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## **Sport in Africa**

Athletes and Youth/Olympic Games:

- There are 54 National Olympic Committees in Africa.
- A total of 45 medals were won by African athletes at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, making these the continent's most successful Olympic Games.
- Eight African NOCs will be represented at PyeongChang 2018.
- At the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, Nigeria's women's bobsled team will make history as the first African bobsled team to compete at the Olympic Winter Games. Nigeria will also be represented for the first time at the Winter Games. Ghana will also have the first Olympic skeleton athlete at PyeongChang 2018, Akwasi Frimpong.
- Africa at the YOG: Adam Lamhamedi (MAR) was the first African to win an Olympic medal when he took gold in the men's super G competition at Innsbruck 2012. Chad le Clos (RSA) won five medals at the inaugural Singapore 2010 YOG and went on to become Olympic champion at London 2012.

Programmes and events in Africa

- Olympic Youth Development Centre, Zambia; The first multi-sports centre of this kind opened in Lusaka, Zambia, in 2010. It welcomes over 10,000 youngsters for sports, cultural, educational and social development programmes. At Nanjing 2014, one of these young Zambian athletes struck gold, winning the 100m sprint, Sydney Siame.
- In 2016, the IOC and UNHCR joined forces to increase support to better protect young refugees across six different camps in Rwanda.
- In 2017, the IOC launched the Olympic Refugee Foundation in collaboration with UNHCR. Its aim is to create safe, basic and accessible sports facilities in areas where there are refugees.
- In total, there have been 32 IOC Young Change-Makers from Africa, of whom three have secured additional funding to launch grassroots sports projects in their communities.
- In all, 68 per cent of the 54 African NOCs have programmes in place to promote Olympism.
- The Olympafrica Foundation, based in Dakar, is a strong partner of the IOC (co-founded by the IOC). It welcomes hundreds of thousands of children in its network of Olympafrica centres in 37 African countries, where children can practise sport and get professional training and education in areas such as health, personal hygiene, the Olympic values, etc.

- Africa has several continental games such as the All-Africa Games (Equatorial Guinea, 2019) and the Africa Youth Games (Algiers, 2018). The continent was host to the 2010 FIFA World Cup (South Africa).