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TEAM NAMIBIA ANNOUNCES FINAL TEAM FOR THE DAKAR 2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

12 athletes selected to represent Namibia at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Senegal

The Namibia National Olympic Committee (NNOC) is proud to announce the athletes and officials selected to represent Namibia at the [Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games](#) in Senegal. As the first Olympic event ever to be hosted on African soil, Dakar 2026 marks a significant moment for both the continent and the next generation of Namibian athletes, who will compete alongside the world's best young sporting talent.

"I am honoured to lead Team Namibia at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, a historic milestone as the first Olympic event to be held on African soil. As an Olympian, I understand the impact that opportunities like these can have on a young athlete's journey. Having also spent the past several years working in international sport management and administration, I am committed to ensuring our athletes are fully prepared, well supported, and able to perform at their best in Dakar. Beyond the competition, I hope this experience will inspire them, help shape their future sporting careers, and contribute to their growth as confident young leaders and ambassadors for Namibia."

Maïke Betts, Chef de Mission, Team Namibia – Dakar 2026

Team Namibia will compete in **seven sports**, represented by a talented group of young athletes supported by experienced coaches, technical experts, and team officials. The team reflects Namibia's commitment to developing the next generation of sporting talent and providing young athletes with opportunities to compete on the international stage.

TEAM NAMIBIA - DAKAR 2026

Athletes

Sport	Discipline	Athlete
Beach Volleyball	Men	Matheus Salvado Tangeni Naheda
Beach Volleyball	Men's	Nathanael Amunyela Junior Ndemukulunga
Boxing	Men's 50kg	Kalenga Leevi Abraham
Cycling	Men's Road & Individual Time Trial	Mike Olivier Bartmann
Cycling	Women's Road & Individual Time Trial	Bianca Nell
Triathlon	Men's Individual Sprint	Johannes Jacob Langford
Swimming	Men's 100m Backstroke	Lorenzo Ethan Esterhuizen
Swimming	Men's 100m Freestyle	Nathan Ronald Bock
Swimming	Women's 800m Freestyle	Madison Sara Bergh
Swimming	Women's 50m Backstroke	Roselinda Angle Salome Matyayi
Athletics	Men's 200m	Elkana Shikongo Ileka
Beach Wrestling	Men's 60kg	Shithigona Lisias Shipopyeni

Coaches & Team Officials

Sport	Role	Gender	Official
Athletics	Coach	Male	Hafeni Ananias Elias
Beach Volleyball	Coach	Male	Aloisius Vayakohambo Ishitile
Boxing	Coach	Male	Lungameni Lasarus Ipundaka
Cycling	Coach	Male	Hans Moolman du Toit
Cycling	Mechanic	Male	Ermin van Wyk
Triathlon	Coach	Female	Adele de la Rey
Swimming	Coach	Male	Jean-Michael Leitner
Beach Wrestling	Coach	Male	Luis Forcelledo Paz

Team Management & Support Staff

Role	Gender	Official
Chef de Mission	Female	Maike Betts
Physiotherapist	Female	Kara Scheepers
Press Attaché & Administration	Male	Vincentius Vernon Boois

Delegation Snapshot

- 12 athletes
- 7 sports represented
- 8 coaches and technical officials
- 3 team management and support staff
- A total of 23 delegation members

Building Towards Dakar 2026

The Youth Olympic Games are more than a sporting competition. They are an opportunity for young athletes to gain invaluable international experience, develop as ambassadors for their country, and engage with fellow athletes from around the world.

As Team Namibia begins its final preparations for Dakar 2026, the NNOC congratulates all selected athletes and officials on their achievement and wishes them every success on the road to Senegal.

The entire nation looks forward to supporting and celebrating Team Namibia as they proudly carry the Namibian flag at Africa's first-ever Olympic event.

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