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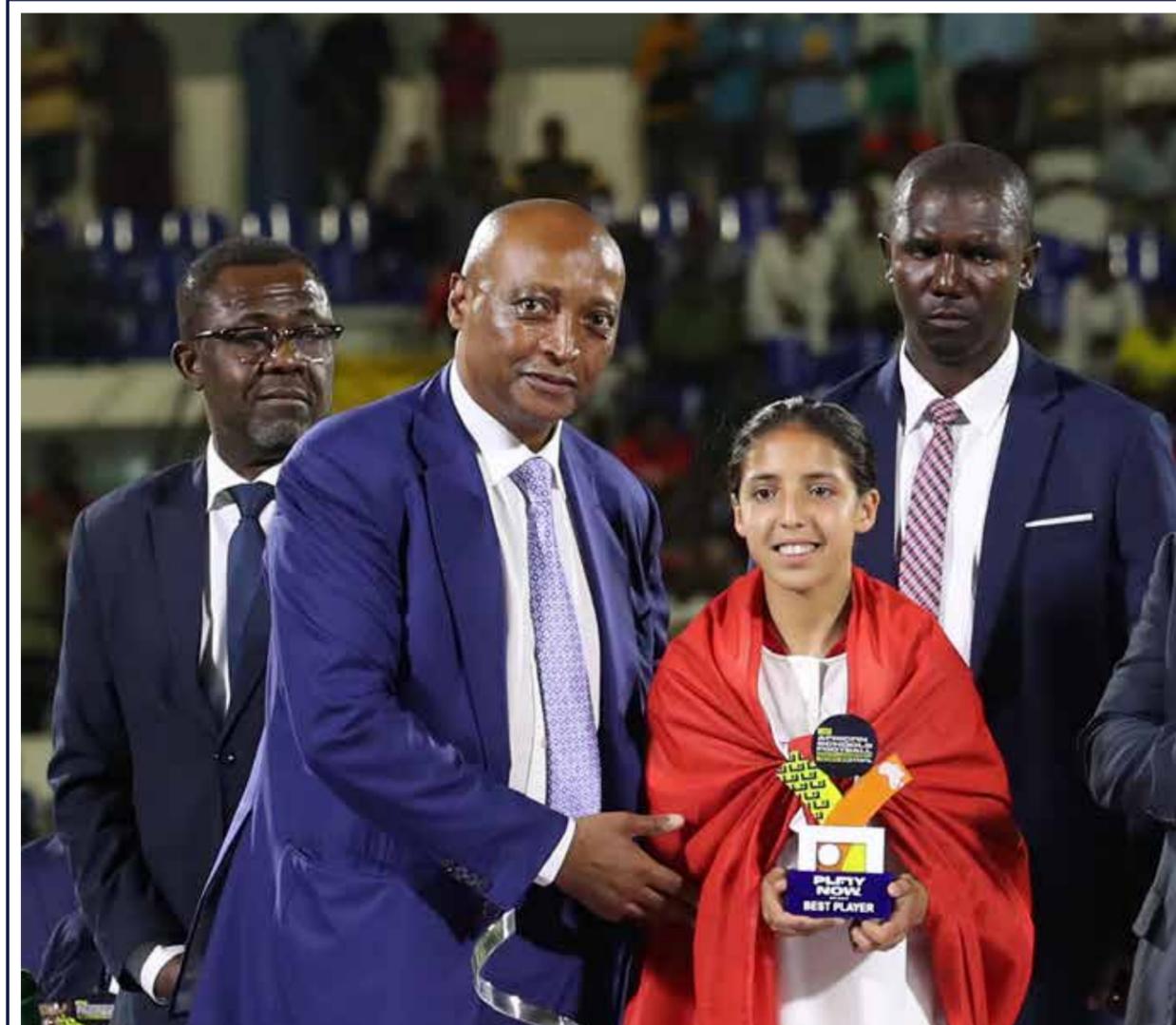
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“Schools football is at the heart of the long-term development and growth of African football. One of the best investments that we can make to ensure that African football is amongst the best world, is to invest in schools football and football infrastructure for boys and girls at school, amateur and professional level.”

Dr. Patrice Motsepe

President, Confederation of African Football



KEY FACTS

2022

The CAF African Schools Football Championship was launched in April 2022 in Maputo, Mozambique by the CAF President Dr. Patrice Motsepe.

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The **2024-25** season of the CAF African Schools Football Championship is the third edition, after previous seasons in **2022-23** and **2023-24**.

\$10M

The amount in **USD** donated by the **Motsepe Foundation** at the inception of the CAF African Schools Football Championship.

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This marks the first time the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals will be held in West Africa, following previous editions in Southern Africa (South Africa 2022-23) and East Africa (Tanzania 2023-24).

46



Forty-six Member Associations registered to participate in the 2024/25 season fielding their national school teams in the Zonal Qualifiers.



TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
\$ **4 MILLION PER YEAR**

The total prizemoney each for the boys and girls competitions at the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals. This includes **USD 300,000** for the winners, **USD 200,000** for the runners-up and **USD 150,000** for the third placed teams. A further **USD 225,000** in prizemoney is allocated at zonal level.

1,965,194



The total number of **boys** and **girls** that have participated in the three seasons of the **CAF African Schools Football Championship**.

82,477



The total number of schools that have participated in the three seasons of the CAF African Schools Football Championship.

PAST WINNERS-BOYS

	2022-23	2023-24
Winners:	CS Ben Sekou Sylla (Guinea)	Tanzania
Runners-up:	Clapham High School South Africa)	Guinea
Third place:	Salima Secondary School (Malawi)	Senegal

PAST WINNERS-GIRLS

	2022-23	2023-24
Winners:	Fountain Gate School (Tanzania)	South Africa
Runners-up:	Ecole Omar IBN Khatab (Morocco)	Morocco
Third place:	Scan Aid (Gambia)	Uganda



