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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PRPGRAMMES OF THE AUSC REGION 5

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 The Region 5 Member Countries have been involved in a number of key international like the World Netball Youth Cup held in Botswana in July 2017, COSAFA Under 20 Championships in Zambia, COSAFA Senior Women's Cup in Zimbabwe, CANA Zone 4 Swimming Championships in Zimbabwe and just ended Commonwealth Games to name a few. The Region braces itself for the IWG World Conference scheduled for 17 – 20 May 2018 in Gaborone Botswana, African Women Cup of Nations in football and the Region 5 Youth Games in Gaborone from 9 – 16 December 2018 as upcoming events.
- 1.2 On the political front, the Region has seen major changes in leadership already and more changes are imminent. The Region now has new Ministers of sport in Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe in addition to the new Ministers from Angola, Malawi and Zambia who were introduced in the previous Council of Ministers meeting in Gaborone in 2017. Only Botswana and Swaziland have not had new Ministers. This development calls for the need for Members Countries and the AU to periodically brief the new Ministers adequately on Regional matters for the sake of continuity and institutional perpetuity.
- 1.3 As a Region we congratulate all the countries that represented our Region at the XXI Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast Australia. Suffice to note though, that the performances posted at the Games could have been better. The results, challenge all Member States to re-look at their priorities and primary focus in order to ensure athletes are properly

prepared for international competitions and that the Games do not turn into vacations for the athletes and officials.

- 1.4 The Region continues to face financial challenges and constrained revenue flows largely due to existing restricted fiscal space in the Region. We continue however to deploy all means necessary to keep the organisation afloat albeit under extremely difficult circumstances. We reach out to the AU and AUC to work out mechanisms to financially support Regions in order to ensure effective implementation of programmes and activities

2 STRATEGIC MATTERS

2.1 STRATEGIS PLAN

- 2.1.1 The Region managed to review its 2013 – 2018 Strategic Plan. The review was a long consultative process that involved several layers of meetings, assessments and evaluation. A dashboard system of monitoring and evaluation was used to keep track and assess progress registered in implementing the Strategic Plan. The process culminated into a Sports Review Forum held in Luanda, Angola in July 2017 and was refined by a small team. The Strategic Plan was adopted by the Executive Committee and subsequently ratified by the Council of Ministers.

2.2 COSANOC

- 2.2.1 Collaboration with Confederation of Southern African National Olympic Committees (COSANOC) is continuing in the spirit of the existing Memorandum of Understanding. The Region has been jointly organizing a Regional Marathon in collaboration with COSANOC for the past three years in the month of June every year. The 2018 edition is scheduled for Swakopmund in Namibia and plans are intensifying with efforts now being focused on opening the Marathon to the rest of Africa and the world gaining momentum.
- 2.2.2 In order to make a bold statement of intent on the need for harmony among the key stakeholders of sport, the region is considering ways of establishing joint platforms on which Governments, NOCs and Sports Commissions can deliberate matters of mutual interest and assess progress on cooperation between national authorities and sports organisations with the intention of strengthening harmonization of programmes and structures as well as collective synchronization and maximisation of resources.

2.2.3 In response to the request by the Executive Committee for COSANOC to produce a framework for collaboration between Governments, NOCs and Sports Commissions, the Region adopted the Olympic Agenda 2020 document as the framework for collaboration and will be used to guide relationships between these key stakeholders. This document, read together with the 2010 Acapulco declaration will go a long way towards regularizing and harmonizing relations between Governments, NOCs and Sports Commissions at country level.

2.3 FINANCES

2.3.1 The Region's financial books of accounts are annually audited by a reputable external audit firm. Ernst and Young was recently appointed to be the Region 5 audit firm for the period 2018 to 2021 financial years.

2.3.2 Financing of the budget has continued to be slow most particularly because in the year of non-Games the bulk of funding is received from subscription fees. The Region is making serious efforts to commercialise its products and services in order to diversify revenues and increase cash flows. It is against this background that we strongly request the AUSC to seriously consider extending financial support to the Sports Development Regions from the African Games revenues.

2.3.3 The Region is now engaging a Marketing Agency for the sole purpose of intensifying commercialisation of its products and services.

