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***“HARNESSING THE POWER OF SPORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BROADER
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENDA”***

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING

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INTRODUCTION

1. The 5th Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Sport (CAMS5) was held at Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 25-26 July 2013 with the theme ***“Harnessing the power of sport to contribute to the broader government development agenda”***. The Ministerial meeting explored initiatives of harnessing the power of sport towards broader national development and also examined measures to address the declining performance of African teams at major international sports events. The meeting also considered concrete measures and steps for the implementation of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa that was adopted at the fourth session.

ATTENDANCE

2. The Meeting was attended by delegates from the following AU Member States: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saharawi, Senegal, South Africa, The Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
3. The following Inter-Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations and cooperating partners were represented: Association of National Olympic Committees in Africa (ANOCA), African Confederation of Fencing, African Women in Sport Association (AWISA), Confederation of African Football (CAF), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Africa International Sport Convention (JAPPO/CISA), Confederation of African Athletics (AAF), Organising Committee for the 11th All Africa Games (COJA), Confederation of French Speaking Sports Associations (CONFEJES); ECOWAS, Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) Zone 6 Secretariat, Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, Great Run Africa, Right to Play, Confederation of African Rugby.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING CEREMONY

4. The Mayor of the District of Cocody, Mr. Mathias N'Gouan on behalf of the municipal council and the people of District of Cocody welcome all the participants of the CAMS5. He said that the decision of Côte d'Ivoire to host this conference was proof of his country's desire to put sport at the service of development. He also said that big sporting events had become major development asset and therefore it was necessary to work toward development of sport.
5. The Minister of Youth Development, Sport and Leisure, Mr. Alain Lobognon thanked the participants for having accepted the invitation to attend the conference. He stated that this conference was gear towards consolidating cooperation among States, adding that the theme of the conference was proof of the importance of sport in all sectors of

activities and as a development tool. He highlighted the problems hampering development in Africa including brain drain, the obsolete nature of sports infrastructure. He hoped that the present Conference would come up with clear objectives and indicators for follow up of sport development in Africa.

6. The outgoing Chairperson of the CAMS4, Hon. Jerry Ekandjo, Minister of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture of the Republic of Namibia, expressed appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire for their cordial welcome and hospitality extended to all delegates. He urged delegates to be resolute and unified in their deliberations and decisions in order to realize tangible victories for sport on and off the field. He reflected on the theme of the conference, which he said resonated well with Africa's quest for total emancipation as sport could be used as a spring board for national and continental development initiatives.
7. In his remarks, African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs, His Excellency, Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, reflected on the significance of the 5th Session of the AU Conference of Ministers of Sport which took place at an historic time when the Continent was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the OAU/AU. The Commissioner implored the meeting to take stock of key milestones of the past 50 years and also project into the next 50 years. He expressed concern that Africa had not been able to adapt quickly to emerging trends particularly the use of sport as a tool for development partly due to indecisiveness on implementation of the New Architecture for Sport in Africa as mandated by the Executive Council and Assembly. The Commissioner called upon Ministers to provide guidance and direction and address challenges regarding the coordination and management of sport on the continent.
8. The Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance, H.E. DANIEL KABLAN DUNCAN on behalf of the President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire extend the traditional Akwaba to all participants. He recalled the major past and future sporting events organized and to be organized. The Prime Minister recalled that the Heads of State and Government of the Africa Union realized the importance of sport in the life of Nations, calling for restructuring and revitalization of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa (SCSA) at their Summit in Sirte in 2005. He deplored the difficulties which had hitherto hinder the implementation of this decision. He further stated that it was incumbent on Government to create the necessary conditions for the promotion of sport in Africa. He urge this Fifth Session of CAMS to iron out the differences of interpretation and pronounce itself clearly on the issue of the new Architecture for Sport in Africa and future of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa.

AGENDA ITEM 2: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A) Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

9. The Meeting adopted the agenda and programme of work after modifications to the placement of agenda items.

B) Election of the Bureau

10. The Bureau for the Fifth AU Conference of Ministers of Sport was elected as follows:

Chairperson:	Cote d'Ivoire (West Africa)
1st Vice Chairperson:	Uganda (East Africa)
2nd Vice Chairperson:	Equatorial Guinea (Central Africa)
3rd Vice Chairperson:	Algeria (North Africa)
Rapporteur:	Zambia (Southern Africa)

AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF AUC ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAMS4 DECISIONS

11. AUC Commissioner for Social Affairs, H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, presented the Report of the Commission on the implementation of the CAMS4 decisions, as well as the various sport related activities undertaken by the AUC since CAMS4.

