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Opening Ceremony with Governor of Gaza Province, Mozambique and Secretary Gen of Mozambique NF Mr Helio Da Rossa, 1st VP of ICF Mr Istvan Vascuti and Mr Csaba Szanto

1. Preview:

The 10th All Africa Games (AAG) were awarded to Mozambique by the **Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCSA)** in July 2009 after withdrawal of Zambia who were previously elected to host the Games, It was immediately know that these Games would be a big Challenge for Mozambique due to short time available for organization and since they had never hosted such a magnitude of Sports Project where appox 5000 athletes, 2000 officials and 1500 Media were expected to attend the Games. Canoeing was initially not included in the programme, however with the efforts of **Confederation of African Canoeing (CAC)** and International Canoe Federation (ICF), Canoeing was finally granted full Medal sport recognition by Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCSA) and **Local Organizing Committee (COJA)**.

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The Competition dates of the Canoeing Competitions were established as 6th Sept to 11th Sept. The Canoe Sprint events were from 6th-8th Sept, while the London 2012 Olympic Sprint Qualifiers were held as a separate race on 9th September 2011. 10th Sept was rest day. Slalom obstacle was on 11th Sept

On 10th Sept was held the CAC Ordinary Congress at Lake View Hotel, Chidenguele.

Initially Canoeing was to be organized in conjunction with Rowing, however Rowing was withdrawn from the Programme by COJA and hence canoeing was organized as the only sport out of Maputo City approx 270km from the main Games Village.

2. Meetings with Organizing Committee(COJA)

- a) **SCSA/COJA:** As the All Africa Games were organized under the Management of Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCSA) it was necessary to make contact and establish good working relationships with SCSA and COJA as they were the key stakeholders, which was done by CAC.
- b) **Joint Meetings ;** In preparation of the All Africa games, several Joint Meetings were held with the SCSA , COJA and Mozambique National federations as follows;
 - i. Mar 2010- 1st Joint Meeting, Venue Visit and Technical Course
 - ii. Oct 2010 - 2nd Joint meeting, Venue Visit and Technical Course
 - iii. April 2011 - 3rd Joint meeting and Inspection of venue.
 - iv. Sept 2011- SCSA Ordinary Session.

During the Games, CAC attended meeting organized by ANOCA and the Associations of Africa Sports Confederations (AASC) Elective Assembly where the candidature of CAC for post of 2nd Vice President was unsuccessful.

- c) **CAC Congress ;** This was held on 10th Sept , where President Mr. Joao Costa Alegre of Sao Tome and Principe was re-elected for the 2nd term, while Mr. Tim Cornish of South Africa was elected as 2nd Vice President. While at the same Time awards for Best Coach, Best Africa Paddler Men and Women were presented during the Closing ceremony as follows as per nominations received from National Federations;

Best Coach - Francisco Freire – Angola
Best Male Paddler- Khadim Boye - Senegal
Best Female Paddler- Fatima Antonio-Angola



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CAC Awards for Best Women paddler Fatima of ANGOLA presented by CAC President –Joao Costa Alegre.

3. Mozambique National Federation.

The first contact was made with Mozambique National Federation in January 2010, after which we continued regular communications. Since the NF was newly re-organized, it was evident that they would require all the support for the organization of the Canoeing events, after discussions with ICF it was decided to immediately donate Training Boats Equipment purchased from South Africa as part of the ICF Development Programme assistance and organize to Technical Course.

- a) **Venue Identification:** The venue Identification was done in conjunction with the COJA and Mozambique NF. It was proposed by NF that land and calm water for Club development and Training Centre was available in Chidenguele about 270km from Maputo, this was also a tourism area and hence had fairly developed accommodations, In addition hosting the Canoeing events here would support the Governments' Rural development plan.
- b) **Mozambique NF Team Support:** CAC and ICF decided to support the Mozambique National Canoeing team by hosting 3 Technical courses, donation of 30 Sprint training boats, 16 Slalom Training and Competition Boats and 24 competitions Boats by NELO due to Sponsorship Agreement with CAC.
- c) **Coaching Support ;** Through arrangement with CAC, NOC of Mozambique, NOC Brazil and Brazilian Canoe Federation ,1 full time Coach Mr. Juan Emmanuel was made available for the Mozambique Team for 3 months.
- d) **Training centre ;** At the Closing ceremony ,an agreement was signed with Lake View Hotel to provide special Accommodation Prices for any National Team wishing to base their training in Chidenguele, however to qualify for this special offer a recommendation letter from CAC would be necessary .

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Canoeing venue.



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K2 –Men racing

4. Equipment, facilities and Infrastructure Support.

- a) **Partners and Sponsors;** In recognition of the following partners of the Canoeing events for All Africa Games; CAC, ICF, NELO Kayaks , COJA , FFCK , Polaritas ltd , Mozambique NF and Canoeing RSA who contributed various equipment, facilities and buildings, Racing Course and manpower.
- b) **COJA Accord;** COJA and CAC signed an Accord of partnerships on 26th April 2011, through this agreement COJA would facilitate the buildings of additional necessary infrastructure /facilities /competition equipment eg Motor Boats and Buildings, Boat house at the canoeing venue, while CAC would provide

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necessary technical race management knowhow, support and Training and Competitions boat donations.

