



**3<sup>rd</sup> SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON YOUTH,  
CULTURE AND SPORTS (STC-YCS-3)  
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ALGIERS – ALGERIA**

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**THEME: “THE ROLE OF AFRICAN YOUTH IN BUILDING A STRONG CULTURE  
TOWARDS FIGHTING CORRUPTION”**

**REPORT OF THE MINISTERS’ MEETING**

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministers' Meeting of the 3<sup>RD</sup> African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS 3) was held in Algiers, Algeria on 25 October 2018, following the meeting of Experts' held from 21 to 24 October 2018. The theme of the conference was ***"THE ROLE OF AFRICAN YOUTH IN BUILDING A STRONG CULTURE TOWARDS FIGHTING CORRUPTION"***.

## II. ATTENDANCE

2. The following 45 AU Member States were in attendance:

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, The Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Islamic Republic of The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Niger, Uganda, Rwanda, Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Africa, Kingdom of Swaziland, Chad, Togo, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

3. The following Partner agencies attended the meeting:

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), The Commonwealth, UNESCO, Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa (OCPA); the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA); Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC);

4. The following Specialized Institutions of the African Union were represented: The African Academy of Languages (ACALAN); the Centre for Linguistic Studies Through Oral Traditions (CELHTO); and The African Union Sports Council (AUSC).

## III. OPENING SESSION

5. In her welcome statement H.E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs expressed gratitude to the people and Government of Algeria for the courtesy extended for the AU to hold a smooth session of the STC-YCS3. She welcomed the Ministers and recalled that the fight against corruption will foster the realization of human and people's rights in Africa. She noted the efforts made to curb anti-doping in Africa, including the AU nomination in the World Anti-Doping Agency Board which will go a long way in combating corruption in sports.
6. H.E. the Commissioner announced the upcoming appointment of an African Union Youth Envoy and Advisory Council by the AUC Chairperson.
7. The Minister of Sport from Algeria H.E. Hatab Mohamed welcomed all delegates to Algeria and highlighted the importance of intra African solidarity and its impact on the fight against corruption in Africa. He observed that it was important for the African continent to rely on its potential and resources to advance youth culture and

sports in Africa.

The Algerian Minister of Culture H.E. Mr. Mihoubi Aseddine in his statement highlighted the critical role that young people play in fighting corruption. He underscored Algeria’s interest in the promotion of culture across Africa and announced the launch of the first edition of an African arts and culture “Miriam Makeba” award of 100,000.00 USD.

8. Hon. Ahmed Lahbib, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Saharawi Republic, 1st Vice Chairperson of the Bureau of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Specialized Technical Committee On Youth, Culture and Sport, expressed appreciation to the Government of Algeria led by H.E. Abdel Aziz Bouteflika and their commitment to be a symbol of freedom and liberation. He further commended the Experts for their relentless work to facilitate the work of the Ministerial Meeting. He thanked the STC-YCS2 for the confidence granted to the previous bureau in which he was privileged to serve and declared the STC-YCS3 open.

#### IV. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

9. **Election of the Bureau of the STC-YCS3:** Following confirmation of the quorum and presentation of election procedure by the representative of the Office of the Legal Counsel, the meeting adopted the Bureau for the 3rd Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sport as follows:

Position	Region	Country	Sector
Chairperson	Northern Region	Algeria	Minister of Sport
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson	Southern Region	Zambia	Minister of Youth
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Western Region	Nigeria	Minister of Culture
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson	Central Region	Republic of Congo	Minister of Sport
Rapporteur	Eastern Region	Uganda	Minister of Youth

#### V. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work of the STC-YCS3

10. The agenda and programme of work were adopted without amendment.

#### VI. Panel Discussion on the STC YCS 3 theme “*Role of African Youth in Building a Strong Culture towards Fighting Corruption.*”

11. Introducing the session, the moderator H.E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs mentioned that corruption in Africa is a problem that permeates many areas of our society and it was important to put in place strategies to ensure involvement

of all stakeholders, particularly the youth in the fight against corruption.