12. After protracted deliberations, the Ministers adopted the Report of the Commission and took the following **decisions**:

- The dissolution of the Supreme Council for Sport (SCSA) in African must be finalised in accordance with the relevant previous Decisions of the AU Executive Council;
- The functions of SCSA must be transferred to the AU Commission (AUC);
- A committee of experts from each of the Sport Development Regions, with clear Terms of Reference, must be established to oversee the dissolution process of SCSA;
- The African Games are owned by Member States, and will be co-organised by Member States, ANOCA and AASC on the basis of an MoU, signed between the AUC, ANOCA and AASC;
- The mentioned MoU will contain an article regarding the sharing of revenue from the proceeds of the African Games;
- An Africa Fund for Sport Development and Development through Sport will be established from the income of the Africa Games to which Member States must also contribute;
- The Specialised Technical Office for the African Sport Architecture will be based in Cameroon;
- The African Union Commission should engage with international sport confederations to relax restrictive and stringent requirements for hosting of international sport events;
- The Commission should accord priority to the implementation of the decisions of the CAMS on the African Sport Architecture;
- RECs should facilitate the organisation of regular regional games as qualifying primaries for continental and international competitions;
- RECs should assume an important role in the African Sport Architecture;

- Member States should introduce anti-doping in education programmes at all levels;
- Member States should promote netball for it to become an Olympic sport.

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPERTS' REPORT

13. The Ministers considered the Report of the Experts and made the following **decisions**:

- The seven (7) SCSA Zones should be re-organized into 5 Sport Development Regions in line with AU Geographic Regions contained in the new sport Architecture;
- The AU Sport Development Regions to have a Secretariat and to organize Regional meetings at Ministerial and Experts levels in order to provide guidance on 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;
- All Sport Development Regions should organise Regional Games and to help them prepare athletes for the African Games and other international sporting events;
- The Commission should 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;
- 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 Architecture for Sport;
- ANOCA, AASC and NOCs should support the Sport Development Regions in grassroots sport development and capacity building; AASC and Continental Confederations should take measures to make the African Games a qualifier for the Olympic Games;
- A harmonized Sport Events Calendar be established and maintained to avoid duplication, clashing of schedules of sporting events and over-load on Governments and athletes;
- 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;
- 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 in high performance competitions, lack of which has contributed to poor performance of African countries at the Olympic Games.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE THEME:
“HARNESSING THE POWER OF SPORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BROADER
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENDA”**

14. The Meeting took cognizance of the panel (AWISA, Algeria, Mali, and Congo moderated by (Botswana) discussion on the theme of “*Harnessing the power of sport to contribute to the broader government development agenda*” with appreciation.
15. The AUC explained that the theme, a logical follow-up to that of the CAMS4, was developed out of growing evidence and recognition that well designed sport-based initiatives incorporating best values of sport, could be cross-cutting, powerful, and high impact tools to achieve broader government development agenda.
16. The Session noted that Sport for Development and Peace had experienced a rapid increase in profile within the global development discourse over the last decade, and while the African Union through the new Architecture for Sport in Africa was at the forefront of these advocacy efforts, this profile had not translated substantively into broader policy frameworks or scalable programming. The Panel reminded the meeting to focus on and maximize on the power and cross-cutting nature of sport to contribute to national development.
17. Further to the debate that In the ensued, the Ministers made the following **decisions** in order to harness and integrate the tremendous power of sport into broader national and international development and peace strategies:
 - Actualize Africa’s commitment to sport development and development through sport and to give due recognition to the central role that governments and non-government actors play in sports;
 - Pay attention to underutilized sports opportunities on the continent;
 - Invest in sports infrastructure and equipment;
 - Build capacity to host international competitions in Member State;
 - Research the impact of sports on GDP nationally and regionally and justify the relevance of increase investment in sports to ministries of finance;
 - Consider commercialization of sports infrastructure;
 - AUC should explore the role of sport in peace building and conflict resolution;
 - Retaliate UN position on sport and physical education as a basic human right;
 - Upscale the role of sport as a tool for social integration and cohesion, particularly regarding women and persons living with disabilities;
 - Incorporate the principles of good governance and accountability at all levels of sports organization;
 - Conduct a mid-term review of the implementation of the Policy Framework for Sustainable Development of Sport in Africa (2008-2018) by the AU Commission
 - Harmonize Sport policies among Member States and organize regional training sessions to mutualize scarce resources;
 - Share good practices on the use of sport in education, health and peace, including examples at the community level;
 - Facilitate access by all young people to sport and infrastructure training equipment;
 - Sensitize and inform policy makers on the number of athletes who invest in their countries ; for instance most of the millionaires below 30 years of age are athletes;

