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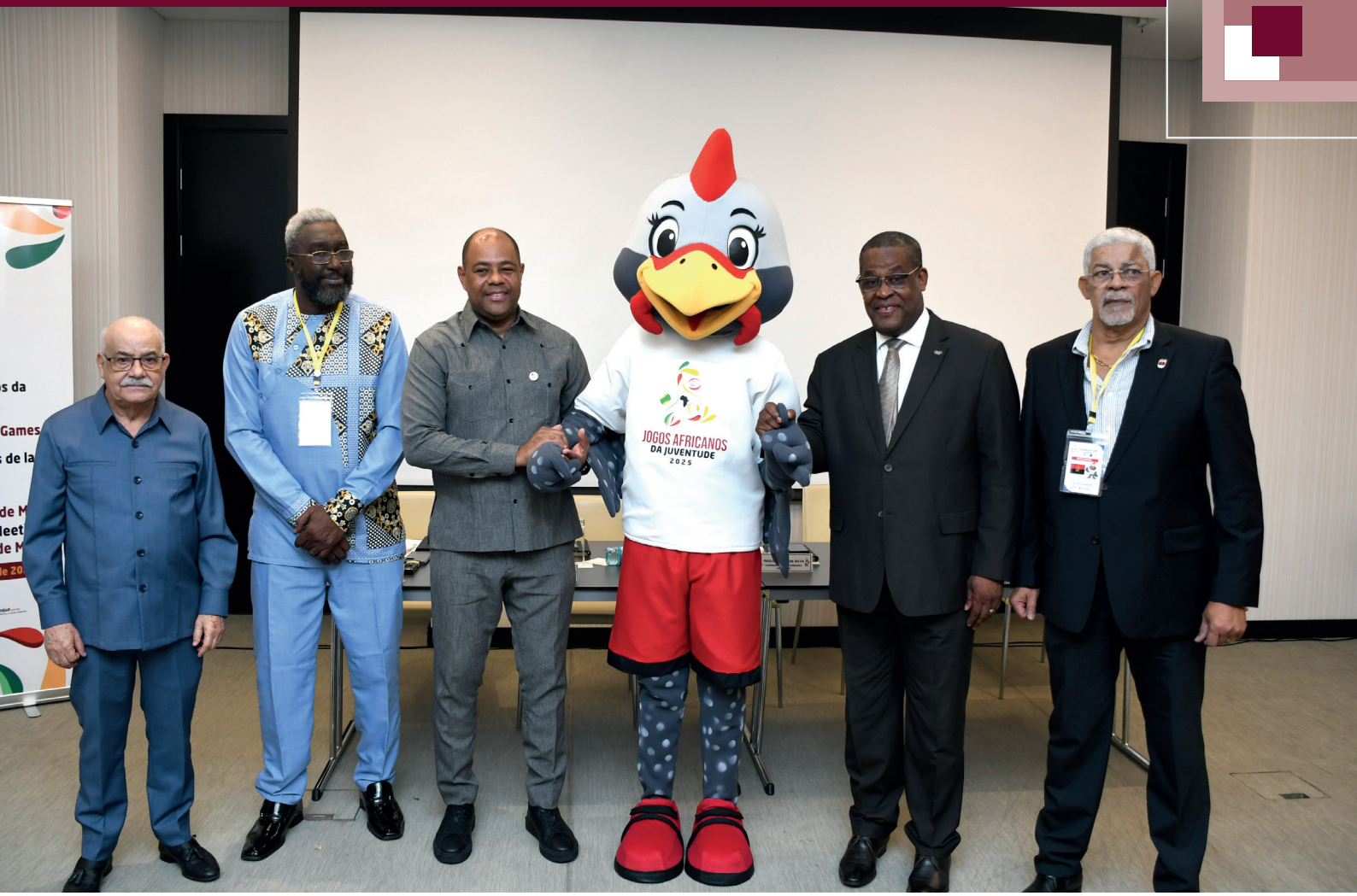
OVER 50 COUNTRIES GATHER IN LUANDA AHEAD OF THE 4TH AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES 2025



Luanda - 20 and 21 September 2025 - Angola hosted a meeting of Chefs de Mission for the 4th African Youth Games Luanda 2025, a major continental event set for December. The crucial meeting brought together over fifty African countries, marking a significant milestone in preparations for this celebration of youths and sport in Africa.

OFFICIAL OPENING UNDER THE BANNER OF AFRICAN UNITY

The meeting was officially opened by His Excellency the Secretary of State for Sport and coordinator of COJAJ executive subcommittee, Dr Paulo Alexandre Madeira, alongside the President of the Angola Olympic Committee, Mr Pedro Celestino de Souza Godinho, representing His Excellency the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr Rui Luís Falcão Pinto d'Andrade, and the Deputy Coordinator of COJAJ, Mr Gustavo Dias Vaz da Conceição.



ANOCA First Vice-President, Joao Da Costa Alegre AFONSO, delivered a unifying speech at the opening ceremony, underscoring the historic importance of this gathering: "***It is indeed a great honour for me to welcome you here on behalf of ANOCA and our president, Honourable Moustapha Berraf, to this Chefs de Mission meeting for the 4th edition of the African Youth Games Angola 2025. Sejam benvindus, bienvenue à Angola, welcome to Angola, bienvenidos à Angola***".

ATHLETES AT THE HEART OF ALL INITIATIVES

The ANOCA Vice-President recalled the fundamental philosophy guiding the organisation of these Games:

"***By organising this event, ANOCA's aim is to demonstrate that athletes are at the heart of all our initiatives. Our mission is to put in place suitable conditions to help them compete at regional and international level.***"



This technical meeting is of paramount importance for the success of the event. As Mr AFONSO pointed out: "***This meeting is a crucial moment for you, because it is your responsibility, I repeat, it is your responsibility to organise your teams to successfully participate in these games, in compliance with the rules, especially age-related issues***."

COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE AND COORDINATION PROGRAMME

During these intensive working days, the Chef de mission addressed all key organisational aspects including technical information, accommodation, protocols, visas, accreditations and local transport. Special emphasis was placed on sports events, to guarantee optimum preparations for all participants.

The ANOCA representative underscored the collaborative nature of the meeting, stating that: "***This is a unique opportunity for all of you to discuss and share experiences, but also to ask any questions you may have***." He also pointed out that "***the chefs de mission meeting is an ideal platform for us to raise any concerns we may have about various aspects of the competition.***"

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Continuing his speech, Vice President Afonso confirmed the organisers' determination to listen and adapt:

"***Over the next few days, we will have the opportunity to listen to you and discuss all issues related to the organisation of this sporting event.***"

While opening the deliberations, the Secretary of State for Sport presented a forward-looking message of hope, affirming that Angola believes in African youths, the power of sport and the future that the continent is building together. This vision aligns perfectly with the continental momentum championed by ANOCA.

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EVENT TO FOSTER CONTINENTAL UNITY

The 4th African Youth Games are more than just a sports competition. They embody a symbol of unity, hope and continental pride, penning down the stories of a generation that carries the aspirations of the entire African continent.



ANOCA Vice President concluded his speech with a heartfelt tribute: "***Special thanks to all ANOCA members for their tremendous support to the sports authorities, Angolan athletes and the Angolan Olympic Committee in embracing this initiative that will bring joy to the people of Angola. It is with everyone's support, and the vision and courage of those who believe in a promising sporting future for African athletes, that we will continue to grow our sporting continent.***"

With this exceptional mobilisation of more than fifty African nations, Angola is positioning itself as the catalyst for a major continental movement. The AYG 2025 are not just Games, they represent the future of African sport in motion.

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