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Decisions made by the CAF Executive Committee, convened January 24th 2014

Friday the 24th of January 2014, from 15:00 to 19:20 pm -local time- the Confederation of African Football's Executive Committee was convened in the Cape Town International Convention Centre; under the leadership of the CAF President Issa Hayatou. The meeting agenda contained fifteen points which had been the subject of cordial and fruitful discussions; thus paving the way to the adoption of resolutions.

Candidacies for the hosting of the AFCON 2019 and 2021

Within the specified deadlines, the CAF General Secretariat received a total of six complete dossiers for the two AFCON editions.

The official candidates for the 2019 edition are:

Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Zambia.

The official candidates for the 2021 edition are:

Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, and Guinea.

A single commission, consisting of experts, shall be designated at the coming meeting of the Executive Committee; scheduled to convene on February 21st 2014 in Cairo, Egypt. The commission shall be entrusted with carrying out the inspection visits to the bidding countries.

As for the final vote for the designation of the countries that shall be hosting the Africa Cup of Nations' editions 2019 and 2021, it shall be conducted during the CAF Executive Committee's session; scheduled in **September 2014** (instead of May 2014). This shall grant each bidding country the adequate amount of time to receive the CAF's inspection delegation.

Candidacies for the hosting of the CHAN 2018 and 2020

The General Secretariat was instructed to carry out the necessary measures, to be ratified by the Executive Committee, for the extension of the deadlines specified for the receipt of the bidding dossiers for the CHAN editions 2018 and 2020.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee agreed on the need to review the regulations of the African Nations Championship; in order to compel the country hosting the final phase to suspend all of its national competitions during the CHAN's final phase.

Teams whose players had been selected are also to be required to release them to join the national team during the CHAN's final phase, or else face the imposition of sanctions by the CAF. These provisions shall enter into force starting from the 2016 edition.

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Orange AFCON, Morocco 2015

The final phase of the AFCON 2015 shall be played from the 17th of January to the 7th of February 2015 in the cities of Rabat, Agadir, Tanger, and Marrakech. As for the qualifiers' draw, it shall be held **Sunday**, **April 27th 2014 in Cairo**, **Egypt**. The qualifiers shall be played in the format of several preliminary rounds, as well as a group phase with seven groups consisting of four teams each. The two top teams of each group will then directly qualify for the Orange AFCON 2015, along with the 3rd place winners of the seven groups.

The group phase shall be held from September 5th to November 19th 2014. The final phase's draw shall be conducted on November 26th 2014 in Morocco; the city remains to be decided.

Out of the 51 countries engaged in these qualifiers, the top 21 teams listed in the CAF Ranking shall automatically qualify for the group phase. The seven others partaking in the group phase shall be determined following the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, held from May to August 2014.

The below CAF Ranking (Annexe 1) combines the performance of the teams during the three last editions of the AFCON; during the qualifiers of these editions, as well as during the qualifiers of the World Cup 2014.

Other competitions

An integral draw for the qualifiers of the U-17 African Championship - Niger 2015 and of the Orange U-20 African Championship - Senegal 2015, had also been carried out. (Annexes 2 and 3).

Furthermore, inspection missions shall be dispatched to Namibia, Senegal, and Niger; to assess the progress of the preparations carried out respectively for the African Women's Football Championship, the U-20 African Championship, and the U-17 African Championship.

CAF Super Cup

The match opposing Al-Ahly (Egypt) - the winner of the Orange Champions' League - to the Club Sportif Sfaxien (Tunisia) - winner of the Orange Confederation Cup - shall be held Saturday, February 22nd 2014 in the Cairo International Stadium, in Egypt.

CAF Ordinary General Assembly

The 36th CAF Ordinary General Assembly shall be held on June 9th 2014 at 09:00 am in the Sheraton WTC Hotel, in Sao Paulo, in Brazil; on the sidelines of the FIFA Congress and the World Cup 2014.

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Any Other Business

The CAF Executive Committee has also confirmed the holding of the following 3 key events:

1/ A seminar on the professionalization of football in Africa and the implementation of the Club Licensing System shall be held on January 30th and 31st 2014 in the city of Cape Town. The seminar shall be attended by 37 elite African clubs, a number of experts, as well as the presidents of the CAF Member Associations.

