



**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 2019 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified teammates:	26,560
Coaches:	1,651
Competitions:	1,127

**SUPPORT:**

Special Olympics Nigeria Board Chair, Board Members, corporate organizations, philanthropists and Special Olympics, Inc., ExxonMobil

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi (85 delegates)
- 2018 Special Olympics 50th Anniversary Unified Cup, Chicago, IL (21 delegates)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria (21 athletes)
- 2016 Global Symposium on Overcoming Social Isolation & Deepening Social Connectedness
- 2016 NBA Cares Special Olympics Unified Basketball Game
- 2015 NBA Cares Special Olympics Unified Basketball Game
- 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)

**10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Cycling	Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football
Table Tennis		Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Youth Activation

**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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