



INAUGURATION OF THE 1ST AFRICAN PARA GAMES ACCRA 2023

African Para Games, 2023



INAUGURATION OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC) FOR THE AFRICAN PARA GAMES, ACCRA 2023

ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2023
AT RIDGE, ACCRA
5:00PM

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
5:00PM	Arrival of All Invited Guest	
	Arrival of the Honourable Minister	
	Opening Prayer	
	Introduction of Dignitaries/ Welcome Purpose of Event	Chief Director Min. Youth & Sports
	Welcome Address	President, African Paralympic Committee, Mr. Samson Deen
	Key note Address	Minister of Youth & Sports
	Introduction and Inauguration of LOC	Minister of Youth & Sports
	Acceptance Speech	LOC Chairman/CEO
	Official Opening of the AfPC Secretarial	Minister of Youth & Sports
	Vote of Thanks	
	Closing Prayer	
	Group Photograph/Interview	

MC: Rev. Yawson Showman




H.E. NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO ADDO
PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF GHANA



HON. MUSTAPHA USSIF
MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS



MR. SAMSON DEEN
PRESIDENT, AFRICAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE



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H.E. PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC



H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa
Akufo Addo

“IT IS DOABLE” these are the exact words of His Excellency the President of the Republic when Mr. Andrew Parsons the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) paid a courtesy call on the President of Ghana on the 5th of January, 2022 at the Seat of President.

Today the words of the His Excellency, the President of the Republic is manifesting as Ghana prepares to host the first-ever African Para Games, as a demonstration of the President’s strong support and promotion of social inclusion and protection of the rights of the vulnerable in society.

Under the leadership and patronage of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwah Akufo-Addo, Ghana will indeed host and organize the first-ever African Para Games, dubbed Accra 2023 in August this year. Ghana will continue to be the pacesetter and Gateway to Africa in all facets of socio-economic development, which sports is not an exception as we prepare in all aspects to host this historic multi-sporting event.

The African Para Games is highly envisaged not only to further promote social inclusion and help to break the barrier of stigma against persons with disabilities, but also become a part of our rich African cultural heritage and diversity as well as provide our athletes the opportunity to exchange their respective countries culture, strengthening friendship and promote solidarity ties through sports diplomacy.

Ghana will be privileged under the auspices of the First African Para Games, Accra 2023, to host thousands of athletes, coaches and officials from all the 55 nations in Africa as well as hundreds of dignitaries and volunteers from the rest of the world. As we unveiled the LOC today, we wish to extend a pleasant hand of invitation to all to come to Ghana to experience Ghana's rich cultural heritage, diversity and Ghanaian hospitality.

*You are all
welcome to Accra*

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS



Hon. Mustapha Ussif

It is my singular honour and a unique privilege on behalf of the President of Ghana, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwah Akufo-Addo and the good people of Ghana to express the nation's profound gratitude to the Regional Organization – the African Paralympic Committee and its members for the confidence reposed in Ghana to host and organize this historic event, the First African Para Games in Accra-Ghana.

The Republic of Ghana will indeed make history as the first African nation to host and organize the First African Para Games as a separate Regional Multi- Para Sporting competition involving athletes with disabilities on the continent of Africa. The appointment and eventual inauguration of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) today, is a strong indication that our nation under the able leadership of the President of the Republic, is anxiously ready and prepared to successfully host and organize the Games. .

I have no doubt that the Chairman and his members of the LOC will do their maximum best to mobilize all the resources required for the nation to successfully host the thousands of athletes, coaches and team officials from all the 55 nations in Africa as well as hundreds of dignitaries and volunteers from the rest of the world in Ghana, as a test event for the 13th African Games in 2024.

Regional Games of this magnitude cannot be successfully planned, implemented and delivered without the support and collaboration of all stakeholders, institutions, organizations, partners, sponsors, philanthropist and individuals. Therefore, I am hereby inviting all and sundry to join the Ministry of Youth and Sports as we seek to make history by delivering a memorable first-ever Africa Para Games in the annals of African Para Sports and the Paralympic Movement in Africa.

“It is doable”

Says the President of the Republic.

PRESIDENT, APC/ NPC-GHANA



Samson Deen

The African Paralympic Committee (AfPC) in conjunction with the Republic of Ghana will make history by organising the First African Para Games as a stand-alone International Multi- Para Sporting Event for athletes with impairment on the continent of Africa in August 2023.

The African Para Games, Accra 2023 is aimed at providing African Para Athletes a world class, multi-sport event on the African soil, which their “able-bodied” counterparts have enjoyed since the inception of the All African Games in 1965.

The idea of the African Para Games as a stand-alone international multi-sporting event for athletes with an impairment in AFRICA was first borne in 2017 in Angola at the African Paralympic Committee General Assembly. The first edition was to be organized and hosted in Morocco, in January 2019. However, the event did not take place as planned.