ALLOCATION OF PRIZE MONEY

CONTINENTAL FINAL

1st Place

\$300,000

2nd Place

\$200,000

3rd Place

\$150,000

ZONAL PHASE

1st Place

\$100,000

2nd Place

\$75,000

3rd Place

\$50,000

For Boys and Girls

MOTSEPE FOUNDATION

\$4M ANNUALLY

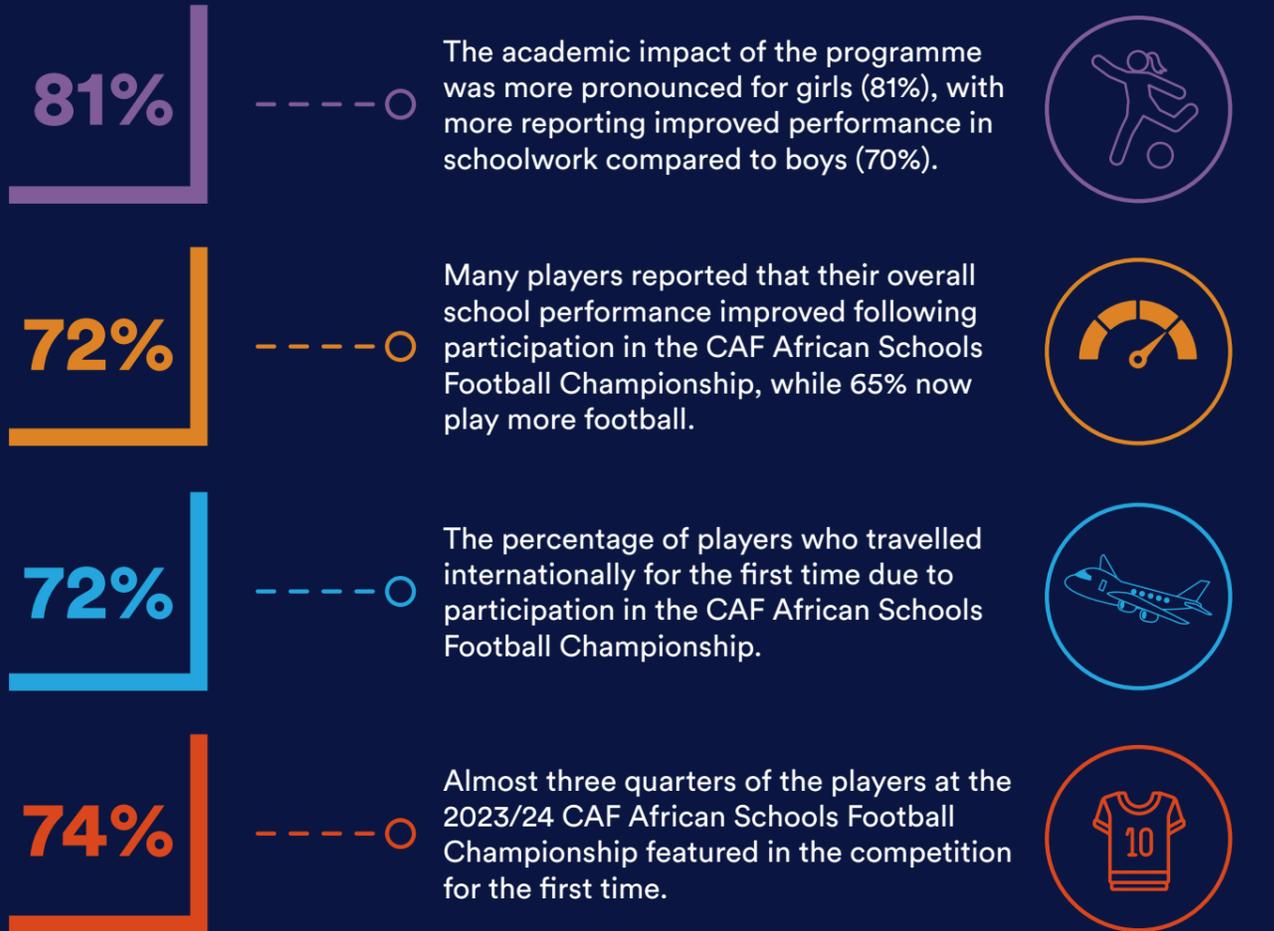


WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

2023-24 SEASON



IMPACT OF THE AFRICAN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME



PARTNERS





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WORKSHOPS OVERVIEW



CAPACITY-BUILDING

A key part of the CAF African Schools Football Championship is to build capacity on and off the pitch.

There will be a number of workshops and programmes on the sidelines of the tournament in Ghana that will leave a legacy of knowledge and skills.

The Capacity Building Programme focuses on skills and development and runs parallel to the CAF African Schools Football Championship during the Zonal Qualifiers and Continental Finals.

The purpose of the Capacity Building programmes is to define the career pathways within African football that contribute to the football environment within the schools' structure.

Programmes under the CAF Capacity Building Programme of the CAF African Schools Football Championship include; Young Referees Programme for aspiring referees, Medical Officers Programme for aspiring sport physicians, Young Reporters Programme for aspiring media practitioners and a Coaching Programme which targets P.E teachers or teachers in charge of football in their schools to obtain the minimum coaching requirement in Africa of CAF Level-D.

CAF also conducts a Safeguarding Programme that targets the students in the participating teams, school administrators and the host Member Association to ensure that all key stakeholders are aware of their rights and are committed to a safe and secure environment during the events of the CAF African Schools Football Championship.

YOUNG REFEREES PROGRAMME

18-22 April

A blend of theory and practical training for young match officials selected to officiate in the event.



YOUNG REPORTERS PROGRAMME

21-26 April

A blend of theory and practical sessions for aspiring media practitioners delivered in partnership with CANAL+ University.

They will get to test their skills at the tournament.

The top 4 participants will be chosen to get an internship at CANAL+ University.

SAFEGUARDING

21-22 April

Tailored to raise awareness amongst players of participating teams and educators from schools within the host city.



**PROTECT
THE DREAM**

CAF SAFEGUARDING

COACHING COURSE CAF LEVEL-D

21-24 April

A blend of practical and theory sessions for educators from schools within the host city delivered in partnership with the French Football Federation.



WORKSHOPS OVERVIEW

SAFETY & SECURITY

21-22 April

Tailored for the host city local authorities to prepare them for the collaborative efforts during the event.



CAF-FIFPRO WORKSHOP

21-22 April

A workshop on the right of players in modern football and making sure these rights are upheld at all times.



MEDICAL WORKSHOP

21-22 April

Targeting the local medical committee and the physicians of participating teams, it aims to prepare both stakeholders for the collaboration during the event.

UNICEF WORKSHOP

21-22 April

Workshop with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), an agency dedicated to protecting the rights and well-being of children worldwide.



INTEGRITY

21-22 April

Tailored to raise awareness amongst the participating teams and select youth groups within the host city on integrity issues within sport.



GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL

25 April

Community outreach event that brings together Under-12 boys and girls in a celebration of football.

QUALIFIED TEAMS

CECAFA



Boys' winner: Tanzania



Girls' winner: Uganda

Defending continental champions Tanzania retained their Boys title in the CECAFA zonal qualifiers, while hosts Uganda lifted the Girls' crown in the competition played in Kitende.

Tanzania secured the title after defeating Rwanda 2-0 in their final match. Tanzania's win, combined with a goalless draw between Somalia and Burundi, saw them finish level on six points with Uganda.

However, Tanzania's superior goal difference clinched the title, but Uganda also qualify for the continental finals as Tanzania earn their place as defending champions.

Ashraf Kyakuwa from Uganda was named Player of the Tournament, while there was no Golden Boot winner as six players finished on a single goal.

Uganda's girls' team capped off their campaign with a resounding 8-0 victory over Rwanda to clinch the title. The dominant win secured Uganda the top spot, edging out Tanzania on goal difference after both teams finished with seven points.

Ella Louange Kezimana from Burundi was named Player of the Tournament, while Brendah Nassaka of Uganda won the Golden Boot.



COSAFA



Boys' winner: South Africa



Girls' winner: South Africa

South Africa were crowned champions in both the Boys and the Girls competitions in Walvis Bay, Namibia.

The Boys beat Zambia 4-2 on penalties after they had played to a 1-1 draw, while the Girls had to come from behind as they defeated Malawi 3-1 in their decider.

It maintains South Africa's 100% record in the competition having won both the Boys and the Girls competitions in the previous two editions in 2022 and 2023.

Malawi will join South Africa in the Girls competition at the continental finals after the latter qualified as holders.