2.3.4 The Region has established an offshore investment portfolio in order to grow its wealth and ring-fence its funds by deriving commercial value from exchange gains. The investment portfolio continues to be monitored closely for any possible risks

3.1 BOTSWANA 2018 REGION 5 YOUTH GAMES

3.1.1 Plans for the successful hosting of the 8th edition of the Region 5 Youth Games continue to intensify. Some notable progress has however been registered to date even though there is room for quickened pacing in order to catch up with the delays experienced already.

3.1.2 A total of 1850 athletes are expected to gather in Gaborone, Botswana from 7 to 16 December 2018. The athletes will compete in ten sports codes of Athletics, Athletics for the visually impaired, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Gymnastics, Judo, Netball, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball.

- 3.1.3 The sports of Athletics, Swimming, and Judo are being used as qualifiers for International Championships while Tennis will be used by players to accrue ITF ranking points
- 3.1.4 The Region has already signed a Protocol Agreement for the hosting of the 2020 Games in Lesotho. An LOC has already been appointed and this will be inducted in July 2018.
- 3.1.5 Plans are underway to ensure that Malawi signs the Protocol Agreement for the hosting of the 2022 Region 5 Games before December 2018.

3.2 REGIONAL MUSEUM

- 3.2.1 The Region is committed to ensuring that its rich sporting history and heritage is preserved. A Regional Museum is being established in Zimbabwe. In addition, the Region mounts mobile exhibitions during the Region 5 Games every two years

3.3 REGIONAL MARATHON

- 3.3.1 Namibia formally offered to host the Marathon for five years ending 2021. We are grateful to this offer that acts as a string statement for the strengthening of the Marathon brand.
- 3.3.2 The route for the Marathon is IAAF accredited and plans are at an advanced stage to ensure that the marathon appears on the IAAF calendar in future. We invite all other Regions to send their marathon runners to this event in solidarity with region 5.

3.4 LEGAL MATTERS

- 3.4.1 The Region 5 electoral procedures, Financial Policy and regulations, Code of Conduct, Governance Charter and hosting standards and regulations were adopted by Executive Committee and ratified by the Council of Ministers. After the review of both the Constitution and Strategic Plan, it was agreed that some of the provisions of the Constitution needed to be aligned for consistency and to remove ambiguities. An adhoc Committee was established and is set to meet in June 2018 to commence work on alignment of the Constitution. Amendments will be tabled at the November 2018 Executive Committee meeting for adoption and subsequent ratification at the Extraordinary Council of Ministers meeting in December 2018.

