



AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION  
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TO: ALL AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues,

**Re: AFRICAN CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION FOR THE WORLD CUP 2021**

Following the restructuring of the Regulations for the FIDE World Cup resulting in an increase in the number of participants from **128** to **206**, as approved by the FIDE Council, the African Continent has been allocated a total of **15 places** for the **FIDE World Cup 2021** to be hosted in the Russian City of Sochi from **10th July 2021** to **3rd August 2021**.

In accordance with the recently updated FIDE World Cup Regulations, ELEVEN African Federations have been selected according to the average rating of their ten highest-rated players in the December 2020 FIDE Rating List.

These African Federations entitled to nominate one player each to participate in the FIDE World Cup 2021 are **Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Zambia, South Africa, Tunisia, Nigeria, Angola, Uganda, Libya, and Zimbabwe**.

This process then leaves **FOUR** places to be selected on a Continental level.

To ensure a wider participation in the final selection process of the FOUR places at the **2021 African Individual Chess Championships**, the Board of the African Chess Confederation has devised a pre-qualification process to be held online and termed as the **2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships**.

Whilst the most ideal situation would have entailed individual Over-The-Board Zonal Championships to select the Zonal representatives to be sponsored to the final selection event, the **2021 African Individual Chess Championships**, the current situation arising from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has left the African Chess Confederation to select the most appropriate process under the circumstances.

In his regard, the Board of the African Chess Confederation looks forward to your support of the

**2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships**, in ensuring that all our African Zones are part of the process to determine the additional FOUR Continental places to represent our Continent at the FIDE World Cup 2021.

Please find attached here with the invitation for the **2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships**.

Thank you for your continued support of the African chess development process.

Yours Sincerely,  
**AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION**

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Lewis Ncube  
**PRESIDENT**

Cc: African Chess Confederation Board Members