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**STORY HEADLINE:** IOC PRESIDENT THOMAS BACH VISITS SENEGAL AND REVIEWS YOUTH OLYMPICS PREPARATIONS FOR DAKAR 2022

**LOCATION:** Dakar, Senegal

**DATE:** 13 November 2019

**LANGUAGE:** English, French

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**STORY SCRIPT:** IOC President Thomas Bach visited Senegalese capital Dakar on Tuesday for a whistle-stop tour of its growing Olympic complex, ahead of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games.

President Bach was shown Dakar’s 50m swimming pool and aquatic centre, plus the site of the forthcoming urban sports centre. Later he visited the ‘Parcours Sportif’ on the beach where he saw demonstrations of taekwondo, fencing and karate.

Earlier, at the Presidential Palace, President Bach was awarded the title of ‘Commander of the Ordre National du Lion’ by the President of Senegal, Macky Sall. Sall spoke of the ‘pride of his country, its people and its President’ in staging the Youth Olympic Games and said Senegal was ‘fully engaged with the IOC to deliver a historic Games.’

President Bach was accompanied throughout his visit to Senegal by President of the Senegal National Olympic Committee Mamadou Ndiiaye, who welcomed him to the new headquarters of the Senegal NOC.

The Youth Olympic Games in Dakar will be the first-ever Olympic event on the African continent - something President Bach described as ‘historic for Senegal and historic for the continent of Africa’.

On Monday, the President's African tour began with a visit to Cape Verde. He was accompanied by new IOC member in Cape Verde and NOC President Filomena Fortes.

The tour continues this week with visits to Nigeria and Cameroon.
SHOTLIST:
00:03 UPSOT: Jazz band playing. The camera pans to IOC President Thomas Bach walking.
00:12 IOC President Thomas Bach joins in the dancing. Senegalese flag is waved.
00:23 President Bach surrounded by children, hands out badges.
00:31 Taekwondo demonstration, fighter chops pile of wood. IOC President Bach looks on and applauds.
00:36 IOC President Thomas Bach karate chops a wooden plank, the audience applauds.
00:46 Rear shot, Taekwondo exercises on the beach.
00:50 Front shot of same.
00:52 Presidential Palace - IOC President Thomas Bach shakes hands with President of Senegal Macky Sall.
00:58 Boardroom, IOC President Thomas Bach and dignitaries watch a promotional video on TV.
01:08 IOC President Thomas Bach is introduced to a local official.
01:14 IOC President Thomas Bach meets local athletes.
01:20 IOC President Bach shakes hands with a local child.
UPSOT: ‘Tu veux un jour participer aux Jeux Olympiques (Do you want to compete in the Olympics one day?).’ ‘Oui (Yes).’

01:25 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (French Language).
“In 2018, the International Olympic Committee decided to award the Youth Olympic Games to Africa.”

01:39 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (French Language).
“What’s more, Senegal has produced a number of iconic sports leaders. The whole of Africa has produced such leaders. Perhaps the most famous of these is Nelson Mandela, who understood perfectly what sport could do to unite society and to unite the world. It was he who said that sport can change the world.”

02:18 SOUNDBITE: Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, IOC Member and President of Dakar 2022 and the Senegalese National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSS)
(English Language)
‘Very good I think after lunch with the President all is clear and after the meeting with my team I think we are ready for the challenge.”
Q. “Tell us about the spirit in Senegal for the games is everyone excited?”
“Gander! The Lion, spirit.”

02:41 Wide shot of the park.
02:48 Bare-chested youth gives a juggling demonstration.
02:55 IOC President Thomas Bach and visiting party inspect Olympic pool.
03:01 Pan of the stadium seating area.
03:07 Pan of Olympic pool.
03:16 Wide of pool and diving board.
03:21 Wide of swimming complex.
03:27 IOC President Bach and delegation walk towards the camera.

03:31 POV shot inside motorcade leaving.
03:36 POV of beachfront from moving car.
03:39 Local athlete performs exercises on beachfront apparatus.

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