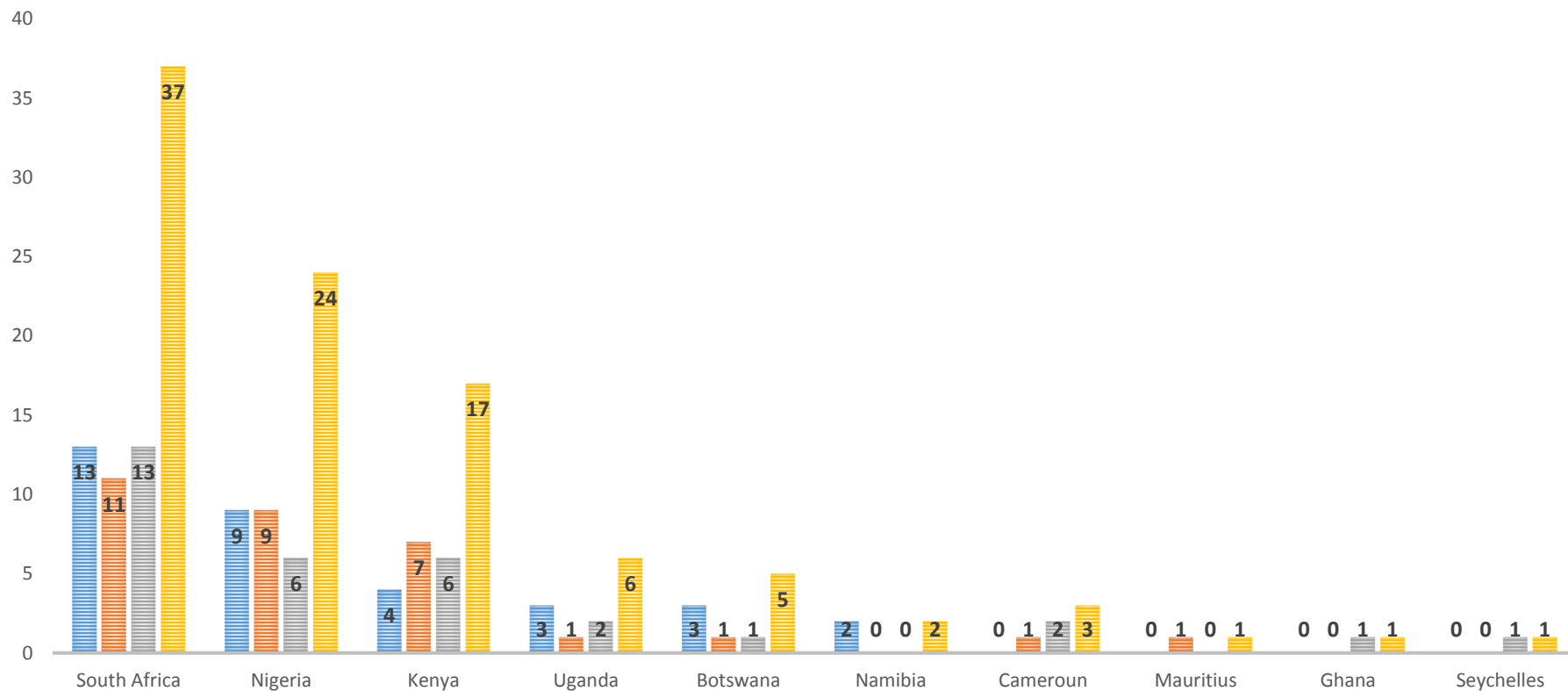
- 3.4.2 The Region is working on strengthening its relationship with Botswana as the host country of the AUSC Region 5 office using the AUSC Agreement with Yaoundé as an example. The Region is making efforts towards expediting the process in consultation with the Government of Botswana in order to meet the milestone of July 2018 set for closure of the matter.
- 3.4.3 Registration of the Region's marks and symbols has finally been concluded. The Region now simply awaits issuance of the certificate. The Region is now a fully and legally registered entity that can sue or be sued.

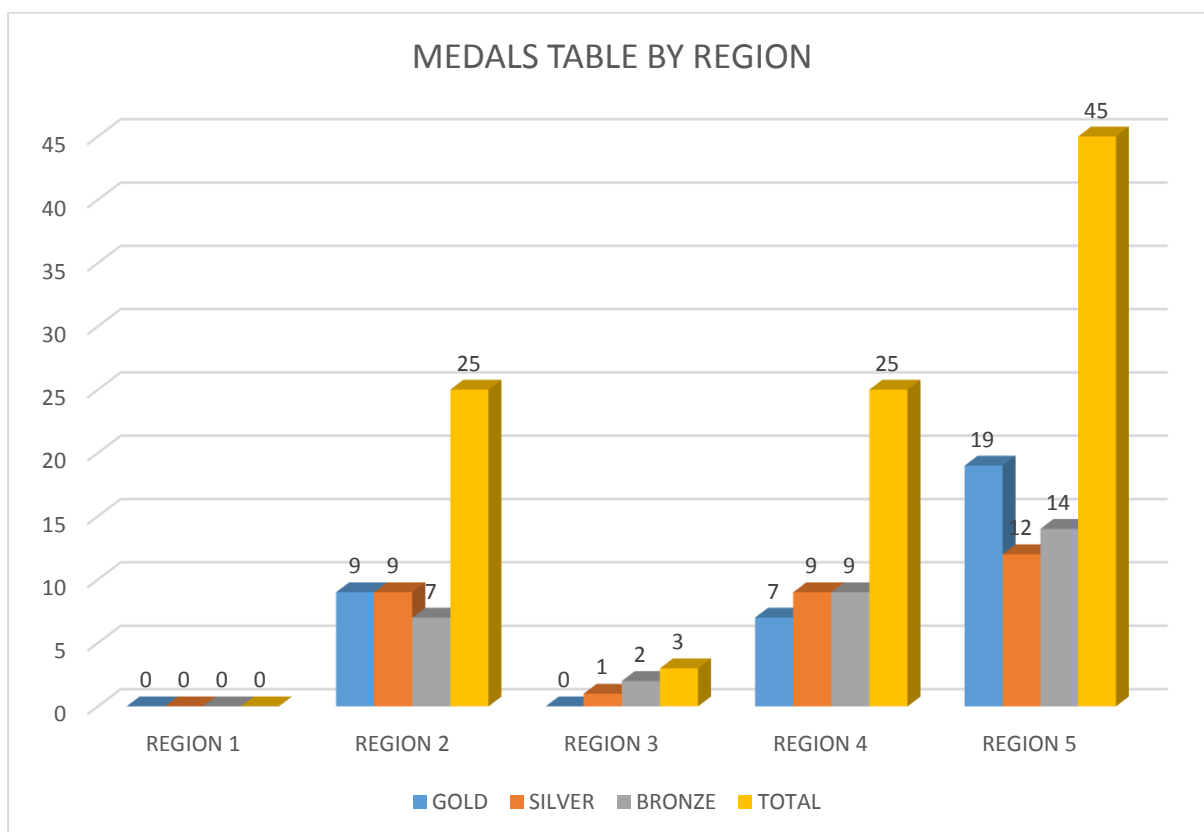
3.5 PODIUM PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