Zambia's Tenani Simfukwe was named Player of the Tournament in the Boys competition, while Malawi's Okester Kanyenda took the Golden Boot for his four goals scored.

South Africa's Leonay Kock won both the Golden Boot for her 11 goals and the Player of the Tournament prize in the Girls competition.



QUALIFIED TEAMS

UNAF



Boys' winner: Algeria



Girls' winner: Morocco

Algeria claimed the qualification place in the Boys competition following a 1-0 win over Tunisia that left them top of the table ahead of second-placed Morocco.

It is a maiden qualification for the continental finals for Algeria as they finished with four points, two ahead of the Moroccans.

In the Girls competition it was Morocco who triumphed as they edged Algeria on goal-difference in a reverse of the Boys final result.

Both teams had four points but the Moroccans took the title with their superior goal-difference.



UNIFFAC



Boys' winner: DR Congo



Girls' winner: DR Congo

It was a 'double' for the Democratic Republic of Congo as both their Boys and Girls teams will represent the UNIFFAC zone at the continental finals.

It will be the second time the country is represented last the continental finals after the CS Horizons school played in the inaugural continental event in 2023.

But it will be a maiden appearance in the Girls competition for the DR Congo.



QUALIFIED TEAMS

WAFU A



Boys' winner: Senegal



Girls' winner: The Gambia

The Gambia and hosts Senegal triumphed in the WAFU A regional qualifiers held in Diamniadio.

Senegal powered their way past The Gambia in the Boys competition with a commanding 2-0 victory. Guinea finished third, beating Mauritania 4-1 on penalties following a 1-1 stalemate.

Souleymane Commissaire Faye claimed both the Golden Boot and Player of the Tournament in the Boys competition.

The Gambia retained their crown in the Girls competition following a nail-biting 4-3 victory on penalties over Guinea after a 0-0 stalemate in the final.

Jarra Bojang was the heroine for the Gambian side as she saved two spot kicks in the shoot-out and was named Player of the Tournament.

Remarkably, she is a midfielder and went in goals after an injury to the regular goalkeeper. Haiba Koulibaly from Guinea took home the Golden Boot.



WAFU B



Boys' winner: Cote d'Ivoire



Girls' winner: Ghana

WAFU B held its Zonal Qualifiers in Niamey, Niger with Cote d'Ivoire crowned champions in the Boys division, while the Girls' crown was claimed by Ghana.

The Ivorians edged Benin to claim the Boys' crown with Ghana in third place after the latter defeated Burkina Faso to win the bronze.

Cyril Hagan from Ghana was the leading scorer in the competition with three goals, while Moubine Ayamodou was the Player of the Tournament.

Ghana's girls also beat Benin to the regional trophy, with Cote d'Ivoire in third. Fanta Sangaré from Cote d'Ivoire was named Player of the Tournament and Ghana's Christiana Ashiaku was the leading scorer with four goals.

As Ghana qualify in the Girls' division as hosts, Benin are also in the continental finals tournament from the WAFU B zone.





BOYS PROFILES



GHANA

Zonal Union: **WAFU B**

Past appearances (0): **NONE**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Did not qualify
2023-24: Did not qualify

CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU B ZONAL FINALS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Third
2024-25: Third

Hosts Ghana will be first-time participants at the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals on home soil after failing to qualify in the previous two editions. The Ghanaians earn their place at the continental finals as hosts of the exciting third edition of the competition since its launch ahead of the 2022-23 season.

They finished third in the 2024-25 qualifiers with Cyril Hagan the leading scorer at the finals with three goals.

They were the top-scoring team across the WAFU B qualifiers, having amassed an impressive seven goals in the tournament.

As hosts, Ghana enter the finals as firm favourites to triumph, looking to leave a memorable mark in front of their home fans in Accra.

It was the second season in a row the team had finished third in the WAFU B qualifiers, having edged Nigeria to the bronze medal in 2023-24.

They did not qualify from the inaugural season in 2022-23 in the qualifiers that were staged in Abidjan.



ALGERIA

Zonal Union: **UNAF**

Past appearances (1): **2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Did not enter

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP UNAF QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Winners
2023-24: Did not enter
2024-25: Winners

Algeria will be making a return to the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals this year after missing out on the Zanzibar edition in 2023-24. The North African champions secured their ticket to Accra after winning the round-robin qualifiers that were played on home soil in Oran. The Algerians emerged victorious ahead of strong competition from Morocco and Tunisia, who narrowly missed out.

Algeria's return sees them represent the North Zone after Libya did so last time out. They will be aiming at doing better than their regional counterparts, who could not advance from the group stages of the highly competitive youth competition.

The last time Algeria appeared at the finals was in the inaugural edition of the CAF African Schools Football Championship where they were represented by Ecole Boulawech Boumerdes School.

Despite a gallant performance, the Algerians could not go beyond the group stages, a feat that they will be hoping to improve on in Accra this season.



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Zonal Union: **WAFU B**

Past appearances (0): **NONE**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Did not qualify
2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU B ZONAL QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Runners-Up
2024-25: Winners

Côte d'Ivoire are making their debut in the CAF African Schools Football Championship Continental Finals.

They qualified for this year's tournament after they were champions of the WAFU B Championship in Niger, where they defeated Benin in the final.

It makes up for the disappointment of the 2023-24 zonal qualifiers where Cote d'Ivoire were finalists, but lost 2-0 to Benin in the decider and did not take their place on the continental stage.

The zonal qualifiers for the inaugural 2022-23 competition were staged in Abidjan, but the Cote d'Ivoire representatives did not make the final.

One of the top fancied teams, Côte d'Ivoire aims to become the second West African team to win the trophy following the victory of Guinea in the inaugural edition held in Durban, South Africa, in 2023.



DR CONGO

Zonal Union: **UNIFFAC**

Past appearances (1): **2023**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP UNIFFAC QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Winners
2023-24: Runners-Up
2024-25: Runners-Up

For the second time in its history, the Democratic Republic of Congo is preparing to play in the CAF African School Football Championship.

A qualification that comes in a particular context, since they took advantage of the FIFA suspension hitting Congo, champion of the UNIFFAC zone.

In the regional final, DR Congo lost 1-0 to the Red Devils. But this unexpected opportunity gives young Congolese talents a chance to shine on the continental scene. The core of the team is made up of young players from local training centres, supervised by an ambitious staff who want to lay the foundations of a sustainable project for Congolese school football.

At the head of this promising generation, Emedi Deo Gracias Bin Sudi embodies a new approach in the development of youth football in DR Congo. His ambition is clear: to structure the team around a fluid collective game and tactical rigor, while highlighting the natural technical qualities of the Congolese players.





SENEGAL

Zonal Union: **WAFU A**

Past appearances (1): **2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Did not qualify
2023-24: Third

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU A ZONAL QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Winners
2024-25: Winners

Senegal have won the CAF African Schools Football Championship WAFU A qualifiers for the previous two editions and so return to the continental stage for the second year in a row.

The Senegal Boys team did not qualify for the inaugural event that was staged in Durban, South Africa at the end of the 2022-23 campaign, but made a first appearance at the continental finals last year.

There they made the semifinals and ended up taking home the bronze medal, something they will be looking to build on in this year's finals.