2/ On the sidelines of the CAF Super Cup, scheduled on February 22nd 2014, a meeting shall be held and attended by the five presidents of the African Federations that qualified for the FIFA World Cup 2014 (Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Nigeria) in order to give them all the possible support of CAF and call on all Africans to support the 5 representatives of the Continent.

3/ A memorandum of understanding shall be signed on February 20th 2014 in Cairo, between CAF and the UEFA; for the sake of bolstering the cooperation between the two confederations.

The reviewed list of match commissioners for the period 2014-2016 had also been ratified by the Executive Committee.

ANNEX 1: RANKING FOR CAF NATIONAL TEAMS TO BE USED FOR AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS QUALIFIERS 2015

For each of the last three Africa Cup of Nations final tournaments, the following system of points is approved for the concerned countries:

Classification	Points awarded
Winner	8
Runner-up	6
Semi-Finalist	4
Quarter Finalist	3
3 rd in Group	2
4 th in Group	1

The most recent editions are given more importance in the determination of the seeded teams, the 2013 edition's points are multiplied by 3 and the 2012 by 2 and the 2010 Edition by 1.

For the 2012 Qualifiers, the following system of points is adopted:

Classification	Points awarded
Winner	4
Runner-up	3
3 rd in Group	2
4 th in Group	1

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For the 2013 Qualifiers, the following system of points is adopted:

Classification	Points awarded
Qualified	3
Loser in 2 nd round	2
Loser in 1 st round	1

It was accepted to give the most recent editions of qualifiers more importance in the determination of the seeded teams, the 2012 edition's points are therefore divided by 2.

For the qualifiers of AFCON 2015, the following points will also be granted based on the performance of teams during the qualifiers of the FIFA World Cup 2014

Classification	Points awarded
Qualified to WC	7
Playoff	5
2 nd in Group	3
3 rd in Group	2
4 th in Group	1

CLASSIFICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE SEEDED TEAMS FOR THE QUALIFIERS OF AFCON 2015*

		CAN	Q CAN	CAN	Q CAN	CAN		
	Country	2013	2013	2012	2012	2010	WC 2014	Total
1	Nigeria	24	3		1.5	4	7	39.5
2	Ghana	12	3	8	2	6	7	38
3	CIV	9	3	12	2	3	7	36
4	Zambia	6	3	16	2	3	3	33
5	Burkina	18	3	2	2	2	5	32
6	Mali	12	3	8	2	2	3	30
7	Tunisia	6	3	6	1.5	1	5	22.5
	Morocco	6	3	4	2		3	18
8	Algeria	3	3		1	4	7	18
9	Angola	3	3	4	2	3	2	17
10	Cap Verde	9	3		1.5		3	16.5
11	Togo	9	3		0.5	1	1	14.5
12	Egypt		1		0.5	8	5	14.5
13	South Africa	9	0		1.5		3	13.5
14	Cameroon		2		1.5	3	7	13.5
15	RDC	6	3		1		2	12
16	Ethiopia	3	3		1		5	12
17	Gabon		2	6		2	2	12

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18	Niger	3	3	2	2		1	11
19	Guinea		2	4	2		3	11
20	Senegal		2	2	2		5	11
21	Sudan		2	6	1.5		1	10.5
22	Libya		2	4	1.5		3	10.5
23	Eq. Guinea		2	6			1	9
24	Botswana		2	2	2		2	8
25	Malawi		2		1	1	3	7
26	Uganda		2		1.5		3	6.5
27	Mozambique		2		1	1	2	6
28	Benin		1		0.5	2	2	5.5
29	S. Leone		2		1		2	5
30	Congo		1		1		3	5
31	RCA		2		1.5		1	4.5
32	Zimbabwe		2		1		1	4
33	Kenya		1		1		2	4
34	Liberia		2		0.5		1	3.5
35	Gambia		1		1.5		1	3.5
35	Rwanda		1		1.5		1	3.5
37	Tanzania		1		0.5		2	3.5
38	Namibia		1		1		1	3
39	Burundi		1		1			2
40	Lesotho						2	2
41	G. Bissau		1		0.5			1.5
41	Madagascar		1		0.5			1.5
43	Chad		1					1
43	Sao tome		1					1
43	Seychelles		1					1
46	Comoros				0.5			0.5
46	Mauritius				0.5			0.5
46	Swaziland				0.5			0.5
49	Eritrea							0
49	Mauritania			-			-	0
51	South Sudan							0

