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## **ANOCA GAMES CONGO BRAZZAVILLE INAUGURATES THE GAMES CALENDAR**



**The Republic of Congo hosted the maiden edition of the ANOCA Games for the Central Africa region in Brazzaville from September 3-9, 2006.**

Exclusively reserved for the under 20s, these games brought together over 600 young people who competed in football, athletics, handball, boxing, judo, taekwondo and table-tennis.

Six member countries of the Zone took part in the Games: Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome & Principe, Chad and Congo Brazzaville, the host country. Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea were the only two countries absent at these Games.

**The President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, General Lassana Palenfo who graced the event with his presence commended the interest generated by these inaugural games.** In this connection, he said: *"I am delighted to see all these young people who have come together to experience together their first major sports event. The youth of today will make the Africa tomorrow and I wish they can be inspired as they grow into adulthood by sports, its values and virtues"*.

**By the ending of December 2006, the six other ANOCA Zones would have also organised the inaugural edition of these Games in their respective jurisdictions** on a programme comprising four to six sports codes. The calendar is as follows:

- Zone 1: - December in Algiers (Algeria)
- Zone 2: - 24-28 December in Bamako (Mali)
- Zone 3: - 14-19 November in Abuja (Nigeria)
- Zone 5: - 1-5 December in Nairobi (Kenya)
- Zone 6: - 2-6 October in Maseru (Lesotho)
- Zone 7: - 1-3 December in Port Louis (Mauritius)

**The purpose of the ANOCA Games is to get the young to practise sport and to identify olympic young talents across continent.** Organised alongside these sports events will be training and retraining courses for technical staff, coaches and sports administrators.