

*Confédération Africaine de Sauvetage*

*African Lifesaving Confederation*



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**LA CONFEDERATION AFRICAINE DE SAUVETAGE  
THE AFRICAN LIFESAVING CONFEDERATION**



**THE FIRST AFRICAN LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIP  
THE FIRST AFRICAN DROWNING PREVENTION CONFERENCE  
AGADIR KINGDOM OF MOROCCO  
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## PARTICIPATING NATIONS

NR	Nation	Status	Competitor		Delegate		Conference	
			M	W	M	W	M	W
1	Algeria	Full Member			1		1	
2	Benin	Non-Member	1				1	
3	Burkina Faso	Non-Member	1				1	
4	Cameroon	Full Member	3		1	1	1	1
5	Central African Republic	Non-Member			1		1	
6	Cape Verde	Non-Member	2				1	
7	Comoros	Full Member	2				2	
8	Djibouti	Full Member	1				1	
9	Egypt	Full Member	9	7	5	3	2	1
10	Gambia	Corr-Member	1		3		3	
11	Ghana	Full Member	3		3		3	
12	Guinea-Bissau	Non-Member	2	3			1	
13	Kenya	Full Member	5	5	1	2	1	2
14	Mauritania	Non-Member	3		2		2	
15	Morocco	Full Member	28	10	12	6	38	16
16	Niger	Full Member	1				1	
17	Sao Tome and Principe	Non-Member	2				2	
18	Senegal	Non-Member	1				1	
19	South Africa	Full Member					1	
20	Sudan	Full Member			1		1	
21	Tunisia	Full Member			1		2	
22	Zambia	Non-Member		1			1	
23	Belgium	Full Member	1		3		3	
24	France	Full Member	1			1	1	1
25	Monaco	Non-Member			1		1	
26	Netherlands	Full Member	4					
27	Norway	Full Member	3		1		1	
28	Portugal - Asnasa	Assoc. Mem.			1		1	
29	Spain	Full Member	4	4	1			2
30	United Arab Emirates	Full Member			2		2	
31	South Africa	Full Member					1	

## OVERALL CLACIFICATION

1.	Morocco	MAR	858,00
2.	Spain	ESP	836,00
3.	Egypt	EGY	520,00
4.	Kenya	KEN	275,00
5.	Netherlands	NED	255,00
6.	AAS	AAS	118,00
7.	France	FRA	48,00
8.	Guinea-Bissau	GBS	39,00
9.	Senegal	SEN	38,00





10.	Norway	NOR	28,00
11.	Gambia	GAM	19,00
12.	Belgium	BEL	18,00
12.	Cameroon	CMR	18,00
14.	Ghana	GHA	15,00
15.	Cape Verde	CPV	14,00
15.	Niger	NIG	14,00
15.	Djibouti	DJI	14,00
18.	Mauritania	MTN	13,00
19.	São Tomé and Príncipe	STP	8,00
20.	Burkina Faso	BUR	5,00
21.	Zambia	ZAM	2,00
22.	Benin	BEN	0,0
22.	Comoros	COM	0,0

## HIGHLIGHTS

### General Information

- The First Lifesaving African Championships and Conference was masterly organised by the Moroccan Federation and was under the patronage of King Mohammed VI of Morocco.
- The Events were well attended by the public.
- The temperature in Morocco was between 22 and 32 degrees. The weather was nice with a constant sunshine and no rain.
- The events were attended by one Minister, the Mayor of Agadir, Mayoral Deputies and co-workers of the city, high ranked Military authorities and more than 15 National Presidents and or National Board Members. The event was also attended by two delegates of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation.
- The events were well covered in the newspapers.
- Five ILS Board Members were present at the events: Dr. Harald Vervaecke PhD, Dr. Mohamed Saleh MD, Mohamed Ali Gharbal, Colonel (ret) Chekroun Khader and Claire Ann Alfonso.
- A visit to the African Lifesaving Confederation Headquarter in Rabat the capitol of the Kingdom of Morocco was done by the GS and The President Of ILS.







