

**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.

**HISTORY:**

Founded in 1978, Special Olympics Kenya was the first Program established in Africa

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	47,789
Coaches:	4,052
Competitions:	1,220

**GOAL:**

To reach 47,924 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, USA (51 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (16 athletes)
- 2012 Africa Unity Cup, Johannesburg, South Africa (7 athletes and 3 unified partners)
- 2012 World Aquatics Invitational in Puerto Rico (4 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (44 delegates)
- 2010 Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (60 delegates)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland (23 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA (49 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA (50 athletes)
- 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Minnesota, USA
- 1983 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Louisiana, USA

**10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Handball	Netball	Open Water Swimming	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

With 42 National languages, there are only 2 official languages; English and Swahili

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