At the heart of the 2021 African Paralympic Committee (APC) General Assembly in Rabat Morocco, was the organization of a separate African Para Games for athletes with impairment and with express disappointment of members because of our inability to organize the first Games in 2019.

My electoral victory as the President of the African Paralympic Committee (AfPC) in Rabat, Morocco, on the 31st of October, 2021, further encouraged and provided hope for the host and organization the first-ever African Para Games in Accra- Ghana, after the 13th African Games, Accra 2023 in August.

Ghana is highly privileged to host and organize the First edition of the African Para Games, which is aimed at providing the African Para Athletes the opportunity to experience a world class multi-para sporting event on the African continent, serve as a catalyst for further development and promotion of para-sports in Africa, and increased our athletes qualification opportunities for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Come this August, Ghana will host thousands of athletes and team officials (coaches, administrative and technical personnel) from over Forty-eight (48) National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) across Africa and hundreds of dignitaries including the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), technical officials, media personnel as well as volunteers globally.

The Games official sports programme includes SEVEN SPORTS CODES, notably: Amputee Football, Para Athletics, Para Powerlifting, Goalball, Para / Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Tennis.

Significantly four of these sports are sanctioned qualification events for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games; these are Para Athletics, Para Powerlifting, Para Volleyball, and Wheelchair Tennis.

Again for the first time in the history of Paralympic Movement in Africa, the African Paralympic Committee can boast of an Ultra-modern

office with the necessary facilities and accessories and dedicated staff to facilitate a smooth administration and management of our organisation.

The African Para Games has come stay as a mandatory event for all APCs Member NPCs to serve as a unique platform to celebrate our exceptional African Para Athletes' sporting excellence.

We wish to thank H.E. the President of the Republic, the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports, for the support towards the realization of this goal and the entire Paralympic and Olympic Movements for the solidarity.

Together we shall inspire abetter Africa through sports.

The First African Para Games Accra 2023 Sports Codes include:

- 1 Amputee Football,
- 2 Para Athletics,
- 3 Para Powerlifting,
- 4 Goalball,
- 5 Sitting Volleyball,
- 6 Wheelchair Basketball, and
- 7 Wheelchair Tennis.

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

NAME	POSITION
CHRIS BOADI-MENSAH DR.	CHAIRMAN
BELLA BELLO BITUGU	DIRECTOR OF SPORTS
JULIANA ADDO-YOBO	LEGAL DIRECTOR
REKSBROBBY	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS SERVICES
HENRY TACHIE-MENSON	DIRECTOR
SADDICK ADAMS	COMMUNICATIONS
GIFTY AFIA OWARE ABOAGYE	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING
OSMAN ALI	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
ERIC KISSI	MEMBER OF NPC GHANA
DR. HAYAT KHATTAB	MEMBER OF AfPC

THE APPROVED ZONES ARE AS FOLLOWS

WEST AFRICA		EAST AFRICA		CENTRAL AFRICA	NORTH AFRICA	SOUTH AFRICA
ZONE A	ZONE B	ZONE A	ZONE B			
CAPE VERDE	BENIN	BURUNDI	COMOROS	CAMEROON	ALGERIA	ANGOLA
GAMBIA	BURKINA FASO	DJIBOUTI	MADAGASCAR	CHAD	EGYPT	BOTSWANA
GUINEA	GHANA	ERITREA	MAURITIUS	CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC	LIBYA	ESWATINI
GUINEA BISSAU	IVORY COAST	ETHIOPIA	SEYCHELLES	CONGO BRAZAVILLE	MAURITANIA	LESOTHO
LIBERIA	NIGER	KENYA		DR CONGO	MOROCCO	MALAWI
MALI	NIGERIA	RWANDA		EQUATORIAL GUINEA	SUDAN	MOZAMBIQUE
SENEGAL	TOGO	SOMALI		GABON	TUNISIA	NAMIBIA
SIERRA LEONE		SOUTH SUDAN		SAO TOME & PRINCIPE		SOUTH AFRICA
		UGANDA				ZAMBIA
		TANZANIA				ZIMBABWE

PARA AFRICAN GAMES ACCRA, 2023 PICTOGRAMS

ALTHEROH



FOOTBALL AMPUTEE



GOALBALL



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



PARA POWERLIFTING



WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



PARA ATHLETICS



SITTING VOLLEYBALL

ACCRA 2023 LIST OF COUNTRIES SUBMITTED



GHANA



GAMBIA



CAMEROUN



SENEGAL



EGYPT



CAPE VERDE



MALI



GUINEA



ETHIOPIA



TUNISIA



SIERRA LEONE



GUINEA BISSAU



MOZAMBIQUE



BENIN



NAMIBIA



ZIMBABWE



ZAMBIA



ERITREA



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MR. SAMSON DEEN



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