- Organize national fora and debates on the role of sport in the other social sectors, for example education and health;
- Convince the policy makers to increase investment in sport;
- Mount an advocacy campaign for accountability at all levels in the sport sector;
- Encourage Member States to host international sporting events;
- Promote representation of African Countries in international sport confederations and bodies;
- Engage more directly with Ministers of Sport, update them with latest developments in sport development and sport for development to promote the use of sport as a tool for social change;
- Widen and deepen the understanding of the positive benefits of sport in gender, health and education;
- Promote non-Olympic Sports, and provide diversity of sports to young people;
- Engage the Private Sector and development partners to invest in sport infrastructure, training of athletes in addition to the support from Member States;
- Encourage the private sector to support sport as they use sports heroes and heroines to promote their products and use the latter to network with their sponsors to mobilize funding for sport;
- Use sport celebrities as role models to promote sport among young people and to policy makers ;
- Advocate Governments to adopt tax policy incentives for organizations that invest in sports;
- Reintroduce compulsory sport in primary and secondary education;
- Encourage Member States and sports organisations to establish trust funds for active sports persons towards their education and retirement;
- Organise a forum to address the issues pertinent to the welfare of sports persons;

18. To ensure an inclusive sport development through the contribution and participation of Women and People with Disabilities in sporting events and in sport administration, Governments and stake holders were requested to:

- Diversify sport, not promoting football and athletics only, in order for women, young people and persons with disabilities to have choices, and not to feel locked out if they cannot participate in limited available sport codes only;
- Introduce a quota system for representatives of women and persons with disabilities at national leadership levels, at AU level and in regional and continental confederations and sport organisations;

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTIVITY BRIEFINGS:

a) Progress Report on the 2015 African Games by COJA Brazzaville

19. The Meeting was briefed on the preparation of the African Games, Brazzaville, Congo in 2015 by Honorable Minister of Sport of Congo. The Minister noted that it will be anniversary games, 50 year after the first edition of African Games in 1965. The organizers will strive for the Games to be qualifier for the Olympic Games. Congo also ratified the UNSCO Convention against Doping in Sport. The country has an approved budget of 100 billion CFAs to be used for the Games, including for the improvement of infrastructure. A number of meetings were already held, including the first inspection meeting and meetings with ANOCA. The Minister stressed that the MoU between the AUC and ANOCA and AASC needs to be signed.

20. The Meeting appreciated Congo for the preparation put in place for 2015 African Games.

b) Report of the Symposium on the poor performance of African countries at International sports events and Olympic Games by ANOCA.

21. Regarding the report of the Symposium on the poor performance of African countries at international sporting events and Olympic Games by ANOCA, the Meeting supported the recommendations of the Symposium and made the following decisions:

I. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Define a long term development strategy that also prioritizes the Rio 2016 Games;
- Inform NOCs and raise their awareness on ANOCA expectations for Rio;
- ANOCA must provide administrative and organizational capacity building;
- Ease communication between ANOCA and the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee for better provision of services to African delegations;
- Map out new marketing and communication strategies.

II. DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ATHLETES

- Identify and prioritize athletes with potential per country;
- Allocate more resources to athletes to ensure quality participation in upcoming Olympics;
- Plan training and competition programmes to ensure quality participation in international sporting events;
- Encourage Member States to arrange programmes to acknowledge athletes after every Olympiad.

III. DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COACHES

- Develop training programmes devoted to elite sport;
- Enhance performance and status of coaches.

IV. PARTNERSHIP

- Develop an institutional partnership with Governments, the IOC, International and Continental Federations, CONFEJES and other sports organizations and entities to address among others the exodus of young athletes who are enticed to change nationalities;
- Create an ANOCA private and economic partners' club;
- Make use mainly of African expertise but seek foreign expertise if need be.

V. EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Upgrade sports equipment in training centres in Africa;
- Urge Governments to grant tax exonerations for imported sports equipment.

VI RESOURCES

- Mobilize more funds to assist in sport development programmes in Africa.

c) Case study: Structure and programmes of Zone 6

22. The Meeting was briefed by the Secretariat of Zone 6 on its structure and programmes. The Ministers took note with appreciation of the strategic efforts and initiatives made by Zone 6 and encouraged other Regions to emulate this best practice example. The following **decisions** were made:

- AUC should engage and assist sport development regions to develop strategic plans and where applicable replicate Zone VI's model as an example;

d) Preparation of the 2013 WADA Conference and outcomes of the WADA Executive Board meetings

23. The Hon. Minister of Sport and Recreation of South Africa briefed the meeting as Africa's nominated representative on the WADA Executive Board. The Minister reiterated that doping in sport is now a reality in Africa and has to be taken seriously. The Hon. Minister appealed to Member States to pay their subscription to WADA, as well their contribution to their respective Regional Anti Doping Organisations (RADOs). He urged the ten (10) Member States yet to ratify the UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport, to do so, namely Central African Republic, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Tanzania. The Meeting was informed that the World WADA Conference will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa from 12-15 November 2013, and stressed the importance of African Sports Ministers to attend in large numbers. The Meeting agreed to support the candidature of the former South African Minister of Sport and Recreation, Hon. Makhenkesi Stofile, to the position of Vice President of WADA.

