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 2001, with full operation from January 2005.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):
Registered athletes and Unified teammates: 21,289
Coaches: 913
Competitions: 1,167

SUPPORT:
Special Olympics Board Chair, Board Members, corporate organizations, philanthropists and Special Olympics, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, CA (42 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (14 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens Greece (61 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (34 delegates)

8 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Young Athletes

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:
3 official languages and their popularities vary greatly between the geo-political regions. These are Ibo, Hausa and Yoruba languages with English being the most common.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:
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