



African Regional Orienteering Conference

Date: 4 January 2026
Time: 9am – 3pm
Venue: In Cradle area, Gauteng - TBC

The International Orienteering Federation (IOF) together with the South African Orienteering Federation (SAOF) is excited to invite African Member Federations (Full Members and Provisional Members) of the IOF to the inaugural African Regional Orienteering Conference.

The aim of the conference is discussing a proposal to host an African Orienteering Championships in 2027 and to discuss the formation of an African regional body under the IOF. The conference will also provide for additional opportunities to share experiences hosting orienteering events.

The African Regional Conference will take place on Sunday 4 January 2026. The conference follows directly after the Big Five Orienteering which takes place from 29 December 2025 to 3 January 2026.

Draft Agenda

- 1) Proposal for first African Orienteering Championships - **SAOF**
- 2) The formation of an African regional body under the IOF. – **IOF guided**
- 3) Hosting of a large event – **Big Five O**
- 4) Hosting of a Regional Championship events – **IOF**
- 5) Orienteering in Africa – **Member Countries**

The seventh edition of the Big Five Orienteering event will take place in the Cradle of Humankind close to the Johannesburg, the travel hub of southern Africa. The competition will run from 29 December 2025 to 3 January 2026. Participants at the conference are encouraged to participate, at their own cost, in the Big Five Orienteering event and experience top-level orienteering events in South Africa.

The conference will take place the day after the Big Five Orienteering event.

Entry: Each IOF Member Federation (included Provisional Members) can enter three delegates to the conference free of charge. Registration to IOF Secretary General Sondre Gullord on sondre.gullord@orienteering.sport. Registration deadline: **30 November 2025**.

Visas: Most visitors to South Africa are not required to obtain visas in advance. For further information visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_South_Africa. Please contact the SAOF office for a letter of invitation if needed in support of a visa.