Senegal were so close to a place in the decider as they took on fellow west African side Guinea, but following a goalless draw, were defeated 4-3 on penalties. In the boys' bronze medal contest, Senegal and Benin played out to an evenly balanced 0-0 draw, which again had to be decided on penalties, and this time Senegal emerged victorious 5-3.

They earned their place in this year's continental finals as they powered their way past The Gambia in the Boys competition with a commanding 2-0 victory to take the title for a second season in a row.



SOUTH AFRICA

Zonal Union: **COSAFA**

Past appearances (2): **2023, 2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Runners-Up
2023-24: Group Stage

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COSAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Winners
2023-24: Winners
2024-25: Winners

South Africa return to the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals for the third year in a row having been ever-presents at this stage of the competition.

They competed as Clapham High School in the inaugural event staged in Durban and finished runners-up, before a group stage exit in last year's competition in Dar es Salaam.

They return to the continental stage having made it a hat-trick of wins in their zonal COSAFA championships which were staged in Namibia last October. The side edged Zambia 4-2 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the final in Walvis Bay, having gone through the group stages with a full haul of nine points and zero goals conceded.

They play a structured style of football with good, technical players, but perhaps lack the physicality of teams from other parts of the continent. They will hope to make it third time lucky in Accra and take their regional dominance to the continental stage.



TANZANIA

Zonal Union: **CECAFA**
 Past appearances (1): **2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Did not qualify
 2023-24: Winners

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CECAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Group Stages
 2023-24: Runners-Up
 2024-25: Winners

Tanzania will defend their CAF African Schools Football Championship Boys title when they take to the pitch in Ghana this year.

The team lifted the continental title on home soil last year when they edged Guinea 1-0 in the decider in Zanzibar to spark great scenes of celebration.

A packed Amaan Stadium bore witness to African youth football history being made when Tanzania were crowned champions in front of their home supporters. The excellent Abel Samson was named Player of the Tournament and Mujahid Juma won Best Goalkeeper in a commanding display from the home side. They had taken their place at the finals as hosts, having finished runners-up in their CECAFA regional qualifiers.

They make a return to the continental finals this year as holders but also won their regional qualifiers when they finished ahead of Uganda to lift that trophy for the first time.

Their victory was secured thanks to a 2-0 win over Rwanda. That win, combined with a goalless draw between Somalia and Burundi, saw them finish level on six points with Uganda. However, Tanzania's superior goal difference clinched the title.



UGANDA

Zonal Union: **CECAFA**
 Past appearances (2): **2023, 2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Group Stages
 2023-24: Group Stages

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CECAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Winners
 2023-24: Winners
 2024-25: Runners-Up

Uganda's Boys will appear at the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals for a third year in a row, though this time it will not be as champions of the CECAFA region.

Uganda were represented by Royal Giant High School at the inaugural continental finals in Durban, South Africa in the 2022-23 campaign, but did not make it past the group stages.

They returned for the 2023-24 edition after winning the CECAFA qualifiers following a penalty shoot-out victory over Tanzania in the decider. The final in Nairobi finished 1-1, with Uganda triumphing 4-2 via spot-kicks. Once again, they could not advance past the group stages though, something that will be a key target for this year.

In the 2024-25 qualifiers, it was Tanzania who took the title as they edged Uganda on goal-difference in the pool to lift the trophy. However, as Tanzania had already qualified as continental holders in the Boys category, Uganda earned the berth allocated for the CECAFA qualifiers.





GIRLS PROFILES





GHANA

Zonal Union: **WAFU B**

Past appearances (0): **NONE**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Did not qualify
2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU B ZONAL QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Group Stages
2023-24: Runners-Up
2024-25: Winners

This marks Ghana's first appearance at the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals having fallen short of qualification in the 2023-24 season where they were edged by Togo in the finals.

The Ghanaians, who automatically qualify as hosts, were exceptional in during the WAFU B qualifiers where they went finished as champions following their victory over Benin in the qualifiers held in Niamey, Niger.

They head into the finals as one of the tournament's strong favourites who will be looking at making a good impression in front of their local fans in Accra.

Their qualification came as a result of them emerging victorious against equally strong competition from Cote d'Ivoire, who finished third, as well as second-placed Benin, who will be the second WAFU B side to represent the WAFU B zone at the continental finals this year.

The tournament will also be an exciting opportunity for their star player, Acquah Ignatus Gyril to shine in front of her home fans. Gyril finished as top goalscorer with three goals at the WAFU B qualifiers.



BENIN

Zonal Union: **WAFU B**

Past appearances (1): **2023**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:

2022-23: Group Stage
2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU B ZONAL QUALIFIERS:

2022-23: Winners
2023-24: Third
2024-25: Runners-Up

Benin will be the second team to represent the WAFU B Zone at the CAF African Schools Football Championship Continental Finals along with Zonal champions, Ghana.

Despite falling short of lifting the title that was won by Ghana, Benin will also be at the Accra finals as a result of them finishing second in the qualifiers behind Ghana, who by virtue of being hosts, gain automatic qualification.

This marks Benin's second appearance at the continental finals after their 2022-23 debut in Durban, South Africa during the inaugural edition where they went out in the group stages.

They were on that occasion represented by General Education College Colby, who had been victorious in the zonal qualifiers. Benin head to Accra with determination and a willingness to prove that they are one of the best teams on the continent.

Moustaliratou Yessouffou will be key for Benin in goals. The young shot-stopper was voted Goalkeeper of the Tournament during the WAFU B qualifiers and will be hoping to continue with her impressive form.





DR CONGO

Zonal Union: **UNIFFAC**

Past appearances (0): **NONE**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Did not qualify
 2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP UNIFFAC QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Runners-Up
 2023-24: Runners-Up
 2024-25: Runners-Up

The Democratic Republic of Congo finished as runners-up in the UNIFFAC qualifiers for the CAF African School Football Championship 2024-25, but take their place at the finals tournament by virtue of winners Congo facing a FIFA suspension.

The team narrowly failed to qualify for the inaugural event in 2022-23 when represented by Uwezo School Complex as the latter lost to CEG Mfilou from Congo in the final of the zonal competition.

It was a similar story for the 2023-24 edition as Congo again edged DR Congo in the girls competition, and then again in 2024-25.

The DR Congo girls will finally get the chance to showcase their quality on the continental stage at the finals and will have high hopes they can go deep into the competition.

There is certainly no shortage of talent in the team and after so many near misses, they will be motivated to grab this opportunity and make it count.



GAMBIA

Zonal Union: **WAFU A**

Past appearances (2): **2023, 2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Third
 2023-24: Group Stages

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WAFU A ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Winners
 2023-24: Winners
 2024-25: Winners

The Gambia head to the CAF African Schools Football Championship for the third consecutive season after they were crowned champions of the WAFU A Zone in December 2024 to secure their place at the Accra finals.

The Gambians who are yet to lift African school's football's most prized silverware will be banking on the previous two season's experience when they make their record third appearance in Accra.

Upon their Continental Finals debut in Durban, South Africa, The Gambia finished an impressive third place.

The Gambia secured their ticket to Accra courtesy of a 4-3 penalty shootout victory over Guinea where goalkeeper, Jerra Bojang saved two penalties to help her side clinch the title.