- 3.5.1 The Region has an agreement with the High Performance Centre (Hpc) based at University of Pretoria for implementation of its Podium Performance Programme (PPP). We are delighted to report that plans are at an advanced stage to finalise a new MoU for the continuance of the programme which for the first time will now incorporate an online Athlete Management System
- 3.5.2 The Region 5 Technical Commission has been tasked to expand their scope of work to analysis of the impact of the PPP among other sports development programmes in order to re-engineer its impact and output as we build up towards Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 3.5.3 It is important to conduct a cost benefit analysis of Africa and the Region's performances against the level of investment deployed by Governments, the Olympic Movement and other partners in sport. This will assist in determining whether Africa and the Region's problem is that of lack of or inadequate funding or a combination of weak sports architecture and poor governance. As an example, an Olympic Solidarity quadrennial report for the period 2013 to 2016 which has since been published by Olympic Solidarity. The question that begs introspective analysis is what Africa and the Region has done with such investment in producing world class athletes.
- 3.5.4 The performances registered by Region 5 Member Countries at the just ended Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia was analysed. The results attained at these Games present a reason to further analyse the Region's focus on high performance. The following is a graphic summary of Africa and the Region's performances in Gold Coast.

2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALS TABLE

■ GOLD ■ SILVER ■ BRONZE ■ TOTAL





3.5.5 A total of 71 countries (out of 205 countries in the world) participated (members of the commonwealth) in the Commonwealth Games, 19 of which were African countries

3.5.6 Only ten (10) out of the nineteen (19) African Countries were on the podium. Three (3) of the ten (10) were Region 5 Member Countries (Botswana, South Africa and Namibia).

3.5.7 A total of eight (8) of the ten (10) Region 5 Member Countries participated in the Games (Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia)

3.5.8 The following interesting statistics is derived from the Region's participation in the Gold Coast Games:

3.5.8.1 The Region entered a total of 212 male athletes who won a total of 29 medals and a total of 152 female athletes who won a total of 13 medals.

