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GROUND-BREAKING AGREEMENT

FIFA, IOC AND ANOCA PARTNER TO OFFER 50 FOOTBALL PITCHES TO OLYMPAFRICA CENTRES



Ground-breaking and forward-looking initiative: FIFA, the IOC and ANOCA announce a historic partnership aimed at providing 50 Olympafrica Centres with modern and accessible football pitches, thus contributing to youth development in Africa.

SHARED COMMITMENT TO AFRICA'S YOUTH

As part of a shared sport development vision in Africa, FIFA, represented by President Gianni Infantino, and ANOCA, represented by Mustapha Berraf in close collaboration with the IOC, recently signed a historic agreement, which provides for the construction of 50 football pitches in Olympafrica Centres, which are strategic facilities for the promotion of sport and Olympic values among young Africans.



This project demonstrates the shared desire of these institutions to give greater access to sport for all, with particular emphasis on football, a universal discipline and a lever for social inclusion.

Key objectives

This agreement seeks to address a number of major sport development issues in Africa:

- **Equitable access to sport**: Offering underprivileged young Africans modern and safe infrastructure in which to play football, regardless of their geographical or social origin.
- **Educational values promotion**: Using football as a tool for education, discipline and social cohesion within local communities.
- **Talent Identification and development**: Creating platforms for budding talent identification and offering them opportunities to progress in football.
- **Sustainability and community impact**: Ensuring that each pitch has a lasting benefit for the local youth population by combining educational and social initiatives.



Olympafrica Centres: a strategic choice

Olympafrica Centres, owned by the Olympafrica Foundation, are multi-purpose facilities spread across the continent. They play a key role in promoting Olympic values and giving thousands of young Africans access to sport. The Centres are ideal locations for the new football pitches by virtue of their strategic location and their significant impact on local communities.

Some key figures:

- More than 50 functional Olympafrica Centres across the continent.
- Hundreds of thousands of young beneficiaries in Africa each year.
- An inclusive approach aimed at integrating young girls and underprivileged communities into sport.



TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

FIFA's essential contribution:

As part of this project, FIFA will provide technical and financial support for the construction and equipping of the pitches. The infrastructure will comply with international standards and incorporate sustainable solutions, in particular the use of recycled materials for the construction of the synthetic fields.



Role of ANOCA and the IOC:

ANOCA will play a central role in coordinating with the Olympafrica Centres, ensuring that the pitches are used optimally to meet the needs of young people and local communities. ANOCA is also committed to organising regular sports activities, tournaments and educational workshops to maximise the impact of these facilities.

Inclusive and participatory model:

Each pitch will be designed to be accessible to all, including young people with disabilities. In addition, specific programmes will be developed to encourage the participation of young girls in football, thereby helping to promote gender equality in sport.



EXPECTED IMPACT ON AFRICAN YOUTH

This is much more than just a sports infrastructure investment project. It represents a powerful lever for transforming lives and communities:

- **Education and personal development**: Football, as a team sport, preaches values such as respect, discipline and team spirit. The pitches will become spaces where young people can learn and grow.
- **Economic opportunities**: The construction and maintenance of the pitches will generate local employment, while sports activities and events can boost the community economy.
- **Social cohesion**: By bringing together young people from different backgrounds around sport, these pitches will help to strengthen social bonds and promote peace and unity.



INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS TESTIFY

Gianni Infantino, FIFA President:

"Football has the power to transform lives. Through this agreement with the IOC and ANOCA, we want to offer young Africans not only modern facilities, but also opportunities to dream big and fulfil their potential. This project reflects our commitment to football development in Africa."

Mustapha Berraf, ANOCA President:

"This joint initiative is patent proof of our resolve to make sport a driving force for development on our continent. The football pitches in the Olympafrica Centres will help to train not only future champions, but also future committed citizens."



SUSTAINABLE VISION

Sustainability is at the heart of this project, both environmentally and socially. Each pitch will be equipped to minimise its ecological footprint, through the use of water-efficient irrigation systems and renewable energy sources for lighting. In addition, educational programmes on environmental protection will be included in the activities of the Centres.



CONCLUSION: A UNITED AND FRATERNAL, AFRICA ON THE MOVE

This FIFA-IOC- ANOCA agreement marks a milestone in the history of African sport. With concerted efforts, the institutions are demonstrating that sport is a powerful tool for building a better future. Thanks to these 50 pitches, thousands of young Africans will be able to dream, shine and contribute to the development of their communities.

In the same vein, educational programmes will be offered to young Africans who do not have access to them, as well as training in trades, an opportunity for career transition. This project is part of FIFA's global vision to provide all continents with football pitches. ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf expressed his organisation's gratitude to Gianni Infantino and Thomas BACH for their unfailing support for the African Olympic and Sports Movement.

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