

THE AFRICAN DIASPORA GRANT

DEFINITION

“The African Diaspora consists of peoples of African origin living outside the continent, irrespective of their citizenship and nationality and who are willing to contribute to the development of the continent and the building of the African Union” - a political definition formulated by the Executive Council of the African Union.

BACKGROUND

The bid processes of 2006 and 2010 FIFA World Cup™, emphasized the event to be an African event. It was further understood that Africa, as well as the African Diaspora, would benefit from the legacy of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

The two approaches of:

- (i) An African, World Class World Cup and
- (ii) A legacy for the African Continent, as well as the African Diaspora remained consistent areas of focus and implementation.

At the AU summit held in Addis Ababa in Jan 2007 both President Sepp Blatter and President Thabo Mbeki made the commitment in the presence of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, that the African Diaspora would benefit from the legacy of the 2010 World Cup

In addition, President Mbeki has on numerous, in referring to 2010 FIFA World Cup, stated how important the event was for the growth and development of Africa and the African Renaissance.

DELIVERY ON THE PROMISE

AFRICAN LEGACY PROGRAMME

“To date FIFA has committed more than US\$70.0 million towards its “Win in Africa for Africa” and the “20 centres for 2010” programmes - all a benefit to the African Continent.” See statement on these programmes.

LEGACY FOR THE DIASPORA

The programme for the diaspora has not received any financial commitment. This has led to a series of questions on our commitment to the African diaspora.

We consequently place a proposal before the EXCO as follows:

Recognizing that FIFA has committed:

- (i) 70 million US\$ to African legacy programmes
- (ii) 20 Centres for 2010 at a cost of 10 million US\$
- (iii) A financial assistance programme of 53 million US\$ (over 4 years)
- (iv) Goal projects
- (v) Allocated both the U/17 and U/20 World Cups to Africa
 - a. 2009: U/17 - Nigeria
 - b. 2009: U/20 - Egypt

Resolution 1

That the EXCO recommends to the Board a contribution of 10.0 million US\$ to be deducted from our approved budget for the purpose of supporting legacy programmes in the Diaspora under FIFA's management and control.

Resolution 2

EXCO recommends the Board the submission to government of a funding proposal for:

- (i) South Africa's Football Legacy for Infrastructure : R40.0 million
- (ii) A contribution to the Final Draw : R30.0 million

Total requested: R70.0 million