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African Chess Confederation Unveils Expansive 2027 Tournament Calendar

The African Chess Confederation (ACC) is proud to officially announce its 2027 Calendar of Events, introducing landmark competitions designed to expand competitive pathways and elevate chess across the continent. Highlighting the new additions are three inaugural **Regional Championships**, each offering players direct opportunities to earn international titles and qualify for the FIDE World Cup, alongside all **Zonal Championships**, which will similarly award titles and serve as qualifying avenues to the World Cup. As part of our grassroots growth strategy, **Region A** will pilot a dedicated **Youth and Junior Event**, a blueprint slated for replication in **Regions B and C** upon its success. The 2027 season also champions inclusivity and club development with the debut of the **African Seniors Championships (50+)** and the highly anticipated return of the **African Club Chess Championships**.

> *"Our 2027 calendar reflects a bold vision to create more accessible, high-stakes pathways for every generation of African chess players—from our rising youth talents to our seasoned 50+ competitors and premier clubs,"* said **ACC President Benard Wanjala**. *"By decentralizing top-tier competition through our new Regional Championships and expanding qualification routes to the World Cup, we are ensuring that excellence is rewarded in every corner of the continent."*

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2027 ACC Calendar

Event	Host	Date
2027 African Region B Chess Championships	Nairobi, Kenya	1–8 Mar 2027
2027 Zone 4.1 Chess Championships	Cairo, Egypt	15–22 Mar 2027
2027 African Region A Youth Chess Championships	Tunis, Tunisia	23–30 Mar 2027
2027 African Region A Junior Chess Championships	Tunis, Tunisia	23–30 Mar 2027
2027 Zone 4.2 Chess Championships	Accra, Ghana	2–9 Apr 2027
2027 Zone 4.3 Chess Championships	Libreville, Gabon	2–9 Apr 2027
2027 African Region C Chess Championships	Luanda, Angola	10–18 Apr 2027
2027 Zone 4.4 Chess Championships	Kampala, Uganda	10–18 Apr 2027
2027 African Individual Chess Championships	Yaoundé, Cameroon	19–30 Apr 2027
2027 Zone 4.5 Chess Championships	Johannesburg, South Africa	27 Apr – 4 May 2027
2027 African Region A Chess Championships	Cairo, Egypt	1–8 May 2027
2027 African Youth Chess Championships	Nairobi, Kenya	8–16 May 2027
2027 African Junior Chess Championships	Benguela, Angola	24–31 May 2027
2027 African People With Disabilities Chess Championships	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	20–30 Aug 2027
2027 African Clubs Chess Championships	Cape Town, South Africa	30 Sep – 3 Oct 2027
2027 African Amateurs Chess Championships	Victoria, Seychelles	1–10 Oct 2027

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Event	Host	Date
2027 African Seniors (50+) Chess Championships	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	14–22 Nov 2027
2027 African Schools Chess Championships	Kampala, Uganda	5–13 Dec 2027

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