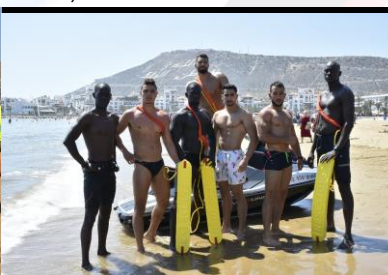
### Accommodation, board and transport

- The participants were accommodated in a beautiful four-star hotel in rooms per two. The hotel was at walking distance of the competition venue.
- The Moroccan delegation provided a good hotel for all the participants. The Moroccan delegation took care of the local transport costs, the accommodation costs, the meals and the soft drinks.
- The meals were served in buffet style and the food was delicious and abundant, with many choices of food. The lunches took place in the dining section of the hotel. The breakfast and dinner took place on the outside terraces overlooking the Bay of Agadir in a friendly and convivial atmosphere. There was ample time of social contact.
- Participants had to take care of airport transport costs and visa costs (if any) only.



### African Championships

- The competition set up was top class.
- More nations participated at this first African Championships than at the 2017 European Championships.
- The opening ceremony was well attended and full of fun, joy and music.
- Morocco became African Champion.
- The medal presentations were done in the evening in front of all flags and the superb background of the hill and fort of Agadir. The medal presentations were well attended by the public as well.
- The events were daily televised and daily press information and many interviews were provided.
- The competition level of Morocco was amazing. They became member of the ILS in 2016 and in one-year time they succeeded to organise the event, to purchase equipment including boards and surf ski's, to train their people and even to compete successfully in the Oceanman races.
- The ILS received a pen drive with over 5,000 pictures, over 10 movies and all conference speeches.





### African Conference on Drowning Prevention

- The conference took place in the superb Conference Centre of the Agadir Stadium.
- Many Moroccan VIP's were present at the event.
- Some 100+ people participated at the Conference from over 28 nations.
- Interventions were provided by: Morocco, the ILS, Cameroon, Norway, Algeria, Egypt, Monaco, Belgium, Spain and South Africa.
- Superb food was served at lunchtime in the VIP section of the same venue.
- All attendance, participation, tea/coffee breaks, lunch, transport, etc... was free of charge.



### Collateral Events

- At the championships, the recently trained ILS International Instructors gave initiation courses to over 3,000 children from Agadir.
- The Championships were preceded by a one-week Training Session of International Referees provided by Wim Nuyens (Belgium).
- The Championships were preceded by a one-week Training Session of National Coaches provided by Wijnand Hubregsen (Belgium).
- Both Belgians remained at the championship to assist in the coaching, the supervision of referees, the result handling and the debriefing.







### Information on the ILS

- An information session of one hour on the ILS was organised and was well attended by over 60 people, amongst others all non-member countries.
- The African Lifesaving Academy brings 140 Africans from all nations to participate in training sessions in sports and lifeguarding.
- Nine countries that are not member of the ILS participated in the Championships and Conference because of the work of the African Lifesaving Academy. They indicated that they have a strong interest to become member. This would give a boost to the membership of Africa, who then will become the second biggest Regional Branch in the ILS.
- More than 1200 children got sensibilisation in lifesaving and lifeguarding from all Agadir Schools.



### Event Closing Dinner

- The Official Dinner took place around one of the hotel swimming pools, the weather was perfect, the atmosphere was familial and cosy, the music and show was nice, the food and drinks were delicious.
- The dinner was free of charge and completely offered by Morocco.
- 16 ILS Citations of Merit were handed over: 14 to Moroccan organisers and two to Belgian collaborators.
- The ILS Flag was handed over at the superb closing dinner to Niger, Djibouti and Ghana who recently became ILS member





## THE AFRICAN LIFESAVING CONFEDERATION ZONES

