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AN AUDIENCE TO ANOCA PRESIDENT





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On June 28, Mali's Transitional President, Colonel Assimi Goïta received the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), Mr. Mustapha Berraf. The President of the leading body of the African Olympic and sports movement was accompanied by Malian Minister of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development, Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher and the President of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Mali (NOSC), Mr. Habib Sissoko.

Both personalities centered their discussions on Africa Zone Games to be hosted by Mali in December this year. According to Mustapha Berraf, **«I had the honour to be received by the President with whom we had fruitful talks after**



those I had earlier with the Minister of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development. We are very happy with this high-ranking personality's vision which squarely falls in line with that of the International Olympic movement. ANOCA's wish is that Malian and African youths should be able, not only to practice their sports disciplines smoothly, but also fulfill themselves». «I was able to note that the Transitional President is well aware of problems and challenges facing the youths. I'm leaving Mali reassured and happy », said Mr. Berraf joyfully.





THE PRESIDENT OF ANOCA RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY THE MINISTER OF YOUTHS AND SPORTS IN CHARGE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP DEVELOPMENT



During his working visit in Mali, ANOCA President was granted an audience on 26 June 2021 by the Minister of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development, Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher. Both personalities discussed about « **common projects** » for African youths' development.

During the audience, Mr. Mustapha Berraf hailed the « **outstanding** »

job done by Minister since he was appointed as Head of the Sports Department. ANOCA President acknowledged that, thanks to his action, « **there is striking synergy between all actors of the Malian Sport movement.** » « **I am very honoured and elated to discuss with the Minister about common projects which will certainly, in the near future, put Malian sports its rightful place in Africa and the world. ANOCA will stand by Mali's side so as to show the**



entire world that in this country or elsewhere in Africa, there are talented young men and women with rich potentials. These young men and women shine in Europe and America. » This is what the Chief Executive of the African

The Malian member of Government delved on the effective implementation of common projects in the near future. ***«President Berraf's visit comes at a moment when we need true friends. We reflected on***



Olympic movement's governing body. ***«We are currently reflecting on a policy to put an end to these vicious nationalizations which make that young athletes represent countries which are not theirs. We fully respect them and we understand the situation very well. We will try to put necessary means at their disposal »*** he added.

a host of opportunities we could use for the good of our youths and athletes. I am satisfied and very enthusiastic with this audience, and mostly full of hope that in the days ahead, we should be able to implement common projects for the benefit of our country» Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher concluded.



MALI 2021 ZONE 2 GAMES

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN ANOCA, ZONE 2 AND MALI



The Conference hall of the Ministry of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development hosted on 29 June 2021, the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mali, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa and its Zone 2, relating to this zone's Africa Games

scheduled for December in Mali. This strategic document, officially called « *Memorandum of Understanding for the holding of Africa Zone 2 Games in Bamako (Mali), and the strengthening of the partnership in terms of training and sports infrastructure* » was signed by three high-ranking officials. These include the Minister of Youths and





Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development, Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher, the President of ANOCA, Mr. Mustapha Berraf, and ANOCA Zone 2 President, also Mali's NOC President, Mr. Habib Sissoko.

In his address, the Minister of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development said that Mr. Berraf decided, following his reelection, to pay his first visit to Mali, in spite of the numerous invitations he had received from other countries. « **Only for that, Mr. Berraf has clearly shown his feeling of friendship and love for our country** », Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher said.

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In addition to the hosting of Zone 2 Games, this Memorandum of Understanding also aims at strengthening the partnership in terms of training and sports infrastructure.

The Malian Cabinet Member also pointed out that by hosting the Zone 2 Africa Games, his country will show the whole world that it remains one of the best destinations to discover « **the energy, the strength and the power** » of African youths.

ANOCA President, Mr. Mustapha Berraf on his part started by expressing the support and the solidarity of the African Olympic and





As far as Zone 2 and Mali's National Olympic and Sports Committee President, Mr. Habib Sissoko, he welcomed ANOCA President's visit. He indicated that Mali will be hosting these Games for the second time, adding that **« We have already done it in 2005, and it was a great success; I am convinced that with the contributions of the Minister and ANOCA President, the next Games will be successful »**. The Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony between ANOCA and Mali was attended by many Malian sports authorities.