Bojang, who was excellent in goals throughout the qualifiers was voted Player of the Tournament and will be key for the Gambians as they seek their first ever CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals crown.





MALAWI

Zonal Union: **COSAFA**

Past appearances (0): **NONE**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Did not qualify
 2023-24: Did not qualify

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COSAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Third
 2023-24: Group Stages
 2024-25: Runners-Up

Malawi hosted the inaugural COSAFA qualifiers for the CAF African Schools Football Championship in the 2022-23 season and were represented by Malindi Secondary. They, however, finished third after an administrative error saw them lose three points in two matches.

Malawi secured two wins and two draws in the pool stages of the 2023-24 qualifiers in Zimbabwe, but it was still not enough to earn a place in the knockout rounds. It meant they did not qualify for the continental finals that were staged in Zanzibar.

But the team bounced back to make the final of the 2024-25 COSAFA qualifiers in Walvis Bay, Namibia, where they lost 3-1 to champions South Africa in the decider. They finished top of their group and then defeated Zimbabwe 2-1 in the semifinals, before losing out to South Africa in the final.

However, as the latter qualified for the continental finals as holders, Malawi were given the berth for the qualified team from COSAFA, so make a return to the grand African stage.

They will therefore debut in Ghana and have high hopes of going deep into the competition with their talented group of players.



MOROCCO

Zonal Union: **UNAF**

Past appearances (2): **2023, 2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Runners-Up
 2023-24: Runners-Up

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP UNAF ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: WINNERS
 2023-24: WINNERS
 2024-25: WINNERS

The Moroccan Girls team will be hoping to make it third time lucky when they compete at the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals in Ghana.

Morocco were represented by Ecole Omar IBN Khatab at the inaugural Girls continental finals in Durban, South Africa.

They made the final but were defeated 3-0 by Fountain Gate School from Tanzania in the decider and had to settle for the silver medal.

Morocco won the regional UNAF Zonal qualifiers again in the 2023-24 season, their victory secured by a handsome 12-0 win over Libya that meant they booked their ticket with a day to spare in the regional competition.

They made the decider of the continental finals again in Zanzibar but lost on penalties to South Africa after the teams played to a 1-1 draw. The South Africans claimed the shoot-out 5-4.

It was the second time in as many years that Morocco had won silver, and they will be desperate to turn that into gold this time round.

They made it a hat-trick of victories in the UNAF qualifiers in the 2024-25 season with a 5-0 win over Tunisia and a 0-0 draw with Algeria enough to see them book their place.





SOUTH AFRICA

Zonal Union: **COSAFA**

Past appearances (2): **2023, 2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Group Stages
 2023-24: Winners

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COSAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Winners
 2023-24: Winners
 2024-25: Winners

South Africa's Girls return to the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals for the third year in a row having been ever-presents at this stage of the competition, and this time do so as defending champions.

They competed as Edendale Technical High School in the inaugural event in 2022-23 and after storming to victory in the COSAFA qualifiers held in Malawi, they could not get out of the pool stages at the continental finals on home soil in Durban, South Africa.

They claimed the COSAFA title for a second year in a row in the qualifiers in Zimbabwe and this time excellent on the continental stage, lifting the trophy in Zanzibar. South Africa needed penalties to edge Morocco 5-4 on penalties after the teams had played to a hard-fought 1-1 draw in the final.

Sphumelele Zibula won Goalkeeper of the Tournament at those finals, and played a huge role in her side being crowned champions.

They return to the 2024-25 continental finals as champions but still completed a hat-trick of victories in the COSAFA qualifiers by lifting the trophy again in Walvis Bay, Namibia. They defeated Malawi in the decider, with the latter earning their place at the finals in Ghana as the COSAFA qualifier.



UGANDA

Zonal Union: **CECAFA**

Past appearances (1): **2024**

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINENTAL FINALS:
 2022-23: Did not qualify
 2023-24: Third

RECORD AT THE CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CECAFA ZONAL QUALIFIERS:
 2022-23: Group Stages
 2023-24: Winners
 2024-25: Winners

Uganda return to the CAF African Schools Football Championship continental finals for the second year in a row hoping to build on the bronze medal they won in the 2023-24 season.

The East African side did not qualify for the inaugural finals in the 2022-23 campaign having failed to make an impression in the CECAFA zonal qualifiers. But since then, they have claimed back-to-back trophy wins at regional level and will be hoping to go one better, at least, at the continental finals in Ghana.

Uganda defeated hosts Kenya in Nairobi to take the CECAFA zonal title in the 2023-24 season and then made the semifinals of the continental finals in Zanzibar. There they lost 1-0 to Morocco in a close-fought last-4 fixture that might have gone either way.

Uganda were again victorious in the CECAFA zonal qualifier in the 2024-25 season with their 8-0 victory over Rwanda booking them a ticket to the continental finals on goal-difference from second-placed Tanzania.

They will hope to take that form to Ghana and be among the medallists again, with gold in their sights.



AFRICAN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME INFRASTRUCTURE AND PURCHASE PROJECTS

EDENDALE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS)

Country: Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
Project: Classrooms Renovation & Electric Gate
Total Budget: USD 36,000

CEG MFILOU (GIRLS)

Country: Brazzaville, Congo
Project: School Perimeter Wall & Sports Infrastructure
Renovation
Total Budget: USD 100,000

EDENDALE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (GIRLS)

Country: Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
Project: Football Field Grandstand
Total Budget: USD 24,425

BEN SEKOU SYLLA (BOYS)

Country: Conakry, Guinea
Project: Sports Complex
Total Budget: USD 400,000

CLAPHAM HIGH SCHOOL (BOYS)

Country: Pretoria, South Africa
Project: Swimming Pool Area Renovation
Total Budget: USD 48,508

FONTAINE BLEUE (GIRLS)

Country: Saïoua, Côte d'Ivoire
Project: Sports Complex
Total Budget: USD 50,000

CS UWEZO SCHOOL (GIRLS)

Country: Goma, DR Congo
Project: Five classrooms & 5-a-side football pitch
Total Budget: USD 75,000

CS VENUS (BOYS)

