

ACES & FEI SOLIDARITY TALENT SPOTTER PROGRAM DAKAR 2026

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Report: Zara Nicolle

Invitations

Invitations have been sent to all African FEI and ACES member countries to apply for inclusion in the ACES YOG Talent Spotter programme. 20 countries in total.

16 countries have signed up.

Coaches

Three expert coaches were appointed and allocated the following countries:

Charley Crockart (ZIM)

- Botswana
- Eswatini
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Mohamed Kailfa (EGT)

- Algeria
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Libya
- Tunisia

Thierry Klein (MAR)

- DR Congo
- Ivory Coast
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Senegal

Administrators

Zara Nicolle - French and Arab countries.

Diane Baxter is currently the director of the South – (Diane may be replaced as to date has not engaged with the process).

The Program

First Part

Budget: EUR 82 000

2023 & 2024 – each country will receive the expert coach to hold a clinic with 12 selected riders chosen by the federation. Reports will be returned by the expert coach on each athlete. Template for coach.

Second Part

2025 Three regional camps – Budget: Euro33,00

- 10 athletes plus reserves from qualified countries
- All athletes have a Certificate of Competency.

Third Part

2026 Final Camp – Budget 20,000 euros

Details are yet to be determined, but this camp is for the selected African team plus a reserve.

FEI Jumping World Challenge

Countries must register for this competition for 2025. Administrators are in contact with the relevant countries.

Action Plan for First Part

Dates for coaches to visit federations must be secured and recorded.

How: WhatsApp Groups with contact person for each federation to discuss with coach.

Outcome: reports from each clinic sent to ACES – one report from the coach and one report from the federation - who will report back to FEI.

Long list established.

Dates Booked for Coaches (so far)

Mauritius 27th November 2023 (Thierry Klein)

Senegal 16th January 2024 (Thierry Klein)

Ethiopia 7th February 2024 (Mohamed Kailfa)

Note: The Charley Crockart countries are waiting for RSA calendar to be confirmed.