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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS
DECISIONS**

PRESENTED BY THE STC-YCS1 BUREAU RAPPORTEUR

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REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Allow me to start by requesting that we all rise for a moment of silence on the passing of:

- **H.E. Banza Mukalay Minister of Culture of the Democratic Republic of Congo** and former Chairperson of the Bureau of the 4th Session of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Culture who provided a lot of support to the work of the AUC whilst in Office.
- **Mr. Mvuso Mbebe, AU Sports Council Region 5 Secretary General.** Mr.Mbebe worked diligently with the AUC and contributed immensely in the transformation of sport in Africa.

2. You will recall that the Bureau of the 1st African Union Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sports (STC-YCS1) was elected in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during the organization of the 1st Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS1) as follows:

Chairperson	Central Region	Rep of Congo	Minister for Youth
1st Vice-Chairperson	Eastern Region	Ethiopia	Minister for Culture
2nd Vice-Chairperson	Northern Region	Mauritania	Minister for Sport
3rd Vice-Chairperson	Southern Region	Namibia	Minister for Youth
Rapporteur	Western Region	Nigeria	Minister for Culture

3. The First Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC – YCS1) was organized under the theme “***Building the Interface between Youth, Culture and Sport.***” It may be also recalled that as provided for in the African Union Constitutive Act, in its Article 16, Specialized Technical Committees replaced the African Union Conferences of Ministers from 2014/2015. It should also be noted that the STC on Youth, Culture and Sport was one of the first to be implemented by the AUC.

4. Upon taking up office we held our first Meeting as the Bureau of the STC-YCS1 here in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia immediately after the closing of the STC-YCS1. The first was to familiarize ourselves with the work entrusted upon us. Our second Meeting was held in Brazzaville, Congo on 3rd September 2015. The 2nd Bureau Meeting

was organized in the margins of the 11th African Games held in Brazzaville, Congo from 4 to 19 September 2015.

5. This report will be divided in activities that the Bureau achieved as a group as well as those that the three (3) sectors achieved separately. It is important to note that we will need to continue fast tracking and exploring synergies between the three (3) sectors (youth, culture and sport) to ensure that culture and sport are used to provide the much needed employment for the youth of the continent.

II. 2ND MEETING TO THE BUREAU OF THE STC-YCS2

6. The 2nd Bureau Meeting of the 1st Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS1) was organized in the margins of the 11th African Games held in Brazzaville, Congo from 04 - 19 September 2015. The purpose of the 2nd Meeting of the STC-YCS1 Bureau was to review progress made in the implementation of the AU Executive Council Decisions following recommendations of the First Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sports (STC-YCS 1); and to endorse the meeting of the Sub-Committee of Ministers in charge of Sports.
7. The Opening Ceremony of the Bureau Meeting was graced by the presence of the Minister of State and Director of Cabinet of the President of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Firmin Ayessa; The session was also addressed by the following dignitaries: H.E. Anatole Collinet Makosso, Minister of Primary, and Secondary Education, Literary Youth and Civic Education of the Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the Bureau of the STC-YCS1; H.E. Dr Martial De-Paul IKOUNGA, AU Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology and H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, AU Commissioner for Social Affairs;
8. The Meeting adopted the following main decisions:
 - a) The Bureau adopted the theme for the STC-YCS2 as follows: “***African Year of Human Rights: Promoting Ethics and Cultural Diversity for Social Cohesion and Inclusive Development***”;
 - b) The need for the Commission to continue identifying Model TVET Institutions in the five regions of Africa, which successfully implement the paradigm shift in ensuring relevance and responsiveness and quality of TVET programmes in promoting youth employment entrepreneurship and innovation. The selected Institutions will serve as models for lesson learning and replication;
 - c) The need for the Commission to conclude reviewing the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps programme in order to build volunteerism at

continental, regional and national levels for greater tapping of youth potential and expertise across Africa;