3.5.8.2 Male athletes won a total of 12 Gold, 9 Silver and 8 Bronze medals adding up to 29 medals

- 3.5.8.3 Female athletes won 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze amounting to 13 medals.
- 3.5.8.4 Botswana entered 27 athletes - 11 Male and 16 Female athletes in 5 sporting codes (Athletics, Boxing, Lawn Bowls and Weightlifting). The male athletes won 2 Gold and 1 Silver medals while their female counterparts won 1 Gold and 1 Bronze medal.
- 3.5.8.5 Lesotho entered 20 athletes - 7 Female and 13 Male athletes in 5 sports codes (Athletics, Boxing, Cycling Mountain, Cycling Road and Weightlifting) but did not win medals.
- 3.5.8.6 Malawi entered 19 athletes – 12 female and 7 Male in two sports codes of Netball and Athletics but won no medals.
- 3.5.8.7 Mozambique entered 26 Athletes – 14 Female and 12 Male in 6 sports codes of Athletics, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Cycling Road and Swimming but won no medals.
- 3.5.8.8 Namibia entered 30 athletes – 10 Female and 20 Male in 7 sports codes of Artistic Gymnastics, Athletics, Boxing, Cycling Mountain, Cycling Road, Lawn Bowls and Triathlon and won two Gold Medals in Marathon and Boxing 64kg
- 3.5.8.9 South Africa entered 196 athletes – 87 Female and 109 Male athletes in 20 sports codes (Gymnastics (artistic and rhythmic), Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling (Mountain, Road and Track), Diving, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Para Powerlifting, Rugby 7s, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, triathlon, Weightlifting and Wrestling) and won 37 Medals 9 Gold, 8 Silver and 8 Bronze won by male athletes and 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze won by Female athletes with the other two being Open and mixed.
- 3.5.8.10 Swaziland entered 10 athletes – 2 Female and 8 male in 3 sports codes of Athletics, Boxing and Cycling Road and did not win medals
- 3.5.8.11 Zambia entered 36 athletes – 9 Female and 27 Male in 8 sports codes of Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Lawn Bowls, Rugby 7s, Squash, Swimming and Table Tennis and did not win medals.

3.6 SCHOOLS SPORT

3.6.1 The Region has engaged with the Confederation of Schools Sports Associations of Southern Africa (COSSASA) on matters to advance schools sport. The Region and COSSASA have agreed on the following that:

3.6.1.1 COSSASA will regularize their standing with the Region as a matter of urgency following their General Meeting scheduled for Francistown, Botswana in May 2018.

3.6.1.2 COSSASA confirmed representation in all SDTC meetings. They were invited to attend the Lesotho meeting though they mixed up the date and missed the meeting once again.

3.6.1.3 COSSASA will promote the newly introduced Region 5 courses and encourage its members to sign-up for the courses.

3.6.2 COSSASA is currently hosting Athletics Championships in Francistown, Botswana (7 – 12 May 2018). All Members Countries were expected to participate at these championships as such events provide a platform for identification of PPP excellence athletes.

3.7 CONFEDERATIONS

3.7.1 The Region notes with satisfaction, the response by some Confederations who have commenced work on regularization of their status for recognition by the AUSC Region 5 even though there is still a lot of work to do. However, other Confederations have disregarded the expectation of being recognized by the Region and complying with the Region's requirements for them to operate in the Region. The Region has started contacting such errand Confederations in order to ensure their compliance in line with the decision of the executive Committee meeting of April 2017 in which it was resolved that:

3.7.1.1 Sports Codes operating Regional Confederations without complying with the Region's compliance requirements be given up to September 2017 to comply or risk being barred from organizing regional events in Region 5 Countries.

3.7.1.2 Non-compliant but recognized Confederations be required to comply by September 2017 or risk being struck off the Region 5 register of Confederations

- 3.7.1.3 All Regional Confederations to submit their compliance documents to the Region including five year event hosting plans and schedules for approval to avoid clashes with the hosting of Regional events and programmes.
 - 3.7.1.4 Member Countries should ensure that Confederations' events have been cleared by the Region prior to hosting them in their respective countries in order to ensure compliance with Regional standards and regulations.
- 3.7.2 Member Countries have been urged to take note of the need to ensure that Confederations' events have been cleared by the Region prior to hosting them as resolved in April 2017 and assist the Region in bringing to account those unrecognized Regional Sports Confederations masquerading as Region 5 Sports Confederations.

3.8 THE SPORTS EDUCATION AND ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SEAS)

- 3.8.1 The Region will from next quarter be offering short courses with primary focus on schools sport as part of capacity development. This will also fulfil the commercialisation strategy as depicted in the 2018 – 2028 Strategic Plan.