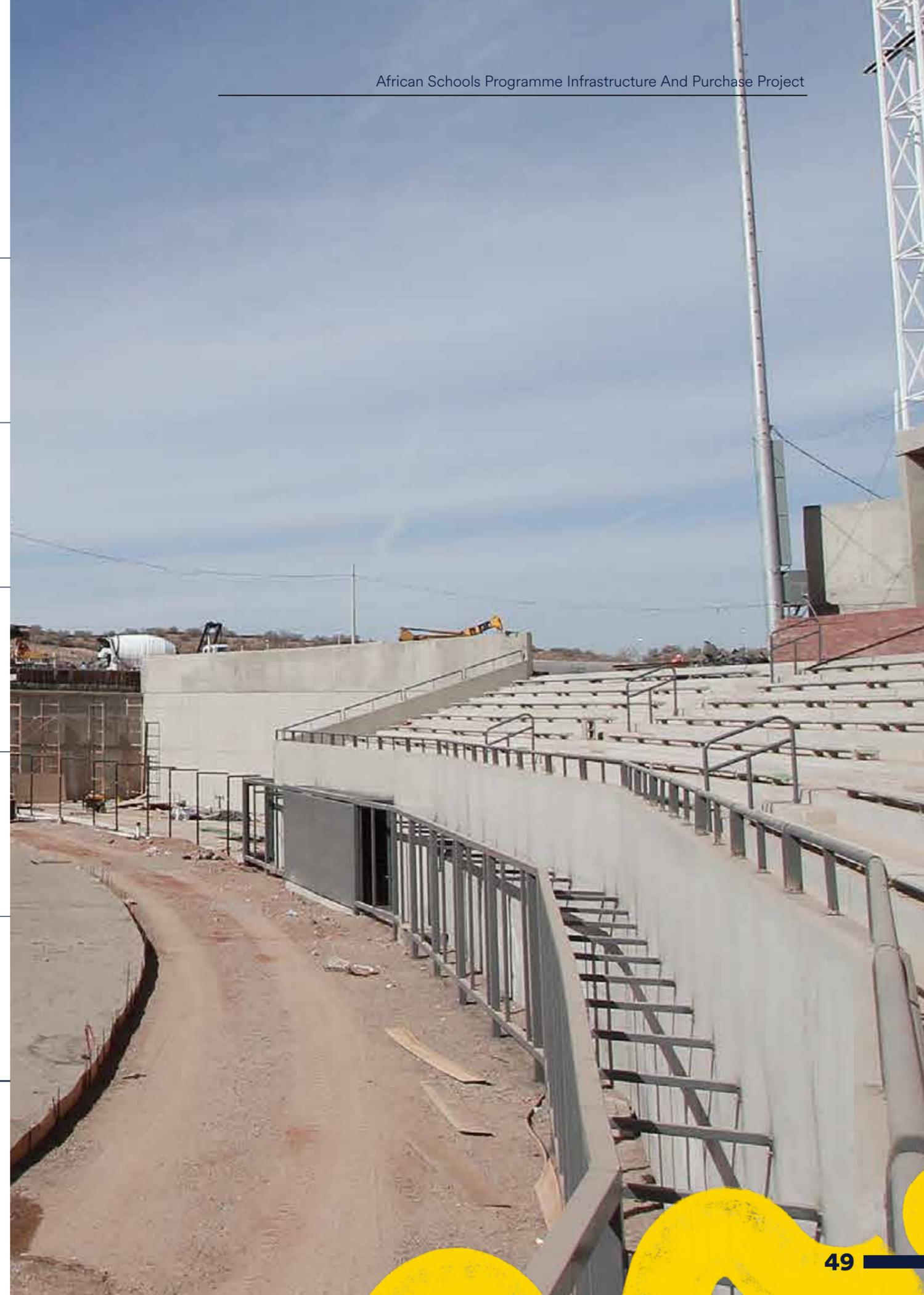
Country: Saïoua, Côte d'Ivoire
Project: Classrooms, Administration Offices & Library
Total Budget: USD 75,000

LOUIS SAMUEL SCHOOL (BOYS)

Country: Brazzaville, Congo
Project: Study & Training Center
Total Budget: USD 75,000

CHAUVIGNY B (GIRLS)

Country: Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso
Project: School Perimeter Wall & Football Playground
Renovation
Total Budget: USD 75,000





SCAN AID (GIRLS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: Dressing Room & Football Field Fence
 Total Budget: USD 47,852

NEW YUNDUM (BOYS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: Puma Equipment
 Total Budget: USD 4,627

NEW YUNDUM (BOYS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: Dressing Room
 Total Budget: USD 21,342

NEW YUNDUM (BOYS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: IT Lab Renovation
 Total Budget: USD 15,116

NEW YUNDUM (BOYS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: Construction of Borehole
 Total Budget: USD 8,626

SCAN AID (GIRLS)

Country: Banjul, Gambia
 Project: Puma Equipment
 Total Budget: USD 8,432

ROYAL GIANTS (BOYS)

Country: Mityana, Uganda
 Project: School bus
 Total Budget: USD 100,000

CHAUVIGNY A (BOYS)

Country: Banfora, Burkina Faso
 Project: School bus
 Total Budget: USD 39,087

ROSINHA SCHOOL (BOYS)

Country: Cabo Ledo, Angola
 Project: IT Equipment
 Total Budget: USD 19,644

CHAUVIGNY B (GIRLS)

Country: Banfora, Burkina Faso
 Project: School equipment
 Total Budget: USD 1,847

SALIMA SECONDARY SCHOOL (BOYS)

Country: Salima, Malawi
 Project: Cafeteria upgrade
 Total Budget: USD 40,000

FACTSHEET



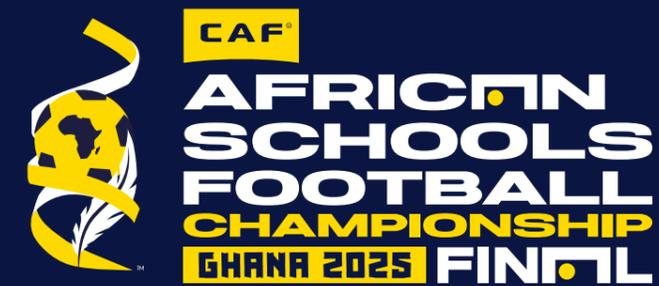
The CAF African Schools Championship, officially launched in 2022 by the CAF President, aims to elevate the standard and quality of school football across the African continent. Its purpose is to leverage the values of football to foster the holistic development of young African boys and girls.

The Programme strategically includes other support pillars that will increase the social impact of football and build the capacity of participating countries to manage football through training programmes.

VISION: To create a future in football for every boy and girl in Africa.

MISSION: To elevate the standard and quality of schools football across the African continent.

PURPOSE: To exploit the opportunities within the values of football to holistically develop African boys and girls.



PILLARS OF THE PROGRAMME

- **The Game:** African Schools Championship is an organised schools' football competition that will be contested by schools in Africa annually.
- **Social Impact:** The programme will include support projects to use football as a passion focus point to address social issues in the communities around and within the participating schools.
- **Capacity Building:** The Programme seeks to work closely with the CAF member Associations in strengthening their capabilities to exercise their mandate in football governance.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

- The CAF African Schools Football Championship features Boys and Girls under the age of 15.
- The 2023/24 edition reached 804,480 young Boys and Girls in from **28,862** schools across 44 countries have participated.
- This is an increase of **40%** from the inaugural edition.
- **74%** - The majority of players at the 2023/24 CAF African Schools Football Championship attended for the first time in the same year.
- **72%** percentage of players who travelled internationally for the first time as a result of participating in the CAF African Schools Football Championship.

PARTICIPATION IN NUMBERS

	GIRLS SCHOOLS	BOYS SCHOOLS	TOTAL	GIRLS PARTICIPANTS	BOYS PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL
SEASON 1 - 2022/23	7 201	10 563	17 764	179 899	263 795	443 694
SEASON 2 - 2023/24	12 276	16 586	28 862	306 900	497 680	804 480
SEASON 3 - 2024/25	14 868	20 983	35 851	297 360	419 660	717 020
COMBINED TOTAL	34 345	48 132	82 477	784 159	1 181 035	1 965 194

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

The Capacity Building Programme focuses on skills and development and runs parallel to the CAF African Schools Football Championship Qualifiers and Continental Finals.

