

# **AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS CONFEDERATION HAS ACCEPTED THE REPRESENTATION OF BODYBUILDING AS ONE OF ITS DISCIPLINES AT THE CONGRESS HELD IN ABIDJAN, COTE DE VOIRE ON 25/26 JULY 2013**



## **REPORT OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE AU CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF SPORTS AND HEADS OF AFRICA CONFEDERATION OF SPORTS**

The session of the African Union of Conference of the Ministers of Sports and Heads of Sports Federations/ Associations of the Africa continent held at Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan, Cote de Voire on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 was officially opened by the Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance H.E Daniel Kablan Duncan on behalf the President of the Republic of Cote de Ivoire.

The Mayor of the District of Cocody welcomed all the participants. In his opening remarks he stated that the decision of his country to host such an event clearly demonstrate the major role sports development has played towards his country's development.

Affirming his statement the Minister of Youth Development, Sport and Leisure thanked the participants for accepting the invitation for such an important meeting. He continued in his message that this conference will gear towards consolidating cooperation among states and other stakeholders in the

continent towards the expeditious development of sports in Africa. He highlighted problems faced in Africa which was deliberated upon.



Among the topics discussed, emphasis was laid on the following:

- Brain drain
- Lack of sport infrastructures
- Lack of coordination and cooperation between NOCs and Government Ministries
- Lack of Africa participation in International events and hosting such events such as the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cups
- Called for government funding towards countries participation in international events and also the frequency to organize national championships
- Organization of the All Africa Games should be the conduct of ANOCA
- Pay attention to underutilized sports opportunities on the continent
- Called for the dissolution of the Supreme Council of Sports in Africa

- Set up a transition committee to oversee the transition of the Supreme Council of Sports in Africa and the smooth handover to the Africa Union Commission.

The Confederations of African Sports also held a meeting of its members present and were happy to welcome the President of the Africa Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation and WBPF Vice-President for Africa Mr. Ibrahim Bangura who was attending the meeting for the first time and called for cooperation for the good of sports in Africa. The Chairperson of the meeting also the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the confederation Mr. Mbagnick Ndiaye outlined procedure for affiliation towards the confederation. Members were pleased for Bodybuilding involvement in the promotion of Sports and its interest to be a member of the Confederation and possibly be part of the All Africa Games.

Mr. Bangura thanked the chairperson and all members for the opportunities given for it prestige sport (bodybuilding) to be a future member of the sporting family in Africa.

Mr. Bangura and a representative from the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sport Federation (President/Secretary-General of WBPF) are scheduled to meet the chairperson of the confederation also the Minister of Sports in Senegal at the earliest convenient before the General assembly of the Confederation in September 2013