3.9 SPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (SPWD)

- 3.9.1 Work is underway to host a classification workshop in preparation for the upcoming 2018 Region 5 Youth Games. Countries have been encouraged to send their respective designated officials for this workshop in order to ensure accurate classification of your athletes.
- 3.9.2 The Region 5 SWPD Committee is seized with the matter of conducting a feasibility study over possibilities of hosting a Region 5 Paralympic Games. Once the findings are ready, these will be used to make an appropriate decision on the matter.
- 3.9.3 The Region resolved to commemorate Paralympic Week every September of each year. Countries have been reminded to commence plans for the 2018 Paralympic week. More follow-ups will be made to ensure that celebrations are prioritized in Member Countries. We however wish to congratulate Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe for commemorating the 2017 Paralympic week.

3.10 WOMEN IN SPORT (WIS)

- 3.10.1** One of the key objectives of the Region is that of ensuring increased participation in sport by women, girls and people with disabilities. Member Countries continue to be reminded to continue investing in capacity development of women and girls in the various countries in order to increase participation levels by this constituency.
- 3.10.2 Momentum is slowly building for commencement of the Women Leadership Programme (WLP) which will see a total of 200 young women leaders in ten Member Countries per year undergoing an organisational management mentorship programme. Countries have been encouraged to support this initiative for its successful implementation.
- 3.10.3 Botswana is ready to host the IWG World Conference from 17 to 20 May 2018. We urge the AU to encourage more African women including African female Ministers to attend this Conference and help make Africa proud to successfully host the event.
- 3.10.4 The AU needs to prioritise revival of AWISA in proper governance procedures. There seems to be not much efforts and strategic focus on how AWISA can be supported. This matter requires renewed energy by the AU. At a Regional level, our WIS is functioning well with tangible programmes being implemented. The efforts are however not being complemented at Continental level.

3.11 REGIONAL REWARDS PROGRAMME

- 3.11.1 The Region will be hosting its 3rd Regional Annual Sports Awards (RASA) 2018 at Birchwood Hotel, South Africa on Saturday 26 May 2018. The awards are for those countries that host their own National Sports Awards. Nine out of the ten Region 5 Member States are now eligible for the RASA, an increase from five countries in 2016. .
- 3.11.2 The next edition of RASA is scheduled for Namibia in 2019. Efforts are underway to secure a title sponsor for the RASA to ensure maintenance of standards of the event and strengthening of the brand. Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe are lined up to start planning for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 editions of the RASA respectively.

3.12 FIFA INITIATIVE

FIFA reconfirmed their interest to collaborate with the Region in hosting a Ministers' Conference in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe under its FIFA Forward Programme. The Conference is meant to build relationships

between FIFA, National Football federations and the Government structures through promotion of harmonious co-existence and promotion of good governance. Plans are at an advanced stage to finalise long term working relationship including hosting a Ministers Conference in September/October 2018.

3.13 THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORT FOR ALL (TAFISA)

The Region entered into a MoU with TAFISA on the promotion of sport for all in the member Countries. As part of the execution of the MoU, the Region is meeting with TAFISA on the margins of the IWG Conference on 16 May 2018 in Gaborone, Botswana to work out among other things, collaborative activities to be implemented.

3.14 SADC

Efforts to revitalize and harmonise strategic collaboration with SADC are continuing and are bearing fruit. After consultative meetings following the visit by the Troika to the then SADC Chair, His Majesty King Mswati III in 2017, there has been significant progress and positive interaction between SADC and Region 5. We have since received the approved SADC Revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan 2015-2020 from which we have been agreed that the Region 5 should identify proposed areas of collaboration. Analysis of the Indicative Strategic Development Plan is currently underway with positive prospects of synergy and mutually beneficial collaboration between the two bodies.

3.15 CONCLUSION

Esteemed colleagues, the task of sustaining the Region under current economic challenges is no mean feat by any stretch of imagination. We however remain resolute and determined to ensure that our strategic objectives and goals are achieved in as economical means as reasonably possible. We derive comfort in the economic outlook that forecasts a more favorable economic environment in the medium to long term. The Region will continue to rely on the effectiveness and support of the AUC and AUSC in appreciating the work being done at our levels. As such, the support of the AUC and AUSC is greatly required for the Region to make headway, maintain its ethos and live up to its punch line, that of being “A leading home of innovation and excellence”.

I thank you!

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