12. Key issues from the panel included the involvement of youth in all decision-making processes and stages. Some of the best practices shared were the capacity building schemes and technical training amongst others, which have helped to decrease levels of corruption, increase integrity indexes and empower young people.

13. In her concluding remarks, the moderator H.E Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs thanked the panelists and discussants for their valuable input into the theme of the meeting, with an undertaking that the deliberations will be shared with other organs towards fighting the scourge of corruption in Africa.

## VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXPERTS' MEETING OF THE STC-YCS3

14. The report of the Experts meeting of the STC-YCS3 was presented by the Rapporteur of the STC-YCS3. The Rapporteur gave a brief overview of what the Experts discussed over the previous two days. Issues noted were as follows;

### 15. ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Meeting noted the progress on the implementation of the African Youth Charter and called upon the AUC to set a specific deadline for Member States to ratify it. Further the issues of the involvement of the Pan African Youth Union on various activities of the AUC was tabled and it was noted the PYU is not an organ of the AUC and therefore nothing legally binds the Commission to work with it.

### 16. ON CULTURE

#### The ministers noted:

- a) The need to mobilize the entire continent to have the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance ratified by adding timelines and penalties for failure to meet deadlines;
- b) The development of, or incorporation in, public libraries that provide facilities for people living with disabilities in order to make the libraries more inclusive.
- c) The ministers also shared information on the 50th anniversary celebration of CEHLTO that will take place in Niger in December 2018 and Member States were invited to attend.
- d) Meeting of Ministers of Culture for ECCAS to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 in Brazzaville, Congo and will focus on strategies to increase number of ratifications of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and needs of the culture sector.
- e) Meeting of Ministers of Culture of Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) to be hosted by Niger, in November 2019.
- f) Algeria's presentation on the first edition of "festival of Continents, a showcase of Africa", mainly sponsored by UNESCO and supported by the African Group at UNESCO. The festival was held in Cherbourg (France), in 2018 and Member

States were called to support and participate in the festival scheduled to be held each year.

#### **17. ON SPORT**

- a) The Session commended the Commission for taking a leading role in the Anti-doping programmes in Africa.
- b) With regards to the participation in continental sporting activities, the ministers endorsed the Kingdom of Morocco and the republic of Ghana to host the African games in 2019 and 2023 respectively.
- c) The Ministers acknowledged the pledge by Republic of Madagascar to host the African Ministerial meeting of the implementation of the Kazan Action Plan in June 2019. Key themes at the meeting shall be: protecting the integrity of Sport, inclusive access for all to sport, Physical Education and physical activity and maximizing the contribution of sport to Sustainable Development and Peace.
- d) The Session took note of the activities of African Paralympic Committee and called all Member States to support sporting activities of persons with disabilities. They further endorsed the “African Para Games” to be held every four years in the lead up of the Paralympic Games and encouraged Members States to volunteer to host the first Edition in the first quarter of 2020.
- e) The Ministers noted the importance of having harmonious relationship between Africa and international sport bodies and commended Senegal for winning the bid to host the 2022 Youth Olympic Games and called upon Member States to support Senegal.

18. The ministers endorsed the experts report with the recommendations from the three parallel sessions.

### **VIII. DECISIONS ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS**

#### **IX. ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

##### **Matrix of Implementation of STC-YCS2 Youth Decisions**

19. **TAKES NOTE** of the progress report presented by the AUC on the implementation of activities relating to the decisions of the 2nd STC on YSC held from the 16 to

17th June 2016, in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, and also expresses concern at the low rate of reporting on Decisions by Member States.

22. **REQUESTS** that Member States align their reporting mechanisms to the Africa Youth Charter and the Demographic Dividend road map.
23. **URGES** Member States to submit contributions to the biennial Status of African Youth Reports, in order to track progress on implementation of the Youth Development Agenda in the Continent.

