



Egypt – Zimbabwe



21 June 2019

- Egypt and Zimbabwe's only previous AFCON encounter came in January 2004 – Egypt won 2-1, in the group stages, having conceded the opening goal.
- This is Egypt's 24th AFCON appearance, a record in the history of the tournament. They have won it seven times – more than any other side – including three of the four previous times they have hosted the tournament.
- Egypt have reached the final in each of their last four AFCON participations (winning finalist in 2006, 2008, 2010, beaten finalist in 2017), losing only one of their last 25 games in the competition (W18 D6) – that sole defeat was against Cameroon in the 2017 final (1-2).
- Zimbabwe are making their fourth AFCON appearance. They have finished bottom of their group in each of their previous three participations and never kept a clean sheet (9 games).
- Mohammed Salah was directly involved in four of Egypt's five goals at the 2017 AFCON (2 goals, 2 assists), the joint-most alongside DR Congo's Junior Kabananga.



DR Congo – Uganda



22 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between DR Congo and Uganda in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- This is DR Congo's 19th AFCON participation. They have won the tournament twice (1968 as Congo-Kinshasa, 1974 as Zaire) but haven't reached the final since 1974, when the tournament was played in Egypt.
- DR Congo are unbeaten in their last nine group games at AFCON, although seven of those have been draws (W2).
- Uganda have lost 14 of their 19 games at AFCON (W3 D2). Their three wins all came in the 1978 edition when they reached the final against Ghana (0-2).
- Uganda have kept only one clean sheet in their 19 AFCON games, it was in a 3-0 win against Morocco in March 1978.



Nigeria – Burundi



22 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Nigeria and Burundi in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- Nigeria are making their 18th appearance in the Africa Cup of Nations but it's their first participation since 2013.
- Nigeria have reached the semi-finals in 13 of their last 15 AFCON appearances, winning the tournament on three occasions, including their last participation (2013).
- Burundi are one of three teams making their AFCON debut at this year's tournament, alongside Madagascar and Mauritania. Cape Verde were the last first-timers to make it out of the group stages, it was in 2013.
- Nigeria's John Obi Mikel was the top assist provider in the 2013 AFCON, his country's last participation. He set up four goals for his teammates.



Guinea – Madagascar



22 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Guinea and Madagascar in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- Guinea are taking part in their 12th AFCON. Only Senegal have more appearances (15, including this year) without ever winning the tournament.
- Guinea have been knocked out at the quarter-final stage in four of their last five AFCON participations.
- Madagascar are one of three teams making their AFCON debut at this year's tournament, alongside Burundi and Mauritania. Cape Verde were the last first-timers to make it out of the group stages, it was in 2013.
- Guinea boss Paul Put is making his third appearance at an AFCON after leading Burkina Faso in 2013 (beaten finalist) and 2015 (group stages).



Senegal – Tanzania



23 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Senegal and Tanzania in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- Senegal are making their 15th appearance at the Africa Cup of Nations, a record for a team that has never won the trophy. The closest they came to win the tournament was in 2002, losing the final on penalties against Cameroon.
- Senegal have lost only one of their last six group games at AFCON (W3 D2), a 2-0 defeat against Algeria in January 2015.
- Tanzania are making their second appearance at AFCON, 39 years after their first in 1980, the longest gap between two appearances in the history of the tournament. The Taifa Stars finished bottom of their group, drawing once and losing twice.
- Senegal manager Aliou Cissé was the captain of the Teranga Lions when they reached their only AFCON final to date, in 2002.



Algeria – Kenya



23 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Algeria and Kenya in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- This will be Algeria's 18th participation in the Africa Cup of Nations; their solitary title dates back to 1990, it was on home soil. They haven't reached the final since then.
- Algeria have kept only one clean sheet in their last 13 AFCON games, it was in a 2-0 win against Senegal in January 2015.
- Kenya are making their sixth AFCON appearance, their first since 2004. They've never reached the knockout stages of the tournament, winning only one of their 14 games (D4 L9), a 3-0 victory against Burkina Faso in 2004.
- Riyad Mahrez has been directly involved in five of Algeria's last eight AFCON goals, scoring three times and setting up another two.