- d) The need to proactively manage the process of ratification and implementation of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance in order to ensure its speedy entry into force. This will enable the promotion and implementation of projects in the areas of: Arts education, combating illicit trafficking in cultural goods, cultural and creative industries, and development of the music and film sectors;
 - e) The need to encourage Member States to participate in world fora on inter-cultural dialogues to promote cultural diversity and a global culture of peace;
 - f) The need to invite Member States to submit bids for the hosting of the 2019 and 2023 African Games;
 - g) Noting the failure by ANOCA to conclude the MOU between the AUC, ANOCA and the AASC, The Meeting agreed that the coordination of the 2019 and future games be given to the AU Sports Council, AASC and COJA;
 - h) The need for Member States to honour their financial obligations to the AUC was stressed;
 - i) The Bureau endorsed the Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Sport as requested;
 - j) The Bureau considered and endorsed the Declaration of the Meeting of the Sub- Committee on Sport (attached for reference).
9. The African Games were a brilliant opportunity for the three (3) sectors to interact and move our combined agenda forward. We all enjoyed being at the New Kintele Stadium during the Opening Ceremony of the African Games 2015 to honour continent wide athletes in all sport disciplines. The African Games, our “African Olympiads” should be strengthened and further promoted to ensure that our participation in the Olympic Games is enhanced. We express our gratitude to the Republic of Congo for hosting the 2nd Bureau Meeting of the STC-YCS1 and the African Games.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH DECISIONS

Recent developments in Africa on Youth

10. AU Member States focal points were requested to collect data for national reports on the implementation of the Youth Charter, with PYU to follow up through National

Youth Councils. These were presented at Banjul + 10 commemorations in May 2016. Recommendations from the Banjul + 10 commemoration of the Africa Youth Charter accentuated on areas to complement the AU 2017 theme of the year; '***Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investments in youth.***' Discussions were held to establish an African Youth Fund at continental, sub regional and national levels that compliments existing youth frameworks. Banjul +10 also recommended that the AUC, RECs, MS and Partners reiterate the call for the establishment of a continental Youth Development Fund stipulated in the African Youth Charter that will promote youth development in different areas including good governance, youth participation and youth entrepreneurship.

11. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the African Union Commission and the Pan African Youth Union on the 29th of February 2016. The objective of the MOU is to create a working partnership that enables both Parties to pursue collaborative activities and projects that will assist in promoting the right to meaningful participation of the youth in the development affairs of the Continent.
12. Establishment of regional platforms for knowledge sharing begun with Eastern and Southern Africa Youth Employment Knowledge Sharing Forum undertaken in Harare, Zimbabwe in July 2015. Another forum for Eastern Africa was held in Seychelles in March 2016 for sharing good practices and progress in implementation of decisions made in each sector; with the support from our partners ILO, UNESCO among others, it is hoped that this will continue.
13. **Revision of the Youth Decade Plan of Action** – Through UNFPA support, a consultant was engaged to undertake a rapid assessment of the decade plan of action, develop an implementation framework for the last three years of the youth decade and a mainstreaming guideline.
14. Multi-sector approaches in funding youth work were discussed during the Inter-Generational Dialogue held between AUC, Pan African parliament and PYU in Midrand, South Africa in 2015, IGD in Addis Ababa at the January 2016 AU Summit, and also during Banjul + 10 celebrations in Banjul in May 2016.
15. **Potential of Africa's Young Women** – The AUC is engaged in a partnership with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) - Africa Region to promote adolescents and young people's access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights information and services (SRHR). Through an international Call, journalists who have been championing and promoting youth SRHR were recognized and awarded prizes in 2016. Through another Call, 'Youth Heroes' working in SRHR were recognized and celebrated in November 2015 during the Africa Youth Day celebrations. AUC endeavours to highlight participation of young women and girls at every level including selection for Youth Volunteers, awards for scholarships and Grants, and identification of participants for various events. The Youth Mainstreaming Guideline will help in monitoring youth inclusion across the board in all sectors.
16. **Youth Employment as a key driver for Sustainable Development and TVET** – A new continental TVET strategy to foster youth employment was finalized and its

approach is based on a paradigm shift with an emphasis on skills for job creation. A Joint Labour and Migration Working Group (JLMP) was established in partnership with ILO, IOM and UNESCO which developed a five year priority program on youth and women employment in line with Ouga+10. A Skills Portability Framework was developed and endorsed by the STC on Education, Science and Technology as part of the move towards enhancing TVET quality, and facilitating intra-African labour mobility and mutual recognition of qualifications.

