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# **LASER RUN EVENT IN BAMAKO (MLI) ROUNDS OFF HISTORIC YEAR OF GROWTH IN AFRICA**



The Malian Federation of Modern Pentathlon has continued its progress with a highly successful Laser Run schools development competition in the capital city of Bamako (MLI).

The demonstration event took place on December 22 in the Maarif school complex in the Badalabougou district of the city. It brought together middle- and high-school students who were put through their paces in the dynamic run/shoot format, with further events planned after the Christmas break.

For Africa, the year of 2023 was one of historic progress with Mali among a record number of countries who competed in the 2023 African/Oceania Championships in Cairo (EGY) in September. The historic 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar (SEN), which will be the first Olympic Games to be held in Africa, is now just two years away.

Federation President Ismaila Lingany said: "It was very pleasing to round off a very busy and productive year for our Federation with this competition. The energy and excitement from all of the

schoolchildren taking part and watching proved again that Laser Run is a big hit here. We are looking forward to more growth in 2024 and beyond."