### **Report on the implementation of the theme of the year 2017**

24. **CALLS UPON** AUC and Member States to sustain the momentum on the implementation of the Demographic Dividend Road Map at national and continental levels.
25. **URGES** the AUC and Member states to accelerate and strengthen the establishment of demographic dividend coordination mechanisms that will foster the mainstreaming of the AU Demographic Dividend road map in national policies and programs.
26. **URGES** Member States to establish national youth development funds, and where they exist, strengthen these funds.
27. **REQUESTS** to annually report on the implementation of the Demographic Dividend road map and investments made in youth, through established reporting mechanisms.

### **Status of African Youth Report and Report on Implementation of AYC**

28. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission in collaboration with Member States to standardize the definition of Youth development indicators and data collection tools, as well as align the age bracket for collecting youth data with the African Youth Charter (15-35), on the development of the Status of African Youth report.
29. **ENCOURAGES** AUC to endeavor to produce the Status of African Youth Report from Member States' statistics and data systems where available and **REQUESTS** that Member States avail the same data to the AUC to facilitate timely development of the report.
30. **FURTHER REQUESTS** AUC and Member States provide support to relevant focal points which will facilitate data collection at the national level.

### **African Decade for Technical, Professional Entrepreneurial Training and Youth Employment**

31. **TAKES NOTE** of the steps taken by the Commission and its partners in the development of the Plan of Action for the African Decade for Technical,

Professional and Entrepreneurial Training and Youth Employment.

32. **COMMENDS** the AUC and Development Partners for the successful hosting of the first continental Dialogue Platform on Skills Development and Employment under the hashtag Africa Talks Jobs.
33. **REQUESTS** that the AUC shares the plan of action for the African decade with Member States and urges the latter to provide inputs to the document by the end of November 2018.
34. **ADOPTS** the Decade Plan of Action, pending the input from Member States
35. **CALLS UPON** AUC, Member States and Partners to advocate for the implementation of the TVET Decade Plan of Action as an integral part of the African Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (APAYE).
36. **URGES** Member States to respond with agility to the issues of labour migration and mobility, and the implementation of policies to respond to Youth unemployment and underemployment.

#### **African Union Youth Volunteer Corps Progress Report and Initiative on Promoting Youth Volunteerism and Exchange Programs in Africa**

37. **COMMENDS** the Commission for its initiative to promote Volunteerism and in particular Youth Volunteerism in Africa as a means for youth empowerment and development of the continent by 1) proposing a policy framework for setting minimum standards for voluntarism in Africa, 2) establishing linkages with existing volunteer initiatives in Member State and RECs; 3) Strengthening the implementation of the AU Youth Volunteer Corps (AU-YVC) – a continental youth volunteer initiative which recruits, trains and deploys young African Professionals;
38. **REQUESTS** the Commission to submit a draft continental volunteer policy and the strategy document for the institutionalization of AU-YVC for consideration by the AU Assembly in the 2019 July AU Summit, and further requests the AUC to launch a call for Member States to host the institutionalization workshop in 2019;
39. **CALLS UPON** AU Member States to strengthen commitment to promoting volunteerism in Africa through increased finance, partnerships and reporting through the Continental volunteer linkages platform;
40. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** the AUC to streamline the AUYV recruitment process and urges Member States to express interest in hosting the upcoming sessions of the AU-YVC trainings upon receiving a call from the Commission. The STC further

calls upon Member States to provide direct funding for their nationals in order to boost their participation in the program;

41. **URGES** the Commission to create a continental talent pool accessible to Member States and Development partners and calls for the establishment of follow up mechanism for alumni volunteers.

42. **REQUESTS** that the AUC supports Member States in restructuring their national volunteer programs

### **Establishing Synergies between the UN Youth Strategy and AU Continental Initiatives**

43. **CALLS UPON** the AUC to enhance synergies between the UN Youth Strategy, Generation Unlimited and AU continental youth initiatives to accelerate the implementation of African Plan of Action on Youth Empowerment (APAYE) and **REQUESTS** that the UN frameworks on youth development be aligned with the continental strategies.

