

PRESS RELEASE

Africa Beach Games : Cape Verde Presents Bid Officially



Cape Verde has officially presented a bid to host the maiden Africa Beach Games. This was during the 50th ordinary session of the ANOCA Executive Committee held on 3 and 4 February 2017 at Hotel Salam, Bamako, Mali. The bid was presented by the NOC President of, Filomena Fortes, who showcased her country's potentials to Executive Committee members.

Geographically, Cape Verde is a West Africa State comprising an archipelago of ten volcanic islands. It is located in the Atlantic Ocean, off the Coasts of Mauritania and Senegal. Praia, the capital city, is located 644 kilometres from Senegal, and Sal Island, the prospective host island of the

event, is located 680 kilometres from the South West coast of Mauritania. According to the NOC official, this makes for an ideal venue to host seaside games.

Cape Verde's bid is fully supported by the highest political authorities of the land, prominent amongst them the Head of State, Jorge Carlos Fonseca, who has given the go ahead. On 22 January 2017, he granted audience to the President of ANOCA, Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, who was on an inspection tour in the country.

The Executive Committee has of course taken note of NOC Cape Verde's interest to host this event and will subsequently table its report to the General Assembly.

Suffice it to note that ANOCA founded the Africa Beach Games on 12 April 2015. They will be celebrated at a single venue and will feature several beach sports disciplines and even those not practised on beach sands. The concept seeks not only to promote beach games in Africa, but above all to raise awareness of African youths on beach sports.

