



**Draw Procedures of the Qualifiers of the 34th
Edition of TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations
Côte d'Ivoire 2023**

1. Pot Allocation:

According to the FIFA official ranking issued on the 31st of March 2022, the 48 teams qualified to participate in the 2nd round of the TotalEnergies AFCON, Cote D'ivoire 2023 qualifiers have been seeded into the following 4 levels:

POT 1	POT 2	POT 3	POT 4
Senegal	South Africa	Namibia	Tanzania
Morocco	Cape Verde	Mauritania	Central Africa
Nigeria	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Sudan
Egypt	Gabon	Niger	Rwanda
Tunisia	Benin	Libya	Burundi
Cameroon	Uganda	Mozambique	Ethiopia
Algeria	Zambia	Malawi	Eswatini
Mali	Congo	Togo	Lesotho
Côte d'Ivoire (Host)	Equatorial Guinea	Zimbabwe*	Botswana
Burkina Faso	Madagascar	The Gambia	Liberia
Ghana	Kenya*	Angola	South Sudan
DR Congo	Sierra Leone	Comoros	Sao Tomé e Príncipe

2. Draw Procedures of the Groups Stage:

- I. There will be 12 Groups of 4 teams (Group A to L)
- II. The first ball will be drawn from **Pot 4** and will go to position A4. The procedure will be repeated for the remaining teams of **Pot 4** who will go to positions B4, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, H4, I4, J4, K4 & L4 according to the draw order.
- III. The same procedure as above will be repeated for Pot 3, Pot 2 and finally Pot 1.

3. Draw Constraints:

- The first and the runner up of the 11 groups where the host is not playing will qualify to the final tournament.
- For the group of the host, since the host is automatically qualified despite its result, the following scenarios will be applied:
 - If the host is ranked first, the host is qualified in addition to the second of the group.
 - If the host is ranked second, the host will qualify in addition to the first of the group.
 - If the host is ranked third or fourth, the host will qualify in addition to the first of the group.

****Reference to the suspension of Kenya and Zimbabwe by FIFA from all football activities, in case the suspension is not lifted two (2) weeks before their first matchday of the qualifiers; both associations will be considered as losers and eliminated from the competition. Consequently, their groups will be composed of 3 teams. The first and runner-up teams of those groups will qualify to the final tournament.**

**** Consequently, the two teams (Kenya & Zimbabwe) cannot be drawn in the same group in order to avoid having one group with only two teams in case the suspension on both associations is not lifted.**