



PRELIMINARY COMPETITION AFRICA

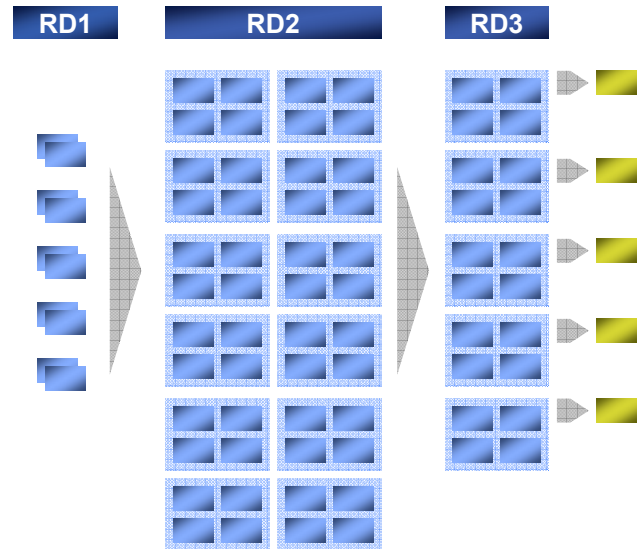


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BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	53
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	53*
Qualification Slots:	5+1*

*Including host South Africa



PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Cameroon | 19. Benin | 37. Gambia |
| 2. Nigeria | 20. Mozambique | 38. Mauritania |
| 3. Côte d'Ivoire | 21. Libya | 39. Kenya |
| 4. Morocco | 22. Ethiopia | 40. Chad |
| 5. Ghana | 23. Congo | 41. Lesotho |
| 6. Tunisia | 24. Zimbabwe | 42. Mauritius |
| 7. Egypt | 25. Uganda | 43. Niger |
| 8. Guinea | 26. Botswana | 44. Swaziland |
| 9. Senegal | 27. Equatorial Guinea | 45. Seychelles |
| 10. Mali | 28. Tanzania | 46. Sierra Leone |
| 11. Angola | 29. Gabon | 47. Madagascar |
| 12. Togo | 30. Malawi | 48. Comoros |
| 13. Zambia | 31. Sudan | 49. Central African Republic |
| 14. South Africa | 32. Burundi | 50. Guinea-Bissau |
| 15. Cape Verde Islands | 33. Liberia | 51. Somalia |
| 16. Congo DR | 34. Rwanda | 52. Djibouti |
| 17. Algeria | 35. Eritrea | 53. São Tomé e Príncipe |
| 18. Burkina Faso | 36. Namibia | |

As per the FIFA ranking of July 2007

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE *

- The 10 lowest ranked PMAs (as per the FIFA ranking of July 2007) contested Round One.
- The teams were paired into 5 home-and-away series.
- The winners of each series advance to Round Two.



The Organizing Committee for the FIFA World Cup South Africa 2010™ decided on the following pairings for Round One:

1. 13.10.07 Seychelles vs. Djibouti
17.11.07 Djibouti vs. Seychelles
2. 13.10.07 Sierra Leone vs. Guinea Bissau
17.11.07 Guinea Bissau vs. Sierra Leone
3. 13.10.07 Central African Republic vs. São Tomé e Príncipe
17.11.07 São Tomé e Príncipe vs. Central African Republic
4. 13.10.07 Somalia vs. Swaziland
17.11.07 Swaziland vs. Somalia
5. 13.10.07 Madagascar vs. Comoros
17.11.07 Comoros vs. Madagascar

* After São Tomé e Príncipe and Central African Republic withdrew from the competition, Swaziland and Seychelles received a bye for the second round, as the two next best-ranked teams (as per the FIFA ranking of July 2007). The following series were finally confirmed for round one:

1. 17.11.07 Djibouti vs. Somalia
2. 13.10.07 Sierra Leone vs. Guinea Bissau
17.11.07 Guinea Bissau vs. Sierra Leone
3. 13.10.07 Madagascar vs. Comoros
17.11.07 Comoros vs. Madagascar

ROUND TWO

- The 3 Round One series winners will then join the 45 remaining PMAs (incl. South Africa) in Round Two.
- The 48 teams will then be grouped into 12 round-robin, home-and-away groups of 4 teams.
- The group winners and 8 best runners-up will advance to Round Three.

ROUND THREE

- The 12 Round Two group winners and 8 best Round Two group runners-up will contest Round Three
- The 20 teams will then be grouped into 5 round-robin, home-and-away groups of 4 teams.

- 🌐 **The 5 group winners from Round Three qualify for the FIFA World Cup™.**
- 🌐 **South Africa to participate in the FIFA World Cup™ as host.**

South Africa will participate in the Preliminary Competition of the FIFA World Cup™ as the competition also serves as the qualifying competition for the Africa Cup of Nations. If qualified for Round Three, South Africa will play in its group. The points it obtains will count towards the Africa Cup of Nations but not for the FIFA World Cup™.