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2. Concept

The concept of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Cape Town in 2020 is based on the decision to organize venues around the heart of the city centre as well as Olympic Park, providing athletes with two well connected locations, at the heart of Olympic celebrations.

The aim of this concept is to implement as far as possible the recommendations presented by the Olympic Games Study Commission and the International Olympic Committee's guidelines. This would allow us to achieve a great post-Olympic sporting, cultural and environmental legacy.

There are two major "clusters" of sports venues, one within walking distance of the Olympic Park and the other within ten minutes of the Olympic Village, connected by a dedicated rail and bus shuttle service as well as dedicated lanes.

The City Centre cluster comprises ten sports venues. At the heart of the central business district, the Cape Town International Convention Centre and Good Hope Centre will host 5 sports while the venues located at the Green Point Urban Park will host football, tennis, triathlon and road cycling. The spectacular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and Table Bay Harbour will welcome the sailing competition.

The Olympic Park cluster incorporates six sports venues. The centerpiece of the expansive 300 hectare site is the 80,000 seat Olympic Stadium, which will be located adjacent to the Olympic Rowing and Canoe Course. Two temporary pavilions will be erected to host rhythmic gymnastics and handball, the BMX venue will be located at the north of the Olympic Park and a permanent Aquatics Centre will be built alongside the Olympic Stadium.

In addition to the Olympic Park and City Centre clusters, and the Olympic Village, the project comprises:

- Two sub-clusters,
 - Newlands, to host Water-polo, Archery, Gymnastics, Basketball and Handball finals
 - Athlone, to host Football, Volleyball(indoor), Judo and Taekwondo events

- Six stand alone venues,
 - The Olympic Velodrome to host Track Cycling
 - The Kenilworth Racecourse to host Equestrian
 - Hartleyvale stadium to host Olympic Hockey
 - The Grand Arena to host weightlifting
 - A temporary beach volleyball venue at Camps Bay Beach
 - Phillipi Stadium to host football preliminaries
- Three specific venues in the province,
 - One temporary venue in Atlantis to host Shooting
 - Two existing venues in Stellenbosch to host Mountain Bike and Modern Pentathlon
- Three football venues in the country,
 - Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth
 - Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban
 - Soccer City Stadium in Johannesburg

Furthermore, the central location of many hotels in and around the City Centre cluster provide the Olympic Family with high quality facilities and accommodation, within walking distance of many venues. The 15,000 capacity Olympic Media Village will be located at the centre of the two clusters, at the edge of the City Centre, placing the media within minutes of the Olympic action.

The Cape Town 2020 concept is built on a combination of existing venues in the City Centre cluster and other existing stand alone venues for specific sports as well as major new venues at the Olympic Park. It ensures that existing venues and dramatic locations are optimally used during the Olympic and Paralympic Games while new venues provide a sustainable post-Olympic legacy. The risk of under-used venues is minimized by only constructing three completely permanent venues while any other additional venues will be of a temporary or semi-temporary nature.

Based on an ambitious project, we aim to unify an entire city through sport and an urban development project which meets all Olympic Games and Paralympic Games requirements. The Cape Town 2020 bid will promote sporting, cultural and environmental excellence while pushing forward its ideals of human development. We hope to inspire generations of athletes from Africa and from across the world.