^{*} Teams that share the same number of points in total will be decided between by the number of points they scored in the latest editions of AFCON (2013, then 2012 then 2010)

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<u>Annex 2: Fixtures of the Orange African youth Championship Qualifiers, Senegal</u> <u>2015</u>

	1st round		2nd round 9-10-11/5/2013 & 23-24-		3rd round
ı	4-5-6/4/2013 & 25-26-27/4/2014	7	25/5/2014	7	15-16-17/8/2013 & 29-30-31/8/2014
1	Mozambique	31	Win 1-2		
2	Namibia	32	Zambia		
		<u>_</u>		59	Win 33-34
3	Malawi	33	Win 3-4	60	Win 31-32
4	Botswana	34	RD Congo		
5	Swaziland	35	Win 5-6		
6	Lesotho	36	Angola		
-		_		61	Win 37-38
7	Kenya	37	Win 7-8	62	Win 35-36
8	Tanzania	38	Nigeria		
-		_		_	
9	Seychelles	39	Win 9-10		
10	Ethiopia	40	South Africa		
-		_		63	Win 41-42
	Djibouti	41	Win 11-12	64	Win 39-40
12	Burundi	42	Cameroon		
				_	
13	South Sudan	43	Win 13-14		
14	Rwanda	44	Gabon		
				65	Win 45-46
15	Sierra Leone	45	Win 15-16	66	Win 43-44
16	Guinea	46	Ghana		
				_	
17	Somalia	47	Win 17-18		
18	Sudan	48	Egypt		
		<u></u>		67	Win 49-50
19	Niger	49	Win 19-20	68	Win 47-48
20	Congo	50	Benin		

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21	Liberia			_	
22	Gambia	51	Win 21-22		
		52	Win 23-24		
23	Cote d'ivoire				
24	Guinea Bissau			69	Win 53-54
				70	Win 51-52
25	Tchad				
26	Libya	53	Win 25-26		
		54	Win 27-28		
27	Tunisia			_	
28	Mauritania				
29	Togo	55	Win 29-30		
30	Equatorial Guinea	56	Morocco		
		•		71	Win 57-58
		57	Burkina Faso	72	Win 55-56
		58	Mali		

<u>Exempted teams:</u> Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Mali Morocco, Nigeria, Rd Congo, South Africa, Zambia

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Annex 3: Fixtures of the U-17 African Championship Qualifiers, Niger 2015

	1st round		2nd round -		3rd round
	13-14-15/6/2013 & 27-28-29/6/2014		18-19-20/7/2013 & 1-2-3/8/2014		12-13-14/9/2013 & 26-27-28/9/2014
1	Burundi	21	Win 1-2		
2	RD Congo	22	Nigeria		
				49	Win 23-24
		23	Ethiopia	50	Win 21-22
		24	Gabon		
3	Guinea Bissau	25	Win 3-4		
4	Togo	26	Senegal		
				51	Win 27-28
5	Gambia	27	Win 5-6	52	Win 25-26
6	Guinea	28	Morocco		
7	Kenya	29	Win 7-8		
8	South Sudan	30	Ghana		
				53	Win 31-32
9	Cameroon	31	Win 9-10	54	Win 29-30
10	Central Africa	32	Burkina Faso	٥.	WW 23 30
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11	Libya	33	Win 11-12		
12	Mauritania	34	Cote d'Ivoire		
				55	Win 35-36
13	Mozambique	35	Win 13-14	56	Win 33-34
14	Namibia	36	Angola		
15	Seychelles	37	Win 15-16		
16	Uganda	38	Rwanda		
				57	Win 39-40
		39	Zambia	58	Win 37-38
		40	Botswana		
17	Liberia				
18	Sierra Leone	41	Win 17-18		
	Sterra Leone	42	Tunisia		
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		43	Benin	60	Win 41-42
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19	Egypt	45	Win 19-20		
20	Sudan	46	Congo		
				61	Win 47-48
		47	Tanzania	62	Win 45-46
		48	South Africa		

<u>Exempted teams:</u> Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia