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**Program Partnership between ATLANTA DITC  
&  
Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) North Africa  
(Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya)**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the ATLANTA DITC entered its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation. In less than 5 years, the ATLANTA DITC has become a world recognized sports institution, not only training elite athletes preparing for the Olympics, but also organizing elite competitions.

In 2005 together with the Tunisian Athletics Federation, the ATLANTA DITC Co-hosted in Tunis the 2005 African Junior Athletics Championships; in 2006 through the ATLANTA DITC a major financial contribution was made by a US corporation to the 2006 African Athletics Championships held in Mauritius; since 2004 the ATLANTA DITC has hosted the ATLANTA DeKalb International Prep Classic (athletics). In 2007 the ATLANTA DeKalb International Prep Classic (ATLANTA Classic) attracted 49 junior athletes from Belgium, South and Central America, and the Caribbean, and a few of them went on to win Gold medals at the 5th IAAF World Youth Championships, July 11-15, 2007 in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

Since July 2007, the ATLANTA DITC is the official USOC training site for US Team Handball.

This year the ATLANTA DITC won the bids to host in Atlanta the 2008 Pan American Team Handball Championships (June 21-26, 2008), and the 2009 Modern Pentathlon World Cup (March 19-22, 2009).

Finally PASO and USOC selected the ATLANTA DITC to host a Beijing Training Camp (May 2-19, 2008) for 50 athletes (who already qualified for the Olympic Games) and coaches from the Americas preparing for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

In 2003, both ATLANTA DITC Co-Presidents Ambassador Andrew YOUNG and Dr. Marc Daniel GUTEKUNST signed a partnership agreement with the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) President Colonel Hamad Malboum KALKABA.



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Based on the 2003 ATLANTA DITC-CAA Agreement, the partnership co-hosting TUNIS 2005, Mrs. Fatima ELFAQUIR successful leadership at the helm of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) North Africa, as well as the resounding success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition in 2006 of the International Symposium on Athletics in Africa chaired by Mrs. Fatima ELFAQUIR of which the ATLANTA DITC is a founding member; the ATLANTA DITC has decided to submit a grant proposal to the US Department of States, that would, if selected and funded, further the excellent partnership between the ATLANTA DITC and the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) North Africa.

The proposed project would focus on "Training Moroccan Youth Coaches."

1. Training Sports Coaches

The World Summit on Physical Education (Berlin, 1999) stated that a "quality physical education helps children to develop the patterns of interest in physical activity, which are essential for healthy development and which lay the foundation for healthy, adult lifestyles." Coaches are critical to the accomplishment of this goal. A coach not only needs to be qualified to provide the technical assistance required by young athletes to improve, but must also understand how to help a young person to discover how success in athletics can be translated into achievement in the development of life skills and in the classroom.

Through seminars and outreach, our aim will be to aiding youth, secondary school and university coaches in from the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) North Africa area in the development and implementation of appropriate training methodologies. The goal is to ensure the optimal technical proficiency among the coaches from the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) North Africa area participating in the program while also emphasizing the role sports can play in the long-term economic well-being of youth in North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia).

Should the grant be funded by the US Department of Sates, the ATLANTA DITC – CAA North Africa Program would be jointly implemented right after the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and start on September 30, 2008 and end on September 30, 2009.