24. The Meeting noted the briefing with appreciation.

e) Preparation for the 2014 African Youth Games by Botswana

25. The Hon. Minister of Sport of Botswana informed the Meeting about the upcoming Africa Youth Games to be hosted by the country in Gaborone from 22-31 May 2014. The Hon. Minister emphasised that the Games would be critical for talent identification. Youths between 14 – 18 years will participate in 20 sport codes at the Games. The number of athletes expected to participate is 2500. The Executive Committee and Secretariat for the Games have been established. The Games Village will be housed at the University of Botswana, and a Chef de Mission Seminar will be hosted by Botswana from 9-11 December 2013. Further information can be obtained from the website: www.Gaborone2014.com. The Hon. Minister of The Gambia requested that traditional wrestling be considered as a sport code for the Youth Games.

26. The Meeting took note of the briefing with appreciation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE OF THE 6TH SESSION OF AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF SPORT

27. The Republic of Botswana offered to host CAMS6 in October 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Tri-athlon Confederation

28. The Tri-athlon Confederation reminded the Meeting of the importance of the media in sport. The promotion of sport should also be linked to a healthy lifestyle in all communication about sport.

8.2 Request for finalisation of MoU between AUC, ANOCA and AASC and dissolution of SCSA

29. The Hon. Minister of Congo requested that the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding be finalised to facilitate organisation of the 2015 African Games. In this regard, the Hon. Minister requested AU Sport Ministers to all attend the SCSA Extraordinary Session to finalise the act of dissolution. The Hon. Minister of Cameroon appealed to Member States to pay their arrears to SCSA to liquidate all liabilities of the institution.

30. The CAMS5 Ministers converted into the SCSA Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of SCSA on 26 July and formally dissolved the SCSA in accordance with Article 61 of its Constitution.

- The Ministers decided to set up a Transitional Committee to oversee the transition and smooth handover within a period of 6 months;
- The Ministers took note of the contribution of SCSA and appreciated its work since its creation and expressed their support to the new structure.

The Abidjan Declaration

31. The Ministers adopted the Abidjan Declaration which encapsulated the major decisions of the 5th Session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Sport.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF SPORT

32. The Ministers adopted their Report of the CAMS5 with amendments to be incorporated by the AU Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSING

33. The Chairperson of the Ministers' Meeting, Honourable Alain Michel Lobognon, Cote d'Ivoire Minister of Youth and Sport thanked the Ministers for their constructive contributions, and the AU Commission for their technical support to make the meeting a success.

34. AUC Commissioner for Social Affairs, H.E, Dr. Mustapha expressed his appreciation to the Meeting for their constructive contributions and assured Ministers that he will provide the necessary leadership for the implementation of their decisions.

35. The meeting was then adjourned.

ADDENDUM:

Report of the CAMS5 Side Event on HIV and Sport, Hotel Ivoire, 25 July 2013, 13:30 – 14:30

A Working Lunch Side Event on HIV and Sport was held in the margins of the 5th session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Sport with the theme: “Promote Sport. Prevent HIV”.

Two presentations were made by the representatives of the African Union Commission and IPPF respectively on HIV and Sport and lessons learned. The first presentation on HIV and Sport emphasized the link between Sport and HIV, putting in evidence on the contribution of Sport in the Africa Response to HIV, specifically targeting young people on how to tackle HIV through sport.

The second presentation, on Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV and Sport, highlighted the IPPF experience on HIV and Sport.

The two presentations set the tone for the panel discussion moderated by H.E. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, AU Commissioner for Social Affairs. The panelists were Honourable Alain Michel Lobognon, Minister of Youth, Development Sport and Leisure of Cote d’Ivoire, Mr. Lucien Kouakou, Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Africa Region and Dr Louis Ponzio, UNAIDS Country Coordinator, Cote d’Ivoire. They gave perspectives of their respective organizations on the topic of discussion.

The UNAIDS’ Country Coordinator emphasized the role of sport in achieving the 3 zeros.

The IPPF Regional Director shared his view on how Ministries of Sport can collaborate with IPPF affiliates at country level.

Keys messages from the panel and the floor are as follows:

- Sport is an important tool for HIV prevention and can be used to achieve the 3 zeros
- Sport can be used to mobilize funds for the fight against HIV and AIDS
- The Demographic Dividend can be harnessed through sport
- Strengthening collaboration between line ministries such as Education, Health, Sport and other relevant Organizations to add value to the HIV response;
- There is a need to learn from the link between NCDs and Sport and replicate the same model for HIV prevention