- c) **Infrastructure Development;** Through the hosting of the Canoeing events in the town of Chidenguele the several developments were possible such as Club Maritimo development with infrastructure ,Tarmac road from Maputo to Chidenguele was completed , Electricity was provided to the Club , road to Club was made wide and graded and infrastructure until the Venue and official hotel were improved .
- d) **Racing Course ;** The Racing Course was purchased from Polaritas LTD of Hungary by ICF /CAC on a very reasonable offer , they supplied 6 lanes racing course , Buoys and other requirements. 2 technical staffs of the Polaritas were involved in the installation and adjustment of the lanes and were available throughout the competition. The Course was installed in time for the start of competition although the Container arrived at the venue only 3 days before the start of the competition. The Sprint Racing and Obstacle Slalom course were donated to the Mozambique NF as Legacy for future development of Competitive Canoeing in Mozambique and Africa.



Racing course installed by Polaritas Ltd of Hungary.

5. Canoeing Competition Venue Preparation;

- a) **The venue preparation;** was the responsibility of The COJA , while Mozambique NF was tasked the responsibility to follow up on the day to day progress, however several challenges were encountered such the timelines agreed were not followed , while COJA was challenged with providing the necessary funding. Mozambique NF was restricted in its human resource capacity in Canoeing since the Sailing has been the major activity in the Federation for many years, the Federation paid more attention to Sailing in terms

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of Equipment and facilities procurement and was also not able to supply any equipment for Canoeing.

- b) **Venue infrastructure** and buildings were either completed at the last minute or in some cases not completed, some unwanted structures were built or hired which had little or no use for the canoeing competitions. While COJA managed to bring in temporary structures such as mobile Offices, Toilets, Tents and various other facilities it was not able to provide basic requirements such Video Camera, Megaphone, Boat Numbers, or weighing scale required for the Competitions and these were borrowed from South Africa Canoeing federation.



All Africa Games –Venue and Infrastructure Overview

- c) **Accommodation**; For All participants including the Athletes, Officials, Volunteers, drivers and VIP was provided at the Lake View Hotel. The Management of this Hotel was very good and cooperative while we had not any major complaint about accommodation or food .The hotel hosted a Dinner and Fireworks display with music on the last day for athletes and officials and Governor of GAZA province was in attendance.
- d) **Meals**; All meals were provided at the Hotel in the time required and the Hotel made sure that every demand was accommodated at the hotel. Enough Drinking water was available and provided to athletes and teams.
- e) **Transport** ; Due to long travel time between Canoeing venue in Chidenguele and Maputo , it was necessary to organize the transportation of athletes and officials , in this respect COJA provide some buses and cars for use in Chitenguela however the challenge was receiving the Fuel in good time for smooth operations.

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- f) **Motor Boats;** COJA made private arrangements with Nkwazi Lodge whose owners Mr. and Mrs. Ernest and Cleo provided very good support in terms of cooperation and assistance to supply the required items eg Motor boats for competitions and installation of racing course .



6. Technical Resources Delivery.

- a) **Race Management and Manpower;** The Technical manpower was the responsibility of CAC and with ICF, a team of qualified ITO from Africa and other countries were assembled to provide the technical management of the canoeing events, this included support of 3 Technical officials provided under an arrangement with French Canoe Federation, and 2 Technical staff of Polaritas, while permanent presence of the Secretary gen and Technical Director of Mozambique NF at the venue ensured special problems were solved quickly.
- b) **Boat Control;** Boats Control was managed according to ICF rules and standards while it was noted that although the technical facilities were acceptable, COJA was not able to provide all the required facilities, CAC managed to solve these issues with other partners and supporters.



Finish Line Judges.

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Boat Control

- c) **International Technical Official (ITO) seminar**; With support of ICF, the 1st Vice President Mr. Istvan Vascuti was able to conduct a ITO seminar/examination for 6 candidates from South Africa (5) and Seychelles(1).
- d) **Volunteers**; A number of Volunteers were available for some duties however most of the volunteers were not previously trained in specific duties and requirements of Canoeing and some of the Volunteers could not speak English language.

