The International Olympic Committee (IOC) OFFERS THE FOLLOWING VIDEO NEWS RELEASE TO ALL NEWS AGENCIES, BROADCASTERS AND ALL ONLINE PLATFORMS FREE OF CHARGE

STORY HEADLINE: IT'S TIME FOR AFRICA - DAKAR, SENEGAL CONFIRMED AS HOST CITY FOR 2022 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BY INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

DATE: 8 October, 2018
LOCATION: Buenos Aires, Argentina
LANGUAGE: English, French

Broadcast quality footage available at the IOC Newsroom: http://iocnewsroom.com

STORY SCRIPT:

Senegal will host the fourth edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2022 - the first time an Olympic event will be held in Africa.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership unanimously approved Dakar to be the host city during the IOC Session in Buenos Aires.

Boasting a large youth population, Dakar 2022 provided a visionary, ambitious and technically sound YOG project which was chosen to become the first global sporting event held in the African continent since the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

Four African countries bid to host the event after the IOC Session decided in February 2018 that the next edition of the Youth Olympic Games in 2022 would be awarded to the African continent: Botswana, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia.

After extensive analysis, the IOC's Evaluation Commission and Executive Board determined in September that the Senegal capital provided the best value and greatest opportunities, acting as a catalyst for engaging young people and developing the country's sports and youth policy.

The candidature is centred on three locations: the capital city, Dakar; the new city of Diammia; and the coastal resort of Saly. Senegal's project is tied in with the West African country's overarching development strategy, notably the national government's "Emerging Senegal" plan, which envisions major economic and infrastructure improvements.
IOC President Thomas Bach said: “Africa is united behind Senegal to host the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2022. With a young population and a passion for sport, it is time for Africa, it is time for Senegal.”

The President of Senegal, Macky Sall, who made the journey to Buenos Aires for the historic IOC decision said: “Senegal and its young people are proud of the honour you have bestowed upon us, in entrusting the organisation of the Youth Olympic Games 2022 to our country.

“In fact, it is the whole of Africa, the birthplace of humankind through its history and the youngest continent through its demographics, which will welcome the young athletes of the world in 2022.”

The decision took place during the 3rd edition of the Youth Olympic Games, currently taking place in Buenos Aires from 6 to 18 October.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:06 Thomas Bach, IOC President, announcing Dakar 2022
00:13 Senegal President, Macky Sall (left), shaking hands with Mamadou Ndiaye, IOC Member in Senegal (right)
00:19 Thomas Bach reveals Dakar 2022 sign
00:23 Close up of Dakar 2022 sign

00:27 SOUNDBITE: Kirsty Coventry, IOC member in Zimbabwe (English Language)
“*We have an African phrase, ‘mbuntu’, it’s more of a philosophy, it means ‘I am, because we are’. Team Senegal, I’d like you to know we will stand firmly next to you as you take on this journey, and we will fully support you to deliver an amazing Games in 2022 because your success is our success.*”

00:50 Senegal President listening
00:53 SOUNDbite: Habu Gumel, IOC member in Nigeria (English Language)
“As far as Nigeria is concerned, these Games belong to Africa, and Nigeria will give a full support to Senegal and I implore all member countries in Africa and the Olympic family to support and work together for the benefit of the Olympic Movement to make the YOG 2022 a great success in Dakar, Senegal.”

01:13 Close up signing
01:17 Wide shot group signing
01:26 Cutaway of signed document - zoom out to reveal group
01:39 Senegalese delegation chanting ‘Senegal, Senegal, Senegal’

01:47 SOUNDbite: Chad le Clos, Olympic Champion and YOG Ambassador (English Language)
“For me, back in 2010 that was my first international competition and I think it prepared me for so many great things going forward, the Olympic Games two years later. This provides a huge inspiration for the youth, looking at guys that are 14/15 years old right now are going to be biting their lips looking at the Youth Olympic Games coming in a few years’ time and that creates opportunities and I think it really unites people like nothing else.”

02:12 Senegalese delegation clapping

02:14 SOUNDbite: Aissatou Seck, Senegal Young Reporter (English Language)
“In Africa, it’s a great pleasure for us, because Africa is a sporting land. We love all sports - football, wrestling, basketball, all, all, all. It’s a pride for us to welcome these Games.”

02:35 SOUNDbite: Babacar Dieng, Senegal Young Change Maker (French Language)
“Ce sera une joie immense pour nous tous d’accueillir tous les jeunes du monde sur notre terre Africa pour leur montrer la beauté du continent et vraiment de partager avec eux l’hospitalité africaine et plus particulièrement l’hospitalité sénégalaise.”
It will be a great joy for all of us to welcome all the young people of the world to our land Africa to show them the beauty of the continent and, really, to share with them the African hospitality and more particularly the Senegalese hospitality.

02:52 Exterior of new Dakar Arena
02:56 Aerial shot showing construction in Senegal
03:01 Various beach scenes in Senegal

-- ENDS --
Story script and Shot log

© IOC-VNRs are for bona fide news reporting purposes only and all rights required for their production have been cleared. Terms and Conditions of the IOC Newsroom and Olympic.org apply. This IOC-VNR shall be used in accordance with the News Access Rules for Buenos Aires 2018 available here, in particular in respect to the Amount of YOG Content, Amount per News Programme, Airing after broadcast by RHBs only, Duration of Use, No use of Olympic Properties, No Commercial Association, On-screen Courtesy Credit (“Courtesy of The International Olympic Committee”), Infringements & Monitoring, etc.

For more information, please contact the IOC Media Relations Team: Tel: +41 21 621 6000, email: pressoffice@olympic.org, or visit our web site at www.olympic.org.