2010 FIFA World Cup
We did it!
South Africa hosted the first African World Cup from 11 June to 11 July 2010. Hosting the tournament acted as a catalyst for expanding the country’s infrastructure base, skills development, employment creation and economic growth.
A total of 3.18 million spectators attended the 64 matches of the tournament, which is the third-highest aggregate attendance behind the United States in 1994 and Germany in 2006.
During the duration of the tournament, billions of viewers around the world watched the World Cup games and opening and closing ceremonies.
The six new stadiums that were built for the 2010 FIFA World Cup provide South Africa with a number of world-class sporting facilities.

Thousands of jobs were created for the construction of the World Cup stadiums. Construction workers on these stadiums were given extensive skills training, which will enable them to meet the much needed demand for skilled workers on other construction projects post-2010.
The success of the tournament showed the power of sport and recreation in nation-building as well as economic and social development.