

Africa Cup of Nations 2017

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2017 Africa Cup of Nations, aka AFCON 2017 is starting on 14 January 2017 and ending on 5 February in Gabon. A total of 16 teams qualified with Zimbabwe among them. The last time Zimbabwe was at AFCON was in 2006. Zimbabwe is in group B together with Algeria, Senegal and Tunisia.

2017 Africa Cup of Nations



Tournament details

Host country

Dates

Teams

Venue(s)

Gabon

14 January – 5 February 2017

16 (from 1 confederation)

4 (in 4 host cities)













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Zimbabwe's first game will be against Algeria on 15 January 2017. Next, Zimbabwe will play Algeria on 19 January 2017 Finally, in the group, Zimbabwe will play Tunisia on 23 January.

The winners of AFCON 2017 will qualify for FIFA Confederations Cup to be held in Russia the same year.

Qualified teams

Team	Method of qualification	Date of qualification	Finals appearance	Last appearance	Previous best performance	FIFA ranking at start of event
 Gabon	* !Hosts	01 !8 April 2015	07 !7th	2015	05 !Quarter-finals (1996, 2012)	
 Morocco	06 !Group F winners	02 !29 March 2016	16 !16th	2013	01 ! Winners (1976)	
 Algeria	10 !Group J winners	03 !2 June 2016	17 !17th	2015	01 ! Winners (1990)	
 Cameroon	13 !Group M winners	04 !3 June 2016	18 !18th	2015	01 ! Winners (1984, 1988, 2000, 2002)	
 Senegal	11 !Group K winners	05 !4 June 2016	14 !14th	2015	02 !Runners-up (2002)	
 Egypt	07 !Group G winners	06 !4 June 2016	23 !23rd	2010	01 ! Winners (1957, 1959, 1986, 1998, 2006, 2008, 2010)	
 Ghana	08 !Group H winners	07 !5 June 2016	21 !21st	2015	01 ! Winners (1963, 1965, 1978, 1982)	
 Guinea-Bissau	05 !Group E winners	08 !5 June 2016	01 !1st	none	99 !Debut	
 Zimbabwe	12 !Group L winners	09 !5 June 2016	03 !3rd	2006	16 !Group stage (2004, 2006)	
 Mali	03 !Group C winners	10 !5 June 2016	10 !10th	2015	02 !Runners-up (1972)	
 Ivory Coast	09 !Group I winners	11 !3 September 2016	22 !22nd	2015	01 ! Winners (1992, 2015)	
 Uganda	04 !Group D runners-up	12 !4 September	06 !6th	1978	02 !Runners-up	

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 Burkina Faso	04 !Group D winners	2016 13 !4 September 2016	11 !11th	2015	(1978) 02 !Runners-up (2013)
 Tunisia	01 !Group A winners	2016 14 !4 September 2016	18 !18th	2015	01 ! Winners (2004)
 DR Congo	02 !Group B winners	2016 15 !4 September 2016	18 !18th	2015	01 ! Winners (1968, 1974)
 Togo	01 !Group A runners-up	2016 16 !4 September 2016	08 !8th	2013	05 !Quarter-finals (2013)

Afcon Officials - Referees and their Assistants

Referees

- Gehad Grisha (Egypt)
- Youssef Essrayri (Tunisia)
- Mehdi Abid Charef (Algeria)
- Janny Sikazwe (Zambia)
- Bakary Gassama (Gambia)
- Daniel Frazer Bennett (South Africa)
- Joshua Bondo (Botswana)
- Néant Alioum (Cameroon)
- Denis Dembele (Ivory Coast)
- Tessema Bamlak|Bamlak Tessema Weyesa (Ethiopia)
- Eric Otego-Castane (Gabon)
- Hamada Nampandraza (Madagascar)
- Mahamadou Keita (Mali)
- Ali Lemghaifry (Muritania)
- Redouane Jiyed (Morocco)
- Malang Diedhiou (Senegal)
- Bernard Camille (Seychelles)

Assistant referees

- Abdelhak Etchiali (Algeria)
- Jerson Emiliano Dos Santos (Angola)
- Jean-Claude Birumushahu (Burundi)
- Theophile Vinga (Gabon)
- Aboubacar Doumbouya (Guinea)
- Marwa Range (Kenya)
- Redouane Achik (Ma)
- Arsénio Chadreque
- Olivier Safari Kabene (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Djibril Camara (Senegal)
- El Hadji Malick Samba (Senegal)

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- Evarist Menkouande (Cameroon)
- Elvis Guy Noupue Nguegoue (Cameroon)
- Marius Donatien Tan (Ivory Coast)
- Tahssen Abo El Sadat Bedyer (Egypt)
- Marengula (Mozambique)
- Yahaya Mahamadou (Niger)
- Abel Baba (Nigeria)
- Zakhele Siwela (South Africa)
- Ali Waleed Ahmed (Sudan)
- Mohammed Abdallah Ibrahim (Sudan)
- Anouar Hmila (Tunisia)

Format

Only the hosts will receive an automatic qualification spot, the other 15 teams will qualify through a qualification tournament. At the finals, the 16 teams will be drawn into four groups of four teams each. The teams in each group play a single round robin. After the group stage, the top two teams from each group will advance to the quarterfinals. The quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinals. The semifinal losers will play in third place match, while semifinal winners will play in final.^[1]

Draw

The draw was done on 19 October 2016 in Gabon. The seedings approved by the Organising Committee of the Africa Cup of Nations at its meeting on Monday, 26 September 2016 at the CAF headquarters in Cairo, was determined taking into account the performance of the qualified teams during the following competitions:

- Afcon finals in 2012, 2013 and 2015
- Afcon qualifiers in 2013, 2015, and 2017
- World Cup in 2014
- World Cup qualifiers in 2014

First Pot

 [Gabon](#) (22 pts; hosts, assigned to A1)

 [Ivory Coast](#) (63.5 pts; title holders, assigned to C1)

 [Ghana](#) (56.5 pts)


 [Algeria](#) (43.5 pts)

Second Pot


 [Tunisia](#) (34.5 pts)


 [Mali](#) (33.5 pts)


 [Burkina Faso](#) (33.5 pts)


 [DR Congo](#) (29.5 pts)

Third Pot

 [Cameroon](#) (29 pts)

 [Senegal](#) (24 pts)

 [Morocco](#) (18.5 pts)

 [Egypt](#) (15.5 pts)

Fourth Pot

 [Togo](#) (15.5 pts)

 [Uganda](#) (12 pts)

 [Zimbabwe](#) (10 pts)

 [Guinea-Bissau](#) (8.5 pts)

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