



## BFA Officials Attend FIFA Congress and World Cup Opening

A delegation from the Bahamas Football Association, comprised of BFA President Anton Sealey, General Secretary Lionel Haven and Vice President Pierre Lafleur travelled to Johannesburg, South Africa for the 60<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress and the Opening Ceremonies for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa.

As is always done, CONCACAF took the opportunity to convene a meeting of its members present to discuss the agenda for the FIFA Congress, and also to allow nine of the countries bidding for the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups. Representatives from the Bid Committees of Korea, Spain and Portugal (joint bid), Australia, Japan, United States, Holland and Belgium, England, Qatar and Russia all made presentations on their desire to be considered as host for either the 2018 or the 2022 FIFA World Cup. FIFA is scheduled to make a decision on these in December of this year.

The FIFA Congress followed with an agenda absent of controversial issues, and instead contained information regarding FIFA's success in its programming. The FIFA President did take the opportunity to announce his desire to seek a further term of office when the elections are conducted at the FIFA Congress of 2011, scheduled for Zurich, Switzerland.

The delegates were then treated to the 2010 FIFA World Cup Kick-Off Concert conducted in Orlando Stadium in Johannesburg, followed by the Opening Ceremonies and Opening Match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in Soccer City, Johannesburg the next day. This allowed them the opportunity to witness the Mexico-South Africa match.

The Bahamian delegation returned home on Sunday, June 13, 2010.