Furthermore, the AUC launched a Call which led to the identification of twenty promising TVET practices from all regions of the African Union in 2015, in partnership with USAID. This will assist with rebranding and the marketing of TVET as a pathway to skills development for employability, job creation and innovation. Through partnership with Germany, a new skills initiative for Africa is to be piloted in Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia and Congo. Through this initiative a skills development landscape inventory will be established, and links between training and industry will be strengthened

Education Management Information Systems is recognized as key in ensuring quality education and training. The roll out of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa will ensure incorporation of TVET indicators within the framework of harmonization of statistics in Africa, as well as development of Labour Market Information Systems. A Skills Inventory for the continental will be established, and skills forecasting methodologies will be developed.

- 17. Implementation of the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps** – A consultant has been engaged in collaboration with UNV, with support from Japan, to develop a 5 year program for the AU-YVC and propose a support and collaboration mechanism with RECs and Member States. To enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the AU-YVC, a proposal has been made to strengthen the management unit, for the institutionalization of AU-YVC. It will be presented during this STC-YCS 2. Member States and partner agencies have been requested to express their needs for AU Youth Volunteers for 2017, so that the next training batch will include those youth whose profiles are much in demand, to avoid wastage and non-deployment of trained volunteers. The AU-YVC website has been revamped to make it more user friendly for enhanced interaction with regional and national initiatives and building a database of young professionals.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURE DECISIONS

- 18. Ratification of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance** - Since the holding of the STC– YCS1 no Member State has ratified or signed the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance. To date only 08 Member States have ratified the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance and 31 have signed it. Member States that have ratified the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance are: Chad, Congo, Ethiopia,

Mali, Nigeria, Niger, South Africa and Senegal. Member States that have ratified the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance are requested to be champions of this ratification process and sensitize the other Member States particularly of the same region to ratify the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.

19. **Combatting Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property and Cultural Goods** - The development of continental model legislation for Member States to play a stronger role in the fight against illicit trafficking in cultural goods is underway. A Working Group to develop the African Union Model Law on the Protection of Cultural Property/Heritage has been established. It is composed of: Members of Parliament, anthropologists, curators, cultural and legal experts and consultants of the Inventory of all Cooperation Activities between Africa and EU with regards to cultural goods. The first draft of the Model Law will be concluded by the end of 2016. Regional consultations on the draft Model Law will be held in 2017.
20. **The 4th Pan –African Cultural Congress (PACC4)** – the PACC4 was held in Sandton, South Africa from 25 - 27 May 2015. The Congress was held under the theme” *Unity in Cultural Diversity for Africa’s Development* “.The Congress was graced by the presence of H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, AUC Chairperson, H.E. Nathi Mthethwa Minister of Arts and Culture, South Africa, H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko Commissioner for Social Affairs as well as the Ministers of Culture of the DRC, South Sudan, Saharawi Republic and Deputy Minister of Culture of Zimbabwe. The PACC4 provided a platform for cultural workers, cultural experts, policy makers, private sector, Civil Society Organizations (CSO) working in the arts and culture sector to reflect on the congress theme and record good practices on harnessing cultural diversity to enhance policy development. Two Bureau Meetings of the PACC4 were since held to work on the draft Implementation Plan of the PACC4 Framework for Action which will be presented at this Meeting for adoption and implementation by the stakeholders.
21. **Workshop to Review the Report of the Status of the Audio-Visual and Cinema Sector in AU Member States** – The AUC in collaboration with the Pan-African Federation of Film Makers (FEPACI) commissioned a study to collect data on the status of the cinema and audio-visual industry in the AU Member States. After the data collection, a workshop to review the report on the status of the Cinema and audiovisual sector in the AU- Member States was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 13-14 July 2015. The study is in line with the Executive Council Decision of July 2003 on the establishment of the African Audio-Visual and Cinema Commission (AACC). The above mentioned report and the draft statute of the African Audio-Visual and Cinema Commission will be considered during the roundtable on the sector which will be held on the margins of the Experts’ Meeting of the STC-YCS2.

V. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORT DECISIONS

22. Hosting of the 2019 and 2023 African Games:

The 1st Session of the Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS1) requested the Commission to invite Member States to submit bids for the hosting of the 2019 and 2023 African Games and that the deadline for submission of bid-files was 31st January 2015. The following Member States namely, Angola, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Gabon and Senegal and Ghana expressed to host the 2019. Reminder letters were sent to Member states who express interest to host. However, by 31st January 2015 no Member State had submitted their bid to host.

Burkina Faso expressed interest, but officially pulled out and opted to host the 2023 edition. Ghana also officially expressed interest, never submitted their bid file.

The Commission realizing that time was running out embarked on a head-hunting exercise to identify a host. Fortunately, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea has offered to host.

Member States are invited to commend and endorse the Candidature of Equatorial Guinea to host the 2019 African Games and provide the necessary support.

Endorse the holding of the STC Sub-Committee of Ministers of Sport in 2017 in Equatorial Guinea to provide the necessary policy guidance on the preparations of the Games

Bids to host the 2023 African Games are still open.

Member States are invited to express interest to host the 2023 African Games

23. Conclusion of the MOA between the AUC, ANOCA and AASC:

Noting the stand taken by ANOCA is at variance with decision of the Executive Council and the failure by ANOCA to conclude the MOU between the AUC, ANOCA and the AASC, the Meeting agreed that the coordination of the 2019 and future games be given to the AU Sports Council and COJA;

24. Payment of arrears owed to the Supreme Council for sport in Africa:

The STC on Youth, Culture and Sport requested the Commission to engage Member States to honour their financial obligations and pay the arrears owed to SCSA and that participation at the 2015 African Games is contingent on payment of the arrears.

Some Member States paid while others declined.

25. Finalization of the Draft AU Sports Council Statutes:

The STC on Justice and Legal Affairs approved and endorsed the AU Sports Council Statutes. The Commission has shared the statutes and integrated them in the restructured AUSC Development Regions Strategic Plans.

26. Restructuring and revitalization of the AU Sports Council Regions:

AU Sports Council Regions 1, 2, 4 and 5 have so far been restructured. However, Regions 1, 2 and 4 are yet to hold elective meetings for officer bearers

27. Short-term contracts for AUSC interim staff:

Contracts have been signed and transmitted to the AUSC Secretariat

28. Recruitment of permanent AUSC Secretariat Staff:

The process is ongoing. There is a need to accelerate the recruitment process which has been pending for 3 years since the dissolution of the SCSA.

29. Decision of the Ministers of Specialized Technical Committee on Youth, Culture and Sport Sub- Committee Meeting of Ministers of Sport, held on the margins of the 11th Edition of the 2015 African Games, Brazzaville, Congo.

The meeting requested the Commission to implement the following:

- i. Accelerate the implementation of the AU Policy Framework for Sustainable Development of Sport in Africa (2008-2018) and the new Architecture for Sport in Africa;
 - A circular to Member States has been circulated to assess the level of implementation. Some Member States have responded
- ii. Uphold the decision by African structures that the African Games will and shall remain owned by Member States. Rejected and condemned with the utmost contempt, any machinations intended or unintended, by any organization, that seeks to reverse the gains of our African Renaissance.
- iii. That the African Games Technical Committee (AGTC – be renamed Technical Organizing Committee of the African Games- TOCAG) and be charged with full mandate and authority to organize and cause the organization of the African Games;

- iv. Review of all governing instruments of the African Games, including but not limited to the Hosting Agreement, Hosting Criteria, General Rules and Fundamental Regulations, be managed by the AU through the AUSC being the owners of the Games.
 - Technical Organizing Committee of the African Games reviewed all the Games instruments
- v. Accept that SAHARAWI Democratic Republic flag hoisted with the rest of the African Union Member States for the Ceremonial proceedings of the 11th edition of the African Games being hosted in Congo.
 - The flag of the SAHARAWI Democratic Republic was not hoisted.

30. CONCLUSION

In summary these are the activities undertaken by the Bureau of the STC-YCS1 in our term of office (November 2014 to June 2016). Members of the Bureau are invited to provide information on any additional activities which they deem important for this report.

The AU Commission in the parallel Session that will follow will also provide additional information on the sectorial activities mentioned in this report when they present the Matrix of Implementation of Decisions.