### **African Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (APAYE)**

44. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposed framework for the development of the APAYE towards the implementation of the Agenda 2063 10-year implementation plan and in line with the pillars of the AU Demographic Dividend Roadmap.

45. **CALLS UPON** the UN (UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, and UNDP) and other Development partners to support the APAYE framing, development and implementation processes.

46. **URGES Member States to contribute to the process of the development of the African Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (APAYE).**

### **On Youth Connekt**

47. **REQUESTS** that the AUC in collaboration with the Government of Rwanda and relevant partners establishes YouthConnekt Africa as a continental Initiative that promotes youth linkages and knowledge sharing.

48. **CALLS UPON** the Commission to support the institutionalisation of YouthConnekt Africa Hub as a coordination platform of innovative activities among youth in Member States in line with the African Youth Charter and the demographic dividend road map.

### **Study of Youth Organization in Africa, Institutionalization of Pan African Youth Forum and the relationship between the AUC and PYU**

49. **CALLS UPON** the African Union Commission to establish a continental youth engagement mechanism with a clearly defined mandate and accountability



measures to facilitate a collaborative network among youth organizations at national, regional and continental levels for a harmonized flow of engagement, and to foster inclusivity and participation.

50. **REQUESTS** that Youth organizations and Member States uphold strict adherence to the African Union Youth Charter with respect to the provisions on the age of African Youth.
51. **REITERATES** the Assembly Decision on the Institutionalization of the Pan African Youth Forum.
52. **REQUESTS** that the Pan African Youth Forum be organized annually as an exchange platform with youth on the 1st of November to mark the celebration of the African Youth Day.
53. **CALLS UPON** the AUC to establish a committee to review its collaboration with the PYU and propose recommendations for its reform.

#### **Model African Union**

54. **REQUESTS** the AUC and Member States to promote the Model AU simulations, and other similar activities that popularize the AU, among the youth both in and out of learning institutions to enhance Pan-Africanism, and knowledge of decision-making processes at the AU.

#### **Role of youth in fighting corruption**

55. **TAKES NOTE** of the Algerian model on involvement of young people in the fight against corruption through civic education, use of the arts among others to promote Pan African values.
56. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the outcomes of the youth regional consultations on anti-corruption which took place across Africa on strengthening the capacity of youth in the fight against corruption.
57. **URGES** Member States to establish mechanisms to protect whistle blowers as a means of addressing rampant corruption.

### **ON CULTURE ISSUES**

#### **DRAFT AFRICAN UNION MODEL LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY AND HERITAGE**

58. **ADOPTS** the Draft African Union Model Law on the Protection of Cultural Property and Heritage and requested that it be submitted to other African Union Policy Organs including the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the AU Assembly for final adoption; **CALLS FOR** Member States that wish to domesticate the African Union Model Law on the Protection of Cultural Property and Heritage to do so; and **URGES** the finalization of the Draft Implementation Guide of the African Union Model Law on the Protection of Cultural Property and

Heritage for better understanding of the provisions thereof. FURTHER CALLS FOR the development of other similar pieces of legislation including on the status of Artists;

### **GREAT MUSEUM OF AFRICA (GMA) – A Flagship Project of the AU Agenda 2063**

59. **URGES** the AU, Member States to support the establishment of the Great Museum of Africa and to take urgent action in the mobilization of resources from the AU, Member States and also using Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and definition of its mechanisms by the Technical and Advisory Committee of the Great Museum of Africa considering the timelines and the budget involved to establish the Great Museum of Africa;
60. **CALLS FOR** the installation of African motifs in the interior of the Great Museum of Africa so that it is inherently African and a source of pride for generations to come;
61. **REQUESTS** Algeria to take a lead role in the reflections for the repatriation of African heritage. **CALLS FOR** the establishment of synergies between the Great Museum of Africa and the Museum of Black Civilizations;

### **1ST AFRICAN UNION PAN-AFRICAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE (AW-PAWC1)**

62. **ADOPTS** the Framework for Action of the 1st African Union Pan-African Writers' Conference (AU-PAWC1) and the African Union Project on the Promotion of Reading the Author and African Literature and **URGES** Member States to support the initiative at national regional and continental levels.

