



UNITED WORLD
WRESTLING

ROAD TO **DAKAR 2026**



YOUTH
OLYMPIC
GAMES

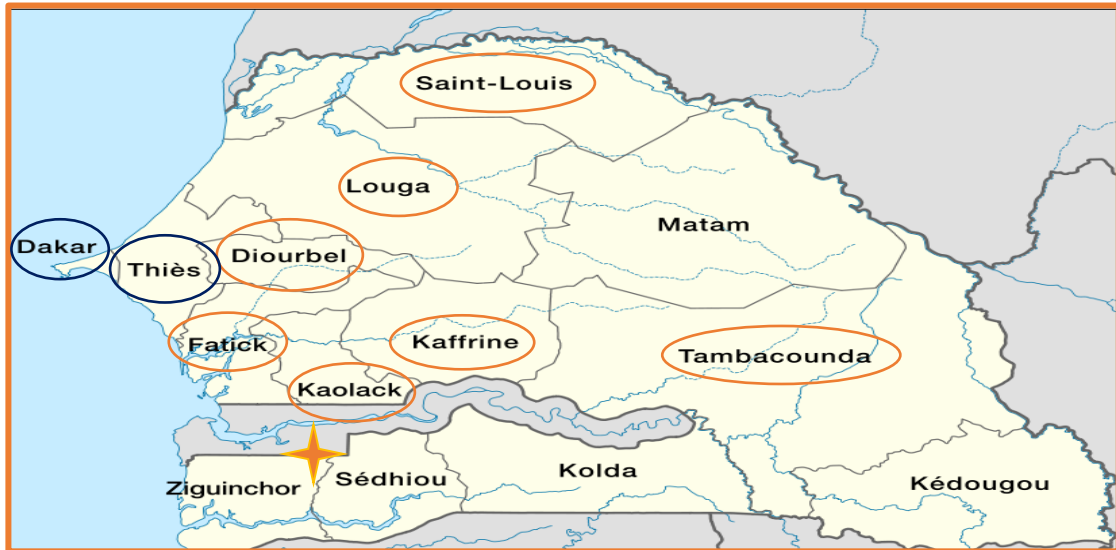
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FOSTER WRESTLING POPULATION AMONG YOUTH OF SENEGAL AND AFRICA



History:

Senegal is well renowned for practicing traditional wrestling all over the country and is very strong on the African continent. It is the top discipline and Data from JICA (JOCV who lived in each region from 2016-2018), Dakar and Thies are the only regions which have official wrestling clubs and facilities.



*Isabelle Sambou (SEN) Olympian and ambassador for Olympic wrestling in view of Dakar 2026. Winner of the Women and Sport Award 2017 and will work on the road to Dakar 2026.

UWW joined the YOG Dakar 2026 Coalition Team to support the development and educational projects in favor of Senegalese future generations sporting developments.

What is needed to prepare for Dakar 2026?

- 1) In collaboration with the National Olympic Committee, Olympic Solidarity and National Federation is to prepare a long-term development plan which includes educational courses; coaches, referees, technical officials, athletes, etc.

Provide expertise and mentoring to the national sporting entities and help in the delivery of the Games with a dedicated legacy program.

Collaborate with local communities and NGOs to develop Olympic wrestling

- 2) Organize regional (beach) wrestling events (possible project leader; Isabelle Sambou along with UWW development officers and educators) ⇒ Identify talented young wrestlers (boys and girls)
- 3) Organize wrestling competitions starting in 2020 to identify talented young wrestlers (boys and girls) to create talent identification pool and prepare them for the Games.
- 4) Organize training program for local coaches.
- 5) Organize training camps for talented young wrestlers across the entire country
- 6) Organize a continental wrestling competitions
- 7) Budget and finances to be determined once overall needs and requirements are identified and defined.

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Development indicators

- 1) Transparency (report being shared) with budget usage/allocation process
- 2) Number of registered national coaches
- 3) Number of participants/clubs
- 4) Number of organizing (beach) wrestling events
- 5) Website and communication platforms

LONG TERM GOAL

Active National Federations all around West Africa with established and functioning youth development program and increasing participation at Continental level.

Increase the participation of African Member Association at the Continental and World Championships.

Current; 46 national federations in Africa



COOPERATION/STAKEHOLDERS;

- IOC (Olympic Solidarity and Youth Olympic Games Departments)
- NOC : COMITÉ NATIONAL OLYMPIQUE ET SPORTIF SÉNÉGALAIS
- Senegal Wrestling Federation
- Hotel de ville (Thies, Dakar)
- Minister of Sports
- Wrestling team at centre national d'éducation population et Sportive (CNEPS)
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)
- Olympafrica, NGOs (UN, Red Cross, etc.)