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***THEME: "HARNESSING THE POWER OF SPORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
BROADER GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS"***

**AU COMMISSION REPORT OF THE PLANNING WORKSHOP OF THE SPORT
DEVELOPMENT REGIONS, ANOCA, AASC, AWISA AND APC, 22-23
NOVEMBER, 2012
GABORONE, BOTSAWNA**

OVERALL PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP:

1. To develop a harmonised and consolidated plan of action for an effective implementation of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa; to develop an adaptation strategy including appropriate roles and responsibilities of the Sport Development Zones, ANOCA, AASC, AWISA, APC and other Members of the African Sport Movement; and to re-organize and strengthen the Sport Development Regions to enable them contribute to sport development and development through sport on the continent effectively;
2. To reflect on the dismal performance of the African countries at the London Olympics in July 2012 and in other international sports events and recommend the way forward;
3. To strengthening the integration of strategies and policies of Sport for Development and Peace initiatives into national policies by Member States.

BACKGROUND:

4. Fourth Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Sport (CAMS4) held from 17-21 October, 2011, adopted the Report of the Commission on the establishment of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa and dissolution of Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) including the integration of the functions of the SCSA into the AU. The Report was endorsed by the January 2012 Executive Council, (Doc.EX.CL/680 (XX)).
5. In implementing the mentioned Executive Council decision, the AU Commission organized a Planning Workshop of the Sport Development Regions in Gaborone, Botswana from 22-23 November, 2012 aimed at:
 - developing a harmonised and consolidated plan of action for an effective implementation of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa; an adaptation strategy including appropriate roles and responsibilities of the Sport Development Zones, ANOCA, AASC, AWISA, APC and other Members of the African Sport Movement;
 - re-organizing and strengthening the Sport Development Regions to enable them contribute to sport development and development through sport on the continent effectively;
 - reflecting on the dismal performance of the African countries at the London Olympics in July 2012 and in other international sports events and recommend the way forward ;
 - and to strengthening the integration of strategies and policies of Sport for Development and Peace initiatives into national policies by Member States and Sport Development Regions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The seven SCSA Zones should be re-organized and re-branded into 5 Sport Development Regions in line with AU Geographic Regions contained in the new sport architecture;
2. That it should be mandatory that all Sport Development Regions should organise Regional Games and participation in the Regional games be a pre-condition for participation in the African Games. This is part of the effort to strengthen and revitalize the Sport Regions and to make Member States to be more interested in the activities of their regions;
3. Urged the Commission to develop a monitoring and evaluation tool to assess the implementation of the Sport Policy Framework by Member States and to conduct a mid-term evaluation in 2013 as contained in the Policy Framework.
4. As part of the revitalization of the Sport Development Zones, the re-aligned Sport Development Zones should be renamed as AU Sport Development Regions and that there is a need for each Region to have a Secretariat and should organize Regional meetings at Ministerial and Experts levels in order to provide guidance of sport policy matters in the respective Sport Development Regions. There should also be a synergy between the Sport Development Region and the REC in the region
5. The AUC should engage, mobilize and encourage other Sport Development Regions to develop Strategic Plans which should integrate sport development and development through sport initiatives in order to facilitate the implementation of the new Sport Architecture. Respective Sport Development Regions shall also be encouraged to mobilize Member States in their Regions to review and develop national policies and strategies on sport;
6. That Zone 6 Sport Development Region shall be requested to make a presentation on the success story of the Zone to the Ministers during the Fifth Conference of Ministers of Sport in Abidjan, Cote d' Ivoire in July 2013;
7. The AUC shall facilitate the convening of a meeting of Sport Development Regions where there are overlaps of Member States in the old arrangement on the margins of CAMS5 Ministers meeting in Cote d Ivoire in order to ensure synergy and harmonization in the implementation of and activities in the Region;
8. AASC and Continental Confederation should take measures to make the African Games qualifier for the Olympic Games;
9. ANOCA and NOC should support the Sport Development Regions in grassroots sport development and capacity building;
10. A need to engage a cross section of other development actors when developing sport policies.
11. AASC and Continental Confederation should take measures to make the African Games qualifier for the Olympic Games;
12. A harmonized Sport Events Calendar be established and maintained to avoid

duplication, clashing of schedules of sport events and over-load on Governments and athletes.

13. Implementation of the previous decisions of a monitored minimum quota percentage (20%) of women and persons with disabilities should be maintained throughout sport management structures.
14. Organize a symposium involving AUC, Member States, ANOCA, AASC and Members of the African Sport Movement on the margins of the Fifth Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Sport meeting in 2013 in Cote d' Ivoire to discuss measures to address and improve the performance of African countries at the Olympic Games;
15. The Sport Development Regions, ANOCA and AASC should collaborate in all matters of sport development and development through sport activities including the identification of scholarships awarded to African athletes;
16. Member States, ANOCA, AASC to engage professional experts (consultancy) to facilitate systematic forward planning with regard to talent identification, nurturing development and preparation of athletes to participate at high performance competitions lack of which has contributed to poor performance of African countries at the Olympic Games. (Research in high performance sport has shown that it takes not less than 10 years of systematic talent identification, nurturing and development and preparation to produce an Olympic gold medallist).

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS (AND RESPONSIBLE PARTIES)

17. AUC to support and ensure Sport Development Regions should organise Regional Games and participation in the Regional games be a pre-condition for participation in the African Games.
18. AUC to develop a monitoring and evaluation tool to assess the implementation of the Sport Policy Framework by Member States and to conduct a mid-term evaluation in 2013 as contained in the Policy Framework.
19. The AUC should engage, mobilize and encourage other Sport Development Regions to develop Strategic Plans which should integrate sport development and development through sport initiatives in order to facilitate the implementation of the new Sport Architecture. Respective Sport Development Regions shall also be encouraged to mobilize Member States in their Regions to review and develop national policies and strategies on sport.
20. That Zone 6 Sport Development Region shall be requested to make a presentation on the success story of the Zone to the Ministers during the Fifth Conference of Ministers of Sport in Abidjan, Cote d' Ivoire in July 2013.
21. The AUC shall facilitate the convening of a meeting of Sport Development Regions where there are overlaps of Member States in the old arrangement on the margins of CAMS5 Ministers meeting in Cote d Ivoire in order to ensure synergy and harmonization in the implementation of and activities in the Region.

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