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<u>Abdelkebir Ouaddar</u> (Morocco) aboard Quickly de Kreisker at the 2016 Summer Olympics **Photo Credit**: Tasnim News Agency

## Day of the African Equestrian: Gala Reception honoring African Delegation to highlight social activities during FEI World Equestrian Games

A twilight gala celebrating the participation of horses, riders, coaches and supporters from Africa in September's Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) <u>World Equestrian Games</u> (WEG) will serve as the centerpiece of social activities scheduled during the thirteen days of competition at North Carolina's <u>Tryon International Equestrian Center</u> (TIEC).

A delegation representing the **African Confederation of Equestrian Sports** (ACES) will be honored guests at the party – whose focus celebrates the contributions of Continental and <u>Diasporic</u> Africans to equestrian knowledge, history, sport and tradition.

National Federations governing equestrian sport in twenty (20) African nations are currently members of the FEI and ACES. The FEI's oldest African affiliate is the <u>Egyptian Equestrian</u> <u>Federation</u>, which joined in 1946. The most recent African affiliate is Angola's <u>Federação</u> <u>Angolana de Desporto Equestre</u>, which was accepted into membership in 2014.

Strategically scheduled for **Sunday Evening, September 16**, at a location proximate to the TIEC, guests will assemble shortly after the awarding of World Championship medals in the WEG's <u>Eventing</u> and <u>Dressage</u> competitions.

With a scheduled break in competition on the following day, the revelry can be expected to last well into the wee hours of Monday, September 17.

Full information is available online at: <u>http://sportsquestinternational.com/DOTAE</u>

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The **Fédération Equestre Internationale** is the international governing body of equestrian sport. The FEI headquarters are in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The **African Confederation of Equestrian Sports** is one of five continental associations recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale.

The **FEI World Equestrian Games**<sup>™</sup> are the major international championships for equestrian sport, and are administered by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). Featuring world championships in eight (8) equestrian disciplines - Jumping, Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting and Reining - the games have been held every four years (in the middle of the Olympic cycle) since 1990. The 2018 WEG has the potential to be the largest sporting event ever staged in North Carolina - with over \$400 million U.S. Dollars of projected economic impact and 500,000 spectators over its thirteen day run.

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