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The Bafana Fan Club hosted the 2010 FAN Awards on Saturday evening 10 July 2010 at the International Media Centre (Gauteng Gateway 2010), Nelson Mandela Square, to acknowledge the contributions made by the supporters of the beautiful game and to celebrate global best practice in fan team culture. This award paid homage to the visiting fans and honoured the almost one billion football fans in over 200 countries.



The overall 2010 FAN Award: Best Fans of 2010 was won the Dutch fans (aka the Orange Army). It acknowledged their ability to paint the hosting city of Cape Town orange and to lead the Fan March throughout the Mother City, mobilizing close to half a million followers of the beautiful game on the occasion of their semi-final against Uruguay.

On behalf of the more than 25 000 Dutch fans that visited South Africa for the World Cup, Bart Bender received the Winning Makarapa, titled "Best Fans of 2010", and led his delegation in song, praising the heartfelt hospitality of South Africans and the warm embrace awarded them by the Bafana Fan Club.

SAFA President Kirsten Nematandani, who handed over the awards to the winning teams, said, "For the first time in the history of this prestigious event, the fans are given centre stage. I would like to congratulate the Bafana Fan Club for mobilising the visiting delegations in such a short space of time and providing a platform for the supporters of the beautiful game, the very lifeblood of the world's biggest sporting event."

Other awards

In addition to the FAN World Cup Trophy for the fans from Oranje, the following awards were handed out:

- Best Singers of 2010 - Spanish delegation, who celebrated their Fan Victory by rendering a heart wrenching rendition of the famous Spanish fan anthem "E Viva Espana!" They expressed their excitement at taking the award, a figurine of the Spanish striker David Villa, made out of wire by a local artist, back all the way to their capital Madrid
- Best Drummers of 2010 - the Brazilian fans playing their unique cultural instruments from the shores of the Copacabana, they enthused the international audience with a triple rendition of typically Brazilian drumbeats
- Best Dressed Fans - the Mexican delegation, who relayed the meticulous rituals performed by their superfans every time the national team takes to the field, all the way from the famous head masks to the flag draped 'revolutionaries' that have become a common feature throughout the Mexican games
- Most Beautiful Fans - went to the hosting delegation of Bafana Fans, who were dressed up in their world famous regalia and brought the venue's roof almost down by performing their popular Bafana songs and producing their most wanted poses for the international cameras.

Friendliest World Cup ever

Indeed, for the first time in the history of the FIFA World Cup, fans have taken the centre stage. Contrary to previous World Cups, where hooliganism was a real spectre and a number of fan groups got involved in violent altercations with each other and the police, this time a spirit of reconciliation and joyful celebrations prevailed throughout the tournament. Not a single case of hooliganism against fans from a different country has been reported and 2010 has already been rated

the "friendliest world cup ever."

Scorecard, DVD

The 2010 FAN Scorecard will be revealed on 20 July 2010 on CNBC's Business 2010 Show by World Cup analyst, Dr Nikolaus Eberl, and detail the 10 categories that make a great FAN Team.

The Bafana Fan Club will be compiling the "FAN-tastic Moments of 2010", a special FAN memento Brochure of the most emotive FAN Moments of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

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