young athletes and a testimony of ANOCA's commitment for the development of sports in Africa.

GAMES AS SYMBOLS OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY

The 4th African Youth Games, to be held in December 2025 in Luanda, will bring together African best African sports hopes in more than 25 disciplines.

THey will provide a unique exchange and learning platform for young athletes aged between 14 to 18, and will be the symbol of African sports' solidarity and vitality.



CHEFS DE MISSION EXPRESS THEMSELVES

The laudatory remarks made by the heads of mission were addressed both to the Organising Committee for the work accomplished and to the President of ANOCA, whose leadership was unanimously praised by his peers.





Chermaine Yemurai Chamboko

(Zimbabwe)

« THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MADE A WONDERFUL JOB»

« We are here in Angola and we visited many sites selected for the games. I believe that the local organizing committee made a wonderful job to find appropriate sites adapted for the various sports disciplines included in the programme. I strongly hope that we will have nice games. It is obvious that there are still some details to fine tune as concerns repairs to be made on sites according to various sports disciplines. But I believe that the organizing committee did a good job for sites as well as for Olympic village which will host participants. We are therefore eager to bring a good team from Zimbabwe and to stage a good performance during this competition organized by ANOCA. »

Harriet AYA

(Uganda)

« MAY THE 4TH AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES BE A REAL SUCCESS »

« I am very happy to be here to take part in the seminar bringing together all African CDMs. Everything went well up to now, we visited all sites that will host sports events. We went to various places in Bengo, Luanda, Futungo. Angola is ready. We were also given the technical manual which we went through. However, I now invite all countries to send their long lists in order to enable the Angolan team to work very fast in order to guarantee the success of the 4th African Youth Games.»

Cheick Condé

(Guinea)

« I SAY THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT BERRAF FOR HIS LEADERSHIP »

« I am here for the preparatory meeting ahead of the holding of the African Youth Games to be held in December. Therefore, I am already satisfied, because we visited the various sites which tremendously impressed us - the sites, the reception and all what it takes to have a successful sports event. ANOCA is doing an exemplary job for the benefit of African youths. I say thank you to President BERRAF for his leadership. »





Mounir Barbouchi

(Gabon)

« WE WERE WELL TREATED »

« Good morning to Angolan authorities, especially to the National Olympic Committee of Angola which received us, Chefs de Mission, for four days, in order to better prepare the African Youth Games scheduled for 10 to 20 December in Luanda. A very good experience. We were able to see the infrastructure. We were able to see where the games will take place. According to us, it was a good organization and I wish to thank again the authorities of Angola's National Olympic Committee and ANOCA above all, for promoting this fair emulation in sports and Olympism. »


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