

NBA Africa game will be televised across continent

The National Basketball Association (NBA) and the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) have announced that NBA Africa Game 2017, the NBA's second game in Africa, will take place in August at the Ticketpro Dome in Johannesburg, South Africa.



The announcement was made at the annual NBA Africa All-Star Luncheon in New Orleans by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, NBPA Executive Director Michele Roberts and NBA Vice President and Managing Director for Africa, Amadou Gallo Fall, who were joined by NBA Africa Game 2017 players Bismack Biyombo (Orlando Magic; Democratic Republic of the Congo), CJ McCollum (Portland Trail Blazers; U.S.) and Emmanuel Mudiay (Denver Nuggets; Democratic Republic of the Congo).

The game, which will take place following the 15th edition of Basketball without Borders (BWB) Africa, will once again feature a Team Africa vs. Team World format and will be played in support of UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and SOS Children's Villages South Africa (SOSCVSA).

Team Africa will be comprised of players from Africa and second generation African players, and Team World will be comprised of players from the rest of the world. The game will air live in sub-Saharan Africa on Kwesé's TV, Internet and mobile platforms, including Kwesé Free Sports, Kwesé Sports, select free-to-air channels, www.KweseSports.com, and the Kwesé app.

Biyombo, the seventh overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft and a member of Team Africa in NBA Africa Game 2015, will join 2015-16 NBA All-Rookie Second Team member Mudiay on Team Africa. McCollum, the 2015-16 Kia NBA Most Improved Player, will play for Team World.

Full rosters of players, coaches and legends, along with ticket information will be announced at a later date.

[The sold-out NBA Africa Game 2015](#), the first NBA game on the continent, took place August 2015 at Ellis Park Arena in Johannesburg and was played in support of Boys & Girls Clubs of South Africa, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and SOSCVSA.

For more information, fans can visit www.NBA.com/Africa, the league's official online destination in Africa, and follow the NBA on Facebook, [NBA Africa](#), and Twitter [@NBA_Africa](#).

As NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, said: "Basketball is witnessing explosive growth in Africa. Our return to Johannesburg this summer is part of the league's continued commitment to bring the authentic NBA experience to fans around the world. I would like to thank the NBPA for their participation and for being terrific partners on this game and surrounding events."

Econet founder and executive chairman Strive Masiyiwa, added: "Kwesé is fast becoming the destination of choice for sports fanatics across sub-Saharan Africa, and the ability to exclusively carry NBA content, including NBA Africa Game 2017, on all Kwesé platforms is indicative of the strides we are making in the sports and broadcast industries."

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