### **5TH AFRICAN UNION PAN-AFRICAN CULTURAL CONGRESS (PACC5)**

63. **ADOPTS** the Framework for Action of the 5th Pan-African Cultural Congress (PACC5) and called for Member States and Pan-African Cultural institutions to implement and promote the development of the African Creative Economy in line with the theme of the Congress 'Advancing the African Union Agenda 2063 through the African Creative Economy'; **URGES** the promotion of Cultural Diplomacy through the development of regional integration and social cohesion programmes in the Member States and the availability of African goods and services to the global market; **CALLS FOR** the review of the African Union Plan of Action on Cultural and Creative industries to include contemporary approaches for the development of the African Creative Sector;

### **CHARTER FOR AFRICAN CULTURAL RENAISSANCE AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE**

64. **WELCOMES** the introduction by Mali, as a State Party to the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, of a request for an amendment of Article 35 of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance on entry into force to ensure that similarly to other instruments of the AU, the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance enters into force after fifteen (15) ratifications; **ADOPTS** the Draft Implementation Guide of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and **HAILLS** the efforts of the Champions

of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, African Union Commission and the Observatory of Cultural Policies of Africa (OCPA) in developing a pedagogical tool which will guide Member States in the Implementation of the Charter; **CALLS UPON** the Member States that have not yet ratified the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance to expedite their ratification processes;

### **DURBAN COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE ON LIBRARIES**

65. **CALLS UPON** Member States to popularize and implement the Durban Communique of the Ministerial Roundtable on Information Access with regards to the African Union Agenda 2063 and the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance, held in Durban, South Africa in July 2018. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** Member states to use best practices in Public Library Networks. **ENCOURAGES** the promotion of the concept of mobile libraries initiatives that will support visibility and intellectuality. **URGES** Member States to develop Public Libraries that provide facilities for people living with disabilities greater inclusivity. **CALLS UPON** Member States to Work with the African Academy of Languages (ACALAN) to translate books in African languages, in order to ensure maximum access to reading materials in respective countries and consume reading materials in African languages, digitalize books for the future generations, and share experiences in terms of public reading and libraries in Africa;

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AFRICAN AND AFRO-DESCENDANT CULTURE**

66. **ADOPTS** the 24th of January as the International Day of African and Afro Descendant Culture to be celebrated in African Union Member States and the Diaspora; **REQUESTS** Mali to work with the African Union Commission in the identification of the theme of the year of the International Day of African and Afro Descendant Culture to be transmitted to Member States;

### **DRAFT POSITION PAPER ON WORLD HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

67. **ADOPTS** the Draft African Position Paper on World Heritage and Sustainable Development and **REQUESTS** the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and the AU Commission to popularize it to ensure renewed promotion, conservation and preservation of African Heritage.

### **ALGIERS' CALL TO ACTION ON HERITAGE IN AFRICA**

68. **ADOPTS** the Algiers' Call to Action on Heritage in Africa and **CALLS UPON** the Republic of South Africa to broaden the consultation on the process and include UNESCO convention for the Safeguarding of the intangible Cultural Heritage 2003 in relation to languages and category II centers; and welcomes the creation in

Algiers, with the support of UNESCO, of a Category 2 center, responsible for safeguarding intangible Cultural Heritage in Africa (CRESPIAF)

### **AFRICAN ACADEMY OF LANGUAGES (ACALAN)**

69. **WELCOMES** the work of the African Academy of Languages (ACALAN) a Specialized Institution of the AU based in Bamako, Mali and in charge of preservation and promotion of African Languages as a tool for the preservation and development of Africa's rich intangible heritage.

70. **ADOPTS** the African Academy of Languages (ACALAN) Awareness campaign in all AU Member States in order to ensure the full promotion of African Languages on the continent; **REQUESTS** the organization of a side event during the June 2019 Assembly of Heads of State and Government as a visibility tool to the ACALAN Campaign. **FURTHER ADOPTS** the week of January 24 – 30 as a Week for African Languages (WAL) for all Member States to commemorate and carry out African Language development and promotional activities during the period.

