



OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1th, 2018 ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES (AAGST)

The year two thousand and eighteen the 1st September, 2018 at 17:00, was held a meeting of African participants in the third edition of the World Nomadic Games in Kyrgyzstan specifically at the residence No. 9 Park Eurasia Hotel, located in the province of Cholpon-Ata.

This, on the initiative of Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu, head of the Congolese RD delegation to this world competition, President of the Congolese Federation of Kabubu, traditional African wrestling at the belt, member of the executive committee of the International Association of Games and traditional sports.

These participants came from thirteen countries including; the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Benin, South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Uganda, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Tanzania, Cameroon, Jamaica by Alliance and the African diaspora.

As soon as, the initiator of the meeting welcomed all his guests to the African, before reminding the audience, of the merits of this meeting in four points :

- 1- Making contact of all the African delegates present at the games of nomads and the exchange of co-ordinates,
- 2- State of play on African representation in traditional games and sports on the international scene; in the past, the present and in the future.
- 3- Proposal for the creation of the African association of traditional games and sports, project led by Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu; initiator of the meeting and the definition of the procedure related to its creation.
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Turning to the first point, all the participants declined their identities, described in a few words their paths and places of origin, the nature of games that they practice or represent and the exchange of coordinates that happened in a good atmosphere of reunion worthy girls and sons of Africa.

Chaining with the 2nd point; each of the speakers appreciated the level of representativeness of the delegates despite the enormous difficulties involved in traveling, a proof of the commitment to the values of identity and playfulness that traditional games and sports are.

Our presence here, testifies to the commitment of the safeguarding, the promotion and the development of our traditional games and sports dicit Madame Gladen, representative of the diaspora, during its speech.

For her, many traditional African games and sports are similar to those of other nations around the world, unfortunately she regrets, these sports and games remain less promoted on the continent.

Example, she continued, major international competitions are very rarely organized in this continent. She has been invited to the world games of nomads to compete games called "waru" or "aware"; a game that has been practiced for centuries in Africa but increasingly neglected by the peoples of this continent. His remarks will be unanimously approved by the audience.

Joseph Rashidi KAMANGU adds by hinting that his delegation is at this meeting to compete in belt wrestling called "Alysh".

This form of struggle is also practiced in several regions of the DR Congo under the name of KABUBU, with just a few differences of dress and rules of play and in some parts of Africa of course, under other names.

Hassane FOUSSENI, originally from Benin, he regretted the lack of dynamism of some existing associations and federations of traditional African sports and games. A situation which, according to him, does not motivate goodwill or African leaders to support them materially and financially.

He will be supported in his remarks by his countryman Rafiou ASSOUMANOU who is the president of a sports association of the traditional fight called "Gunu fight club" in Djougou in his hometown, he recalled.

He did not wait for a federation or state before setting up a clean-up battle arena at the Atchoukouma stadium, still located in the same city, he illustrated before concluding that the promotion of games and traditional

African sports, is only a question of the will and commitment of the girls and sons of Africa.

In this same vein, a rich picture of the different traditional games and sports was drawn up by other speakers in several other extra interviews with Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu, such is the case of Professor Ezzedin BOUZID of Tunisia, who is also president of the Tunisian association of traditional games and sports, the Ugandan Mrs Ndagire Lydia Dorothy, the South African Hosain Narker, president of the African confederation of the fight Alysh and founder of the great school of karate Ashihara, the Ivorian Kouakou Koffi , the Ghanaian Seth bonti Asamoah, from nigerian Olivier Ogunta, of Tanzanian Sydool mwigaya Mketton, Malagasy Raveloson mamitiana, Sierra Leonean Prince Sualley, Congolese Musongela Mambo wrestling coach Kabubu, Cameroonian Stephane N'biya and all the African athletes attending this historic meeting of conscience on the establishment of a continental structure open to all.

Concerning the 3rd point, that of the Project itself, all participants were attentive to the event by Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu, outline on the background and form and these details on its day-to-day management, administrative procedures, operation and organization at the local, national, continental and international levels.

Several proposals and recommendations have been formulated to enrich the project and unanimously, all participants have joined this step of general interest of the African continent by signing the declaration of the association den Name : AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF GAMES AND TRADITIONAL SPORTS (AAJST) in abbreviation and in English version AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF GAMES AND TRADITIONAL SPORTS (AAGST), thus formalizing the existence of this organization throughout the world.

In fourth point, that of various, always related to the meeting, Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu proposed the setting up of a permanent commission of daily management of the new association for the purpose of materializing the project by formally presenting the statutes and regulations which will have to define the practical modalities of the operation of said general aspects and will be subject to debate before final adoption at the next meeting in an African country.

In view of all the above, all the participants and signatories unanimously proposed and approved that the permanent commission be chaired and assured by the promoter of the project and initiator of the meeting, Mr. Joseph Rashidi Salumu, proposal accepted by the latter who expects to be more involved in this new organization in order to make effective the safeguarding, promotion and development of traditional African sports and games.

Finally, he thanked all the participants for their availability and positive collaboration in the image of the tradition African. Beginning at 17H00, this meeting ended in a friendly atmosphere at 23H30

Done at Cholpon-Ata, the 01/09/2018

FOR THE CERTIFICATION,

Joseph Rashidi Salumu

President of the permanent commission AAGST



Abdoul-Rafiou ASSOUMANOU

The Rapporteur,

