

International Relations December Update Report

Events/Meetings

In November Halifax 2014 attended the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC) meeting in Bahamas, the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) annual meeting of the Secretaries General, in Malawi and the Asian Games in Doha.

CANOC

Scott Logan, Tom Jones and Tony Holding attended the CANOC meeting. The CANOC meeting was attended by all the CGA's in the Americas and Caribbean Regions except for Montserrat, Dominica, Falkland Islands and St Helena.

Prior to the full meeting Halifax 2014 was provided an opportunity to meet with the CANOC Executive to discuss the CGA Partner Program delivery opportunities, and then also presented to the full meeting. Glasgow also presented to the full meeting, but Abuja were unable to attend due to visa problems at Heathrow airport that prevented them from travelling through to the Bahamas.

ANOCA

Fred MacGillivray, Trevino Betty and Kate Randall attended to ANOCA meeting. All African CGA's attended.

Halifax 2014 made a 15 min presentation to the Assembly. Glasgow and Abuja, and the Winter Olympic Bid cities for 2014, also attended and made presentations.

Asian Games

Fred MacGillivray, Patrick Jarvis and Kate Randall were in Doha for the Asian Games. Due to problems obtaining accreditation the overall program, presence and opportunity was reduced from the initial plan.

A luncheon was hosted on 30 November, but unfortunately only 25% of the invitees attended with apologies from the others due to late arrivals, other Games/team commitments etc.

The Halifax 2014 delegation attended a function on the evening of 30 November hosted by Delhi and at this event managed to informally meet the CGA's attending the Games.

CGA Visits

Since the previous meetings there have been specific CGA visits to the African Region, in both November and currently in progress through December, and one country in the Americas region.

Americas:

Prior to attending the CANOC meeting, Tom Jones visited Guyana.

Africa:

Following the ANOCA meetings, Fred and Kate travelled to the following CGA's:

- Swaziland
- Mozambique
- Zambia

Currently Tom Jones and Kate Randall are travelling through Africa meeting the CGA's in:

- Namibia
- Botswana
- Tanzania
- Seychelles
- Mauritius

Kenya was also to be included in this trip but it was not possible to receive confirmation from the CGA, so the visit was postponed to another time.

Total CGA's Visited – as at end December

Presentations

As noted above there were two occasions where Halifax 2014 presented to CGA's in the presence of Glasgow, and one also with Abuja.

Significant learnings have come from both these occasions.

1. Nigeria has not seemingly progressed since their presentation in Melbourne in March.
2. Glasgow continue to lead some elements of the communications messaging with regard to their venue and operational plans, and their offers that resonate well with the CGA's.
3. Glasgow is making commitments and promises already
4. Glasgow is reacting to Halifax 2014

The key issues around Glasgow's strategy at the moment are:

- They can demonstrate with photographs and architectural drawings all their venues, with a large number already existing (70%), providing comfort to the CGA audiences that they "could run the Games tomorrow".
- Glasgow has offered:
 - 100% "flexible" travel grants for all CGA's;
 - free of charge accommodation for the Presidents and Secretaries General at the Games Family (flagship) Hotel;
 - A broadcast highlights package for all CGA's; and
 - "Development assistance" tailored to the CGA's needs.
- Glasgow are reacting to Halifax 2014 strengths and neutralising them, specifically:
 - Moved their Opening and Closing Ceremonies to Celtic Stadium so all athletes can walk to the Ceremonies
 - All venues are within 20 mins of the Village
- Glasgow is travelling extensively, seemingly in response to Halifax's outbound travel program.

CGA Partner Program

The CGA Partner Program was successfully announced at the ANOCA and CANOC meetings and communicated to all CGA's at the same time. Only one "application" has been received back at this time.

A staff member is being appointed to follow up the CGA's and drive the delivery of this program, commencing early in the new year.

Inbound Trips

Invitations are being sent this month to all CGA Presidents and the CGF Executive Board Members to visit Halifax. The trips are being planned on the principle of bringing whole regions at the one time, in preference to individual visits. Glasgow has kindly shared their inbound visit dates and there are no date clashes with the dates Halifax will propose. The dates of these visits are being proposed in the invitations as follows:

Europe (10 delegates):	3 to 6 August
Africa (18 delegates):	10 to 13 August
Caribbean and Americas (20 delegates):	17 to 20 August
CGF Executive Board (16 delegates):	7 to 10 September
Asia (8 delegates):	14 to 17 September
Oceania (14 delegates):	21 to 24 September
Optional/Standby date:	24 to 27 August

Subject to availability of the delegates these dates may need to change.

The other key inbound visit not included in the above list is the Evaluation Committee visit. The CGF has confirmed the members of the Evaluation Commission. They are:

- John Tierney (Regional VP – Oceania) – Chairman
- Dato' Sieh Kok Chi – Olympic Council of Malaysia
- TBC – CGA representative from Caribbean
- Craig McLatchey – CEO EKS
- Mike Hooper – CEO CGF

The visit will be made during June, and based on previous advice that Halifax will be the third city reviewed, the visit should be the third week of June.

Upcoming Travel

The planned trips through January, February and March are as follows:

- CGA visits to Europe in January (subject to change around Board meeting date)
- Attendance at the ANOCA Presidents meeting in Congo (dates and details TBC)
- CGA visits to Africa
- CGA visits to Caribbean
- CGA visits to Oceania
- Attendance at the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) meeting in March
- Attendance, in partnership with the CGF, at Sport Accord in April