Morocco – Namibia



23 June 2019

- Morocco and Namibia's only previous encounter in the Africa Cup of Nations was in 2008. Morocco won 5-1 in the group stages – it featured the last hat-trick scored in an AFCON game prior to 2019, courtesy of Morocco's Soufiane Alloudi.
- This is Morocco's 17th AFCON participation – their only title dates back to 1976. The only time they've reached the final since then was in 2004, losing 2-1 against hosts Tunisia.
- Morocco have failed to make it out of the group stages in six of their last eight AFCON participations.
- Namibia have won none of their six games at AFCON so far (D2 L4), only Mozambique (12) and Benin (9) have played more games at the tournament without winning a single one. Their six matches have produced a total of 27 goals, an average of 4.5 per game.
- This is Hervé Renard's fifth AFCON as manager – he's only lost three of his 23 games (W10 D10). The Morocco boss is also the only manager to have won the tournament with two different countries (Zambia in 2012, Ivory Coast in 2015).



Ivory Coast – South Africa



24 June 2019

- Ivory Coast and South Africa's only previous encounter in the Africa Cup of Nations was in 1998. The game ended 1-1 in the group stages, with both teams going through to the knockout stages.
- This is Ivory Coast's 23rd AFCON participation, a tally only bettered by Egypt (24). They've made it to the knockout stages in six of their last seven tournaments.
- Ivory Coast have lost only one of their last 17 AFCON group games (W10 D6), that was against Morocco in 2017 (0-1). In fact, their last defeat in an opening match was in 1996 against Ghana (0-2).
- South Africa are the last team to win the Africa Cup of Nations on their debut, it was in 1996.
- South Africa have failed to make it out of the group stages in four of their last five AFCON appearances. In fact, they've won only one of their last 15 games in the competition (D7 L7), it was against Angola on home soil in January 2013 (2-0).



Tunisia – Angola



24 June 2019

- Tunisia and Angola's only previous encounter at the Africa Cup of Nations ended goalless, it was in the 2008 group stages.
- This is Tunisia's 19th AFCON participation, a tally only bettered by Egypt (24), Ivory Coast (23) and Ghana (22). Their only AFCON title dates back to 2004, as hosts; since then, they haven't progressed further than the quarter-finals.
- Tunisia have only kept one clean sheet in their last 16 AFCON games, it was against Algeria in January 2013 (1-0).
- Angola have reached the knockout stages in only two of their previous seven AFCON appearances (2008, 2010 as hosts) and never further than the quarter-finals.
- This is Alain Giresse's fifth AFCON as manager. Tunisia are the fourth team he's led at the finals after Mali (twice), Gabon and Senegal (once each).



Mali – Mauritania



24 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Mali and Mauritania in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- This is Mali's 11th AFCON participation. Only Senegal (53, prior to 2019) have played more games than Mali (46) at AFCON without ever winning the trophy, their best performance dating back to 1972 when they lost 3-2 in the final against Congo.
- Mali have never lost their opening game at an AFCON tournament (W5 D5).
- Seven of Mali's last 10 AFCON games have ended in a draw (W1 L2), including six of them 1-1. In the group stages, they are winless in their last eight games (D6 L2).
- Mauritania are one of three teams making their AFCON debut at this year's tournament, alongside Burundi and Madagascar. Cape Verde were the last first-timers to make it out of the group stages, it was in 2013.



Cameroon – Guinea-Bissau



25 June 2019

- Cameroon and Guinea-Bissau's only previous encounter in the Africa Cup of Nations ended in a 2-1 win for Cameroon in the 2017 group stages.
- Cameroon are making their 19th appearance in the AFCON. They have won it five times (1984, 1988, 2000, 2002, 2017), only Egypt have been more successful (7 trophies).
- Cameroon are the defending champions, having won the AFCON in 2017. The last team to win back-to-back AFCON titles were Egypt (3 in a row from 2006 to 2010).
- Six of Cameroon's seven goals in their victorious 2017 AFCON campaign were scored from the 59th minute onwards.
- This is Guinea-Bissau's second AFCON appearance after making their debut in the last edition in 2017 – they finished bottom of their group with one point (D1 L2).



Ghana – Benin



25 June 2019

- This is the first encounter between Ghana and Benin in the Africa Cup of Nations.
- This is Ghana's 22nd AFCON participation, a tally only bettered by Egypt (24) and Ivory Coast (23).
- Ghana won four of their first seven AFCON tournaments (1963, 1965, 1978, 1982) but have won none of their subsequent 14. They are also the only team to have reached the semi-finals in each of the last six African Cup of Nations.
- Benin have lost 89% of their AFCON games (8 out of 9), the highest losing ratio of any team to have taken part in more than one tournament. In fact, only Mozambique (12) have played more games than Benin (9) at the AFCON without winning a single one.
- Since 2010, André Ayew has played more minutes (1990) and scored more goals (8) than any other player in the Africa Cup of Nations.