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ALGERIA GEARS UP TO MAKE HISTORY WITH THE MAIDEN AFRICAN SCHOOL GAMES ALGERIA 2025

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Africa is getting set to experience an unforgettable moment of its sporting and educational history: from 26 July to 5 August 2025, Algeria will welcome, under the most distinguished patronage of the President of the Republic, Mr Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE, the Maiden African School Games. Organised by ANOCA, in close collaboration with NOC Algeria and the Ministry of Sports, this trailblaising event will bring together 3000 young athletes from 53 African countries, a participation never seen before on the continent.

HISTORIC EVENT FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN SPORT

This major event is a first for the African continent: never before has a sports event of such magnitude, dedicated solely to young African school children, been organised at this scale. Its goal is crystal clear: offer a unique platform for young talent identification, training and development, while instilling in them values of excellence, solidarity and fraternity - core values of the Olympic Movement.



For ANOCA President Mustapha BERRAF:

"These Games are more than just a competition : they are a real investment in the future of African sport. They seek to identify and support the champions of tomorrow, but also to promote education through sport, social inclusion and peace among the peoples of the continent."

International commitment: IOC and ISF support

The success of the maiden African School Games is anchored on strong support from the IOC and the International School Sport Federation (ISF), ANOCA's key partners on this great journey in the service of African youth.



The IOC has integrated this initiative into its global strategy to develop youth sport, identify talent and foster Olympic values. The partnership is a continuation of the IOC's efforts to offer African youth tangible prospects, training programmes and pathways to excellence, as is the case with the forthcoming major event: the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

ISF will provide technical and educational expertise. Its collaboration will enable the African School Games to be part of a vast global network of competitions and educational programmes, facilitating experience sharing and exchanges and developing the skills of young African talent.

This support seeks to not only offer the first international experience to thousands of young people, but to also groom a new generation of athletes and future leaders that are able to fly high the colours of Africa during the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, and the Olympic Games Brisbane 2032. This international collaboration stands as a confirmation that Africa is a key priority in the vision of an Olympic Movement that is resolutely looking to an inclusive future.

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ALGERIA, LAND OF HOSPITALITY AND ORGANISATIONNAL EXCELLENCE

Accustomed to major sports events, Algeria has mobilised all its logistical and institutional expertise to ensure the best possible welcome for all delegations. Four Olympic villages in the host cities of Annaba, Constantine, Sétif, and Skikda are already set to accommodate delegates and their entourage, with more than 1 000 beds at their disposal. Sports facilities have also been modernised to meet international standards, demonstrating Algeria's determination to raise the bar very high and offer a setting that lives up to Africa's ambitions.

Visual identity: a logo and a mascot heavy with meaning, now revealed to Africa



The first edition of the African School Games is accompanied by a strong and distinctive visual identity that is already widely commended by the entire African Olympic Movement.

The official logo, which has now been unveiled and approved, perfectlty captures the spirit of the Games. The palette of bright colours, blending the various themes of the African continent, suggests the dynamism, cultural diversity and vitality of African young people. As for the open book at the base, it symbolises the educational goal of the Games, while the stylised figure of a young person in motion evokes sports excellence and the drive of a new generation. The Algerian flag highlights the warm welcome extended by the host country, while the circular movement at the top symbolises protection, unity and openness to the future. As a whole, the logo conveys a powerful message: here, sport and education go hand in hand to build Africa's future.



The official mascot is equally iconic: it is an adorable fennec fox, an emblematic animal in the Sahara and a symbol of intelligence, adaptability and vibrancy. With a broad smile and a resolutely sporting appearance, the mascot proudly wears the logo of the Games on its jersey, embodying the spirit of competition, goodwill and hospitality.

With its dynamic posture and wide, expressive eyes, it is a reflection of African youth: enthusiastic, curious, united and looking resolutely to the future. The choice of the fennec is not without significance: it is a nod to a local Algerian animal, but also a universal symbol of endurance, courage and agility - all qualities found in young African athletes.

The logo and mascot together give these maiden Africa School Games a powerful, unifying identity, which can resonate with young people, families, instructors and the entire African sporting community. These symbols will accompany every highlight of the event and will be remembered as the starting point of a new Olympic journey for Africa.



UNPRECEDENTED MOBILISATION OF AFRICAN YOUTH

To date, 48 African nations have confirmed their participation, a record number for a first edition and a clear illustration of NOCs' strong determination and commitment to developing sport at the grassroots level. It also reflects the confidence placed in Algeria to deliver a project that lives up to the continent's expectations.

The 2025 African School Games will provide an opportunity to:

- **Facilitate the identification and preparation of the next generation of athletes for the forthcoming African Youth Games and Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026;**
- **Promote the diversity of sports disciplines and open up opportunities to new talent;**
- **Foster the integration of educational and civic values through sport, in line with the vision of ANOCA and the IOC.**



MAJOR STAKES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Beyond the competition, these Games are a laboratory for social innovation. They reflect the commitment of ANOCA and its partners to using sport as a lever for cohesion, preventing exclusion and transmitting the values of respect and fairness. Under the banner of unity and solidarity, the event aims to bequeath to Africa a lasting legacy by integrating school sport into national development and education policies.

EXEMPLARY ORGANISATION: SAFETY, RECEPTION, FAIRNESS

With ANOCA's support, the Local Organising Committee is keen on ensuring quality reception, participants' safety and fairness during the competition. All the necessary measures have been taken to ensure a safe, friendly and memorable stay for all young athletes. The involvement of Algeria's federations, volunteers and civil society guarantees an exceptional level of commitment to this event.



A STRONG MESSAGE FOR AFRICA AND THE WORLD

Through these Games, Algeria is confirming its role as a sporting powerhouse in Africa, as well as its desire to strengthen the bonds of solidarity and cooperation on the continent. The African School Games mark a key milestone for youth, peace and development, offering young people an overall international experience and lifelong values.

ANOCA hereby urges all media outlets, institutions and partners to spread this message of hope and commitment to the Africa of tomorrow. The date is set: **from 26 July to 5 August 2025**, Africa has a date with the future in Algeria.

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