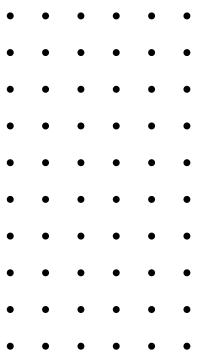
