

A SUCCESSFUL FIFA WORLD CUP 2010

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South Africa, at the southern tip of the African continent hosted the first ever World Cup between 11 June and 11 July 2010 on the African continent.

Cynics and Doubting Thomases were left amazed with the successful manner in which arrangements were put together for this auspicious event.

All role players exceeded their expectations in doing what was expected of them. The Local organizing committee organized well, government was on top of the situation and showed literally how leadership should prevail. South Africans displayed their Sunday behavior and never disappointed. Law enforcement departments maintained law and order and secured the cup, guests and the locals.

South Africa rose to the occasion and showed that former President Mbeki was spot on when, on the occasion of South Africa having won the bet, he said we would deliver the best ever world cup.

Let us hope the goodwill, unity, friendship and mutual respect and acceptance that prevailed during the world cup remain in our midst for good or at least a long time to come.

During the world cup we did almost everything in unison. We sang and danced together, blew vuvuzelas together and shared our commiserations.

The unfortunate circumstances under which Bafana Bafana exited the competition did not deter the sporting spirit of South Africans. The magnanimous manner in which all people of African descent closed ranks when Ghana was the only team on the continent that was still standing was a marvel we shall always hanker for.

As the North West Province we turned to be winners of the tournament when Spain, the team that had set up their base in Potchefstroom, came out winners of the tournament.

As the World Cup wound their business it struck the chord when Sepp Blatter, president of FIFA announced that South Africa as the host country did well and deserves 9 out of 10. That shows that where there is a will there is a way.

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