Sport movement to the Malian people. For him, in addition to the staging of the Africa Zone 2 Games next December in Mali and the training programme, this MoU is also part of the mutual support for Malian youths and those from other Zone 2 Games, one of the most significant of its association.





INSIDE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED IN BAMAKO

The MoU signed between the Government of Mali, ANOCA and Zone 2 of the leading body of the African Olympic movement on 29 June includes 7 articles. Article 1 sets the aim of the agreement and states that: « ***This Memorandum of Understanding's aim shall be to organize Zone 2 Africa Games of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOCA) and to strengthen the partnership in the areas of training and sports infrastructure*** ».

Article 2 indicates the time and place of the Games, making it clear that they shall hold « in the month of December 2021 in Bamako, Mali. ». Article 3 Of the MoU stipulates that an organization committee shall be put in place and will include both officials of the Ministry in charge of sports and those of Mali's National Olympic and Sports Committee.

As regards article 4, it focuses on « ***Malian party's obligations*** ». It thus states that «***the Ministry of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development of Mali and Mali's National Olympic and Sports***

Committee are responsible, each in its area of competence, for providing participating African delegations, reception accommodation and catering conditions that respect required norms and standards. They shall make sure to provide necessary security and health conditions throughout this international event. »

Article 5, defines ANOCA's duties by stating that « ***The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) undertakes to provide financial assistance for the organization of Zone 2 Africa Games in conformity with resolutions adopted during the Cairo General Assembly and the strengthening of the partnership in the area of partnership and sports infrastructure. It shall send its experts to the Organizing Committee to assist in the coordination and follow-up of competitions*** ».

Coming to article 6, it requests the Organizing Committee to acquire the required insurance contracts, while article 7 indicates that the Memorandum takes effect as from the date of its signature.



JEUX DE LA ZONE 2, MALI 2021

THE MINISTER OF YOUTHS AND SPORTS IN CHARGE OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP DEVELOPMENT OF MALI RECEIVES A DECORATION FROM ANOCA

During a visit in Mali, ANOCA President, on behalf of the Institution he is heading, awarded a decoration to Mr. Mossa Ag Attaher, Minister of Youths and Sports in charge of Civic Education and Citizenship Development. This was on 29 June on the sidelines of the ceremony for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the organization of the 2021 edition of ANOCA Zone 2 Africa Zone Games; present at the ceremony were Zone President, also President of Mali's National Olympic and Sports President, Mr. Habib Sissoko and many other Malian sports authorities. Speaking on that occasion, ANOCA President, Mr. Mustapha Berraf stated that the Malian Minister was a strong advocate of Olympic values; he went on by saying

that his action in favour of his country's youth fulfillment is in line with his organization's strategic vision. For him, he has often taken inimitable actions which have contributed in giving his country the joy and the pride of belonging to a people respected and recognized people throughout the continent.

M. Mossa Ag Attaher on his own part, after receiving this medal, had this to say: ***«I can not refrain from humbly expressing all the pride for being a happy recipient of such a distinction besides such high-ranking African leaders. I wish to thank the President of National Olympic Committees of Africa for this distinction which I dedicate to all my collaborators and to the sports movement of Mali.»***





WHAT DID PEOPLE SAY?

Mr. Mustapha Berraf, IOC member and ANOCA President

«I will leave Mali reassured and very happy ; I am convinced that in the near future, we will implement great projects, great events and great events wit Mali. Among these projects, we have Africa Zone Games, which will hold next December and bring together 10 countries, including 8 from Zone II (Mali's Zone, Ed), in all Olympic disciplines.

This will be an opportunity for athletes to show the entire world that Mali is a great country, a splendid country which is faring well, a country whose populations and authorities are familiar with modernity, progress and care about youths' concerns».

Mr. Habib Sissoko, ANOCA Zone 2 and NOSCM President

« La Zone 2 est très heureuse

« Zone 2 is very happy to have been visited by ANOCA President. For his first outing after he was re-elected, he went for our zone. This is a great sign of love. Major projects are in the pipeline for the fulfillment of athletes from our various NOCs. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the organization of the 2021 edition Africa Zone Games and the strengthening of the partnership in the areas of training and sports infrastructure was a landmark of this visit which provides us with the opportunity to boost this competition which is dedicated to the youths and which constitutes a rich nursery for us. In December 2021, we wish to demonstrate our know-how in organizing major international sports events. We say thank you to ANOCA and its President for this support. »