Spectators at the Canoeing events-All Africa Games



7. Competition programme ;

- a) **Competition Committee** ; This committee was appointed comprising ;Mr. Csaba Szanto (ICF) , Mr. Seif Patwa (CAC) and Mr. Jean Christophe Gonneaud (ITO)

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- b) **The Race programme** was from 6th- 11th September 2011 and as stated as per the original schedule and only 2 postponements were necessary due to strong winds, however all the competitions was managed and completed within the scheduled days of competitions. 2 protests were lodged however these were concluded fairly by the Competition committee; in one case the protest was withdrawn. The Programme comprised 15 medal events including Canoe; C1; (men and Women-200m only) and C2 (men only), Kayak; K1 and K2 (men and women), Para- canoe K1 (Men)
- c) **Communication**; with COJA: There was lack of communication, coordination and efficient management by COJA causing several operational problems which could otherwise have been easily avoided.
- d) **Media**; Mozambique National TV covered Canoeing events widely over the competitions days with interviews, profiles of athletes and results.
- e) **Anti Doping Tests**; Several Anti Doping tests were conducted through the COJA .At the time of writing this report CAC had not received information on the number of the tests conducted, the names of the Paddlers tested or the results of the Anti Doping tests.
- f) **VIP**; During the Canoeing events , The First Lady and wife of the President of the Republic of Mozambique Her Excellency Mrs. Guebuza paid an official visit and presented Medals to winners.



Obstacle Slalom Paddlers;

8. Olympic Qualification.

- a) **Canoe Sprint OG**; These were initially scheduled be held in Tunisia in April 2011 during the Africa Canoe Championships, however these Championships were cancelled due to the revolution in Tunisia and the OG Qualifiers were scheduled as separate race on 10th September 2011 in Chidenguele, Mozambique during the All Africa Games , this decision was agreed during the meeting of African NF present during the ICF Congress in La Toya, Spain in October 2010. Thereafter this decision was communicated to COJA, ICF and confirmed by IOC.

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- b) **National Federation participation;** Being the Continental Qualifiers, these were open to all members of CAC and ICF , however on the issue of Morocco which is not member of African Union, although it was not eligible to attend the All Africa games, nevertheless Morocco was eligible to attend the African Qualifications as per decision taken by African NF where Morocco was also present as indicated above in 8 (a) , however No objections were raised by Mozambique Government, COJA or Supreme Council of Sports in Africa prior to the arrival of Morocco team in Mozambique , unfortunately objections were raised by the Minister of Sports after arrival of Morocco Team and the team was escorted out of the competition venue thereby not being able to participate in the Olympic Qualifiers on the orders of Mozambique Government and Supreme Council of Sports of Africa (SCSA).
- c) **Athlete qualification ;** The following Paddlers qualified from Africa for London 2012 Olympic Games ; South Africa; Brigitte Hartley (WK1500M), Tiffany Krugger (WK1 200m), Greg Louw (MK1 200m), Calvin Mokoto (MC1 1000). Tunisia; Khalid Bargaoui (MC1 200m), Atef Ben Ismail (WK1 500M), Mohamed Mrabet (MK1 1000M), Angola; Fortunato Pacavira and Henriques Nielsson(MC2 1000M)

9. **Post- Games Legacy.** Mozambique government and Mozambique Canoe Federation through the support of CAC, ICF and COJA have been able to acquire equipment, Infrastructure through the hosting the All Africa Games in addition rural development was achieved through development and improvement of roads, electricity, Medical facilities and Sports Tourism facilities at Club Maritimo. Canoeing was also introduced to thousands of local Spectators who had previously never seen a Kayak or Canoe. The Local Government was also able to appreciate the potential of Canoeing as Sports Tourism product and have confirmed their support for future events.

The Mozambique National Canoe federation is now equipped and capable of hosting future events and to develop Clube Maritimo as a potential Training Centre for African and International teams.

In recognition of these developments Mozambique Canoe federation bid for the hosting of the Africa Canoe Sprint Championships in 2013 and was awarded this honour by the CAC General assembly, to continue building on the legacy of All Africa Games while the Federation is also planning to host the Regional Canoe Championships in 2012.

- 11) Appreciation; CAC would sincerely wish to thank all the Paddlers, Coaches and Technical officials (ITO) for participation in the AAG, we thank the President and Board of Directors of International Canoe Federation , the Supreme Council of Sports in Africa, COJA Organizing Committee , and Mozambique NF for their exceptional support in the successful hosting of the Canoeing events in 10th All Africa Games , we look forward to the next Games in 2015 . We record thanks and appreciation for very good support by our Sponsors NELO Kayaks of Portugal, while recording recognition of Polaritas Ltd of Hungary and French Canoe Federation and Canoeing RSA for their manpower and material support.

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C1 –OBSATACLE CANOE SLALOM racing course



2011 CAC Congress Hall, Lake View Hotel, Chidenguele, Mozambique

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Medallist; C2 men ; KEN(G), ANG(S), MOZ(b)



Branding and Publicity of Canoeing

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Women Canoeing Development



K2 Women 500m –Medal Ceremony; RSA (G), KEN (S), NGR (B)



C1 200M; TUN (G), RSA (S), STP (B) ;
Medal Presentation by Mr Istvan Vascuti - 1ST Vice President of ICF.

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Officials of ICF, CAC and Mozambique Marine Authority

END OF REPORT

We, the undersigned, certify that the information provided above is accurate.

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10th October 2010