### **CENTRE FOR LINGUISTIC STUDIES THROUGH ORAL TRADITION (CELHTO)**

71. **CALLS FOR** financial support for the Centre for Linguistic Studies through Oral Traditions (CELHTO) and **REQUESTS** the development of a statute for CELHTO to provide it with a legal framework to discharge its mission. **FURTHER CALLS FOR** the safeguarding of heritage by integrating it into the educational systems;

### **AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND (AWHF)**

72. **URGES** Members States to provide technical and financial support to the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) to enable the Fund fulfil its mandate on the continent. **ENCOURAGES** AU Member States which have not pledged to consider contributing financially to the Fund to do so; **CALLS UPON** AU Member States to sensitize the relevant ministries particularly Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Environment, Culture, Youth, Arts and Sports on the work of the African World Heritage Fund on the continent; **FURTHER URGES** Member States to sensitize Heads of State and Government on the planned upcoming AWHF Side Event to be hosted by the Chairperson of AUC, on the occasion of the 32nd African Union Heads of State and Government Summit to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from the 10 – 11 February 2019.

### **ALL AFRICA MUSIC AWARDS (AFRIMA)**

73. **CALLS UPON** all African Union Member States to provide support to the All Africa Music Awards (AFRIMA) Pan-African Initiative; **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** to the Government of Ghana for hosting the 5th Edition of the Awards in 2018. **FURTHER CALLS UPON** other Member States to host subsequent editions of the All Africa Music Awards and **REQUESTS** Member States to facilitate their national

televisions/broadcast stations to get the live feed of AFRIMA which is given free every year.

### **ENCYCLOPEDIA AFRICANA PROJECT (EAP)**

74. **CALLS UPON** AU Member States, the AU Commission and Pan-African Cultural Institutions to support the work of Encyclopedia Africana Project (EAP); **ENCOURAGES** the EAP to continue work towards the development and launching of the 4th Edition of the Encyclopedia Africana. **EXPRESSES GRATITUDE** to Algeria for availing itself to support the EAP in the constitution of its Technical and Scientific Committee and help to provide scientific content by sharing the documents' fund conserved by CNRPAH.

### **CREATION OF CULTURAL PARKS ON THE CONTINENT**

75. **URGES** Member States to preserve and conserve our cultural and natural heritage **ENCOURAGES** the establishment of a platform of exchange of experiences and best practices; **CALLS FOR** the financing of capacity building programmes for the management of cultural and natural assets on the continent in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF). **FURTHER CALLS FOR** the protection of natural and cultural spaces and to consider the need for integrity and authenticity to retain the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the properties and protection of these spaces for posterity.

### **COPYRIGHT PROTECTION FOR AFRICAN AUTHORS**

76. **SUPPORTS** the proposal by Algeria for the creation of an African Confederation of Copyright which will assist in the development/review of National copyright laws to recover and preserve the rights of artists. **CALLS FOR** the development of a Model Law on Copyright and the establishment of a Working Group for the development of this Copyright Model Law;

### **ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVALS, EVENTS AND FORA**

77. **URGES** all Member States to continuously share information on various festivals on the continent including: Abuja Carnival in Nigeria, FESPAM, FESPACO, FESPAD, and the festival of continents a showcase, for promotion of African unity, cultural diplomacy, social cohesion and continental integration. **CALLS FOR** the participation of Member States in major cultural fora and events including the Forum on African humanities; the African Biennale of Contemporary Arts (DAK'ART) of Dakar, the Biennale of Photography of Bamako, the Algeria International Book Fair; the Cairo International Book Fair; the Burkina Faso International Book Fair and the launch of the Museum of Black Civilization in Dakar, Senegal and calls on Member States to particularly provide support to the "Festival of continents, a showcase for Africa" initiative and to all types of similar projects that will contribute to the cultural influence of Africa and to establish partnerships with the private sector to finance

them. **REQUESTS** the AU Commission to continuously popularize and disseminate them.

