BENIN FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Benin | Africa

MISSION:

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	2,945
Coaches:	745
Competitions in 2025:	233

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Athletics	Badminton	Boccia
Cycling	Football (Soccer)	Power Lifting

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy Athletes
- Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®
- Young Athletes

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA

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