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The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) has endorsed the postponement of the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games to 2026, following a decision taken and made public by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Senegal



The IOC and Senegal cited «**the operational and financial consequences of the global health crisis**» to justify the shift in the date of the organisation of the maiden Games on the continent.

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, through its President, Mustapha Berraf, notes this development and fully supports the postponement, which is all the more necessary given the urgency of the global health crisis.

Mustapha Berraf :

«For us members of the Executive Committee and NOC officials of ANOCA, this is a defining moment for the expression of Olympic Solidarity, which is the main glue of our common action.

I thank our Dear Leader, IOC President Thomas Bach, for his constant support to our continent and I call on all the 54 African NOCs to get fully involved in seeing through this project, which the entire African



Sports Movement holds dear. ANOCA will provide both material and financial support to ensure a hitch free organisation of the maiden games to be hosted in Africa.»

Mustapha Berraf went further to say:

«This terrible pandemic, Covid-19, has had disastrous consequences on our entire planet and we shall not fail in our duty of demonstrating our solidarity and fraternity with our sporting communities. We pray God to assist and protect us

so that, together, we can weather the storm. We will always owe a debt of gratitude to the health workers who are relentlessly working in the front lines to save lives and exposing themselves to the disease.

Fraternally.»

The Dakar Youth Olympic Games are now rescheduled for 2026, and ANOCA is fully committed to participate in and support this major African and world youth jamboree.