## ON SPORT ISSUES

### ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME IN AFRICA

78. **COMMENDS** the Commission for taking a leading role in the Anti-doping programmes in Africa and called upon all Member States, stakeholders, and partners to collaborate on implementation of anti-doping programmes in Africa.

### AFRICAN GAMES

79. **ENDORSES** the Kingdom of Morocco to host the 2019 African Games and Decides that in accordance with article 7 of the Rules of the African games that all Member States of the African Union will be invited by the local organizing committee, the COJA, to participate in the Games on the instructions of the AU Sports Council without conditions<sup>1</sup>.

80. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Republic of Ghana to host the 2023 African Games.

81. **APPROVES**, the revised amendments to the fundamental regulations of the African Games, including the amendment to article 5<sup>2</sup>.

### ON KAZAN ACTION PLAN

82. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the Republic of Madagascar's offer to host the African Ministerial meeting of the implementation of the Kazan Action Plan in June 2019, and further **CALLS UPON** all Member States to prioritize three main specific policy areas due to

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<sup>1</sup> The Kingdom of Morocco has highlighted that invitations will be sent according to article 7 of the basic rules of the African Games.

<sup>2</sup> The Kingdom of Morocco has expressed its reservations on the amendments to article 5 of the basic rules.

resource and capacity limitations in the short, medium to long term as follows and FURTHER CALLED UPON Member States to prioritize the following:

- i. Protecting the Integrity of Sport;
- ii. Developing a Comprehensive Vision of Inclusive Access for All to Sport, Physical Education and Physical Activity
- iii. Maximizing the Contribution of Sport to Sustainable Development and Peace.

83. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the “African Para Games” as an official qualification multi-sport event for African Para athletes every four years in the lead up of the Paralympic Games and encourage members states to volunteer to host the first Edition of the African Para-Games in the first quarter of 2020.

84. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the recognition of the African Paralympic Committee (APC) as the legitimate umbrella body for all matters related to Sports for Persons with disabilities and as such ensure that APC is an active part of the African Sports movement alongside the African Union, ANOCA and AASC.

#### **RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL SPORT AGENCIES**

85. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the importance of the establishment of harmonious relationship between Africa and international sport bodies and called upon Member States to;

- a. Pull their effort so as to ensure a smooth and harmonious development of sport with international sport bodies, through an inclusive approach.
- b. Partner and bid to co-host international sport events and for Africa to have common position on international sport issues
- c. Establish sport funds to support and implement national sports policies and support the organization of major events.

86. **COMMENDS** Senegal as the first African country to win the bid for hosting the 2022 Youth Olympic Games and invites Member States to support Senegal towards the successful hosting of the Games.

#### **X. DATE AND VENUE FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT**

87. The 4<sup>TH</sup> ordinary session of the STC-YCS will be held in 2020. However, Member States wishing to host the Meeting are to submit an official request to host by June 2019 in accordance with Rule 6 of the AU on hosting AU meetings. DRC and Nigeria expressed interest in hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> STC-YCS. The ministers requested the

commission to work with the Bureau and provide the venue at the next meeting of the Bureau in 2019.

## **XI. CLOSING SESSION**

In her closing remarks H.E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, thanked the Ministers, Member States and partners present at the meeting and congratulated all for the fruitful deliberations and the work achieved which enabled crucial decisions be taken pertaining to the youth, culture and sport sectors. She stressed that it was through the implementation of such decisions that the sectors will move ahead towards empowering the continent's young people to contribute to the socio-economic and cultural development of the continent.

The Meeting was officially declared closed by H.E. Mohamed Hattab, Chairperson of the STC-YCS3 Bureau and Minister of Youth and Sport of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. He thanked the Ministers for attending the Meeting and the AU Commission for giving Algeria the opportunity to host the continental Meeting and for providing technical guidance which assisted in ensuring that the Meeting was a success. He concluded by thanking the elected Bureau for the support provided in the deliberations.