The purpose of the Capacity Building programmes is to ensure that learners are developed holistically, both on and off the field.

The programme also caters for school teachers who are the primary guardians of the learners during school hours.

Programmes offered under the CAF Capacity Building Programme of the CAF African Schools Football Championship are the: Young Referees Programme for aspiring referees, Young Medical Officer Programme for aspiring sport physicians, Young Reporters Programme for aspiring media practitioners.

The programme also caters for teachers and guardians involved in schools football development as follows: CAF D License Coaching to equip teachers with basic coaching education and knowledge as well as the CAF Safeguarding Programme to foster safe and secure environment for football development.

CAPACITY BUILDING IN NUMBERS

PROGRAMME	2022/23	2022/23
Young Reporters Programme	210	210
Young Referees Programme	140	120
Young Medical Officers Programme	175	150
CAF D-License	100	300
Safeguarding Officers Programme	-	100

OTHER RESULTS FROM CONTINENTAL FINALS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME	NUMBERS
Young Referees	108
Medical Officers	110
Young Reporters	180
Coaches Programme	210
Leadership Programme	100

PRIZE MONEY

ZONAL PHASE	AMOUNT (\$)	CONTINENTAL FINALS	AMOUNT (\$)
Winners	USD 100 000	Winners	USD 300 000
Runners-Up	USD 75 000	Runners-Up	USD 200 000
Bronze	USD 50 000	Bronze	USD 150 000

POSITIVE IMPACT MADE BY CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONIES

The prize monies of the CAF African Schools Football Championship, which are courtesy of the Motsepe Foundation have contributed to the refurbishment and building of much-needed infrastructure across various schools in Africa.

These include the refurbishment of classrooms, boreholes study centre, training pitches, cafeterias, purchasing of school buses, computers and sporting equipment by CAF Partners, PUMA.

CAF LEGEND'S SUPPORT

The CAF African Schools Football Championships has been supported by some of African football's greatest talents who have formed part of the various off the field development programmes.

African football greats who have graced the tournament include *Asamoah Gyan (Ghana), Emmanuel Adebayor (Togo), Daniel Amokachi (Nigeria), Lucas Radebe, Amanda Dlamini, (South Africa) and Abdi Kassim Sadalla (Tanzania).*



BALL DISTRIBUTION

As part of its innovative approach to youth football development and affording access, CAF distributes 800 PUMA match balls to all participating Member Associations of the competition.

CAF AFRICAN SCHOOLS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OFFICIALS

MALE REFEREES

NAME	AGE	COUNTRY
Wilson Musitafa	16 years	Malawi
Zakaria Elghaithy	16 years	Libya
Adongo Angelous Akurugu	17 years	Ghana
Waiswa Islam	17 years	Uganda
Laafari Adam	18 years	Morocco
KESSAIR Mohamed Amine	18 years	Algeria
Ali Aweis	18 years	Somalia
Nguvitjita Hurika	18 years	Namibia
Yeo Pelagui Paul Khalil	19 years	Cote d'Ivoire
Muhammed SANNEH	19 years	Gambia
Cheikh Talibouya TOURE	19 years	Senegal
MUKUBWA BIN MUKUBWA Enock	19 years	DR Congo
ENGO EBIAGHE Marcel	20 years	Gabon
ISLAM SAYHI	20 years	Tunisia

FEMALE REFEREES

NAME	AGE	COUNTRY
ELOGHEBIANG Princesse	20 years	Gabon
Traore Melissa	21 years	Burkina Faso
Rosina Girumugisha	16 years	Burundi
ASSFOURI NIHAL	18 years	Morocco
Emma Makiinda	18 years	Botswana
Jacquiline Ringo	19 years	Tanzania
Luvhengo Maduvha	19 years	South Africa
Agbemavor Pélagie	20 years	Benin
Yacine THIAM	20 years	Senegal
ANUNGA Daddy Thérésia	19 years	DR Congo

INSTRUCTORS & ASSESSORS

NAME	COUNTRY
Ali Ahmed Mohamed	Somalia
Janny Sikazwe	Zambia
Fadouma Dia	Senegal
Augustina Fuga	Ghana

SELECTED RULES & REGULATIONS

AGE RANGE

- Upper age limit: All students must be a maximum of 15 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the finals of the Championship is played (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or after 1 January 2010).
- Lower age limit: All students must be at least 14 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the final of the Championship is played. (i.e. all players of the teams were born on or after 31 December 2011).

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- Only students that took part in the National Phase shall be eligible to participate in the Zonal and Continental Phase.
- The National teams taking part in the Continental Phase can only field students who are registered in the FIFA CONNECT.
- Member Associations shall be responsible for organising and preparing their respective teams to participate in the Continental Phase.

GROUP STANDINGS

In case of two teams having equal points at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

- The highest number of points obtained in the match between the two concerned teams.
- The goal difference in all group matches.
- The highest number of goals scored in the whole group matches.
- A drawing of lots conducted by the Organising Committee of the Continental Phase.

In case of equality between more than two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:

- The highest number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams.
- The best goal-difference in the matches between the concerned teams.
- The greatest number of goals scored in the matches between the concerned teams.
- A drawing of lots conducted by the Organizing Committee of the Continental Phase.

FORMAT OF THE MATCHES

- Girls and Boys Championship matches shall be played in an 11-a-side football format, with each team fielding eleven (11) players.
- The matches shall be played over two halves of 20 minutes, with a 10-minute break.
- In case of a draw after the end of the regular time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in compliance with the Laws of the Game.
- All substitutes must be used in all the group matches so that each player is given an opportunity to play. There is no limit on the number of substitutions, however the substitution must be performed when the ball out of the field of play or stopped by the referee.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- If a player receives two cautions during two different matches, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match.
- If a player is sent off because of a direct or indirect red card, they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further sanctions may be imposed in the case of a direct red card.
- Any suspension that cannot be served during the African Schools Football Championship Final will be carried over to the representative team's next official match in the same age group. Where the suspension cannot be served in the same age group, it shall be carried over to the next highest age group.



HOST COUNTRY

GHANA

Capital: Accra

Official language: English

Population: 34,612,532 (2024 estimate)

Currency: Ghanaian Cedi

Ghana has long been a hot bed of football development with some of the greatest names in the African game having emerged from the passionate nation.

Abedi Pele, Michael Essien, Asamoah Gyan and Samuel Kuffour are just some of the legendary former stars who helped shape the history of Ghanaian football.

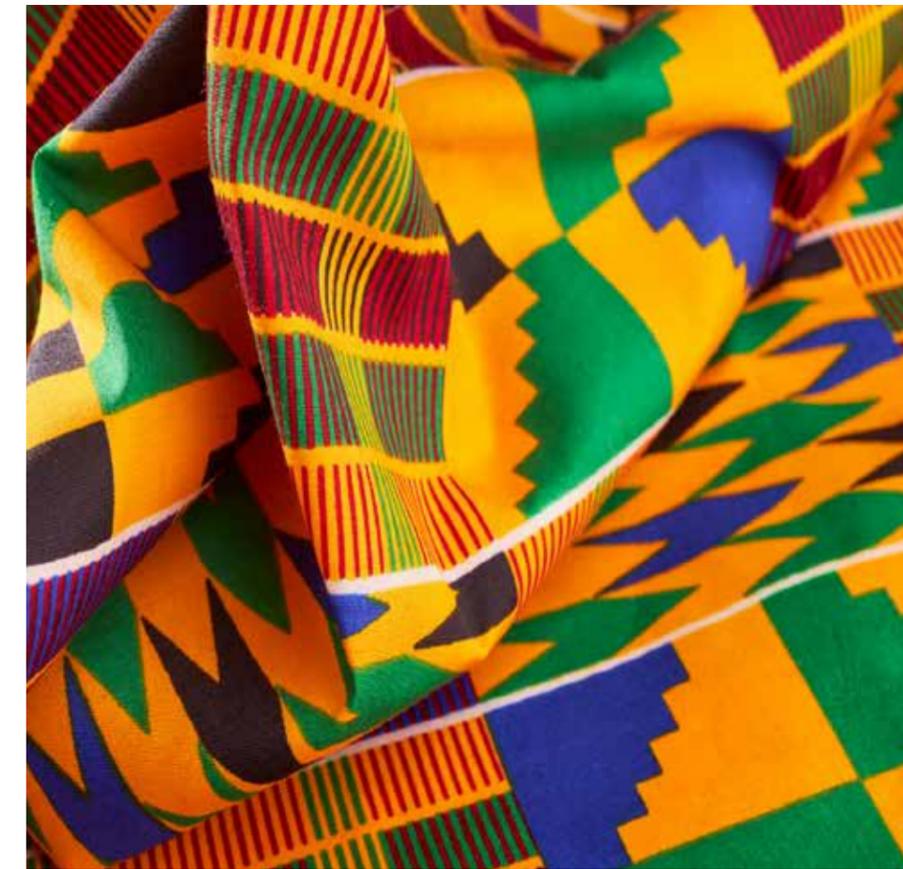
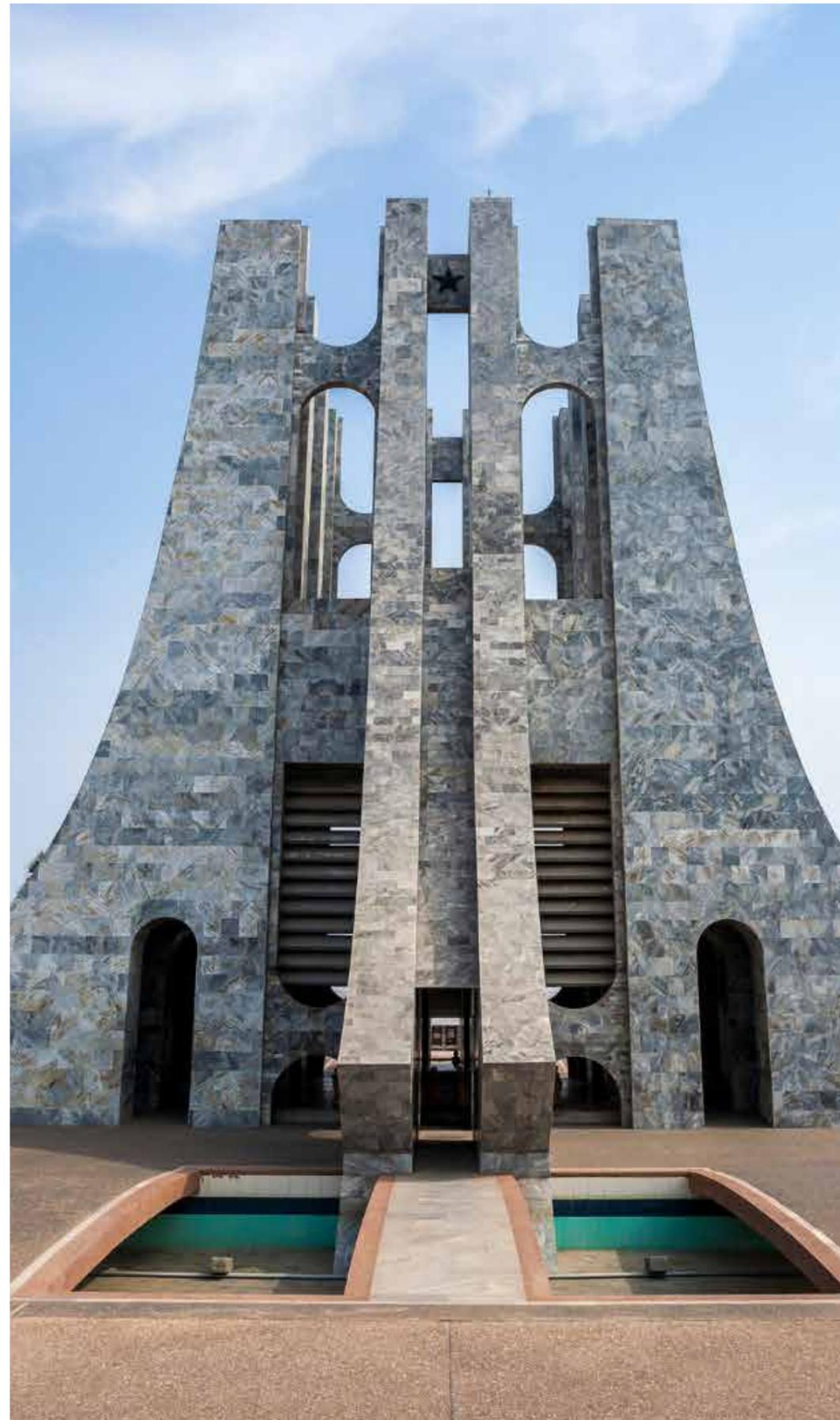
The national team reached the quarterfinals of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa and overnight became everyone's second favourite team with their skill and star quality.

But their prowess on the pitch goes back long before that. Ghana have been continental champions on four occasions, in 1963, 1965, 1978 and 1982. In fact, they reached the final four years in a row between 1963 and 1970, when they were the dominant force on the continent.

The country's club sides have excelled as well, with Hearts of Oak crowned TotalEnergies CAF Champions League winners in 2000.

There is a reason why so many European clubs and other interested parties have set up academies in Ghana, because it is recognised that talent abounds in the country.

That makes it the perfect host for the CAF African Schools Football Championship in 2025, which sees the best talent in the Under-15 age-group from around the continent gather to compete for the coveted title.



HOST CITY

The coastal city of Accra provides a stunning backdrop to the CAF African Schools Football Championship 2025 and has a rich football history of its own.

It is the capital and the largest city in Ghana, and serves as an economic and administrative hub for the region.

The most famous football clubs in the city are Great Olympics and Hearts of Oak, while the Accra Sports Stadium is steeped in history.

It was the venue for the 1978 TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations final, where Ghana beat Guinea 2-0, and for the 2008 decider where Egypt took the title.

The Right to Dream Academy is based in the city and has, over the years, produced numerous professional footballers for the Ghanaian and global game.



HOST VENUE



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA SPORTS STADIUM

Matches at the CAF African Schools Football Championship 2025 will be played at the University of Ghana Sports Stadium.

The venue has a capacity of 10,000 and was used at the recent All Africa Games that were staged in 2024.

It is located in the heart of Accra and will boast excellent facilities for players, spectators and the media.



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