



NYAMUKONDIWA STRIKES GOLD FOR ZIMBABWE IN MAURITIUS

6 June 2026 — Team Zimbabwe has opened its medal account in spectacular fashion at the Southern African Athletics Championships (SACA) in Mauritius after sprint sensation Tanatswa Nyamukondiwa stormed to gold in the men's 100m final.

The talented Zimbabwean speedster crossed the finish line in an impressive 10.74 seconds, delivering Zimbabwe's first gold medal of the championships and setting the tone for what promises to be an exciting campaign for Team Zimbabwe.

Nyamukondiwa's victory sparked celebrations within the Zimbabwean camp, with athletes, coaches and officials erupting in joy as the national flag was raised high above the track.

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The result represents a significant breakthrough for the young athlete, who has steadily risen through Zimbabwe's athletics development pathway and now finds himself among Southern Africa's fastest sprinters.

Speaking from Mauritius, Team Zimbabwe Manager and Head Coach Aaron Whyte praised the athlete's composure and determination.

"This is exactly the start we were hoping for. Tanatswa executed the race plan perfectly. He remained calm under pressure and showed tremendous character when it mattered most. Winning the first gold medal for Zimbabwe gives confidence to the entire team and sends a strong message that we are here to compete."

The coach added that the atmosphere within the Zimbabwean camp has been exceptional since arrival in Mauritius.

"The athletes have been focused, disciplined and highly motivated. Everyone understands the responsibility of representing Zimbabwe. This gold medal is not only for Tanatswa but for the entire team, the coaches, the families and all Zimbabweans supporting us from home."

Nyamukondiwa's victory comes at a time when Zimbabwean athletics is experiencing a resurgence, particularly at junior level. Over the past two years, the country has produced several continental medalists and national record holders, many of whom are now progressing onto the international stage. The 10.74-second performance also highlights the growing depth in Zimbabwean sprinting, an area that has received significant investment through schools athletics, provincial competitions and National Athletics Association of Zimbabwe (NAAZ) development programs.

With several events still to come, Team Zimbabwe remains optimistic about adding to its medal haul. The squad includes some of the country's brightest prospects in sprints, middle-distance running, jumps and relays, many of whom are also chasing qualification standards for future continental and global championships.

For now, however, the spotlight belongs to Tanatswa Nyamukondiwa – the young man who delivered Zimbabwe's first golden moment in Mauritius.

As the Zimbabwean flag flew proudly over the stadium, one message echoed throughout the camp: The gold rush has begun.

Result Tanatswa Nyamukondiwa (Zimbabwe) – Gold Medal

100m: 10.74 seconds

Team Zimbabwe Medal Table Gold: 1

