



UFAK REGION SOUTH KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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POST TOURNAMENT REPORT



Overview

The 2024 UFAK Region South Tournament, hosted in the picturesque coastal town of Swakopmund, Namibia, was a resounding success. The event brought together national federations from the following countries showcasing the depth and talent of Southern African karate:

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Mozambique
4. Namibia
5. South Africa
6. Zambia
7. Zimbabwe

With 532 entries from 391 athletes and supported by 59 Technical officials, the tournament was a true celebration of karate excellence.

Attendance and Participation

The tournament saw enthusiastic participation from across the region:

Total Entries:	532
Athletes:	391
Technical Officials:	59

We were honoured by the presence of distinguished officials from the WKF and UFAK. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Acting UFAK President, Souleymane Gaye, the WKF Vice President and Member in Charge of African Regions, Bechir Cherif, and the members of the UFAK Referees Commission, Llewlyn Rhoda and Jean Marie Koume, and UFAK Technical Commission member, Salaama Rhoda for their invaluable support and for gracing the occasion with their presence.

Venue: The Dome Sports Complex

The Dome Sports Complex in Swakopmund provided a world-class venue for the tournament. Known for its state-of-the-art facilities, the complex offered an ideal environment for both athletes and spectators. The venue's spacious arenas, modern amenities, and excellent logistical support contributed significantly to the smooth running of the event.



Referees and Coaches Courses

The tournament was preceded by successful referees and coaches courses, which saw robust participation and engagement. The Referees Course and Coaching Course were conducted by UFAK officials. These courses were instrumental in ensuring the high standard of officiating and coaching during the tournament. The knowledge and skills imparted during these sessions will undoubtedly contribute to the continued growth and development of karate in the region.



Congress

A successful congress was held alongside the tournament, where several important resolutions were passed. Key among these were the operationalization of the Executive Bureau and the co-option of the first female member into our Executive Committee. These decisions mark significant steps forward in enhancing the governance and inclusivity of the sport in Southern Africa.



Highlights and Looking Forward

The tournament was marked by exceptional performances, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among the participants. The level of competition was a testament to the dedication and hard work of the athletes and their coaches.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that the next Southern Africa Karate Championships will be held in Botswana. We are confident that this event will build on the successes of the 2024 tournament and continue to elevate the standard of karate in the region.

Gratitude

We extend our deepest gratitude to all participants, officials, and supporters who contributed to the success of the Southern Africa Karate Tournament 2024. Special thanks to the WKF President, Antonio Espinos and the UFAK officials that were present, for their guidance and support. Their presence and contributions were invaluable in making this event a memorable one.

Conclusion

The 2024 UFAK Region South tournament in Swakopmund, Namibia, was a resounding success. With high levels of participation, excellent facilities, and significant advancements in governance, the event has set a high standard for future tournaments. We look forward to continuing this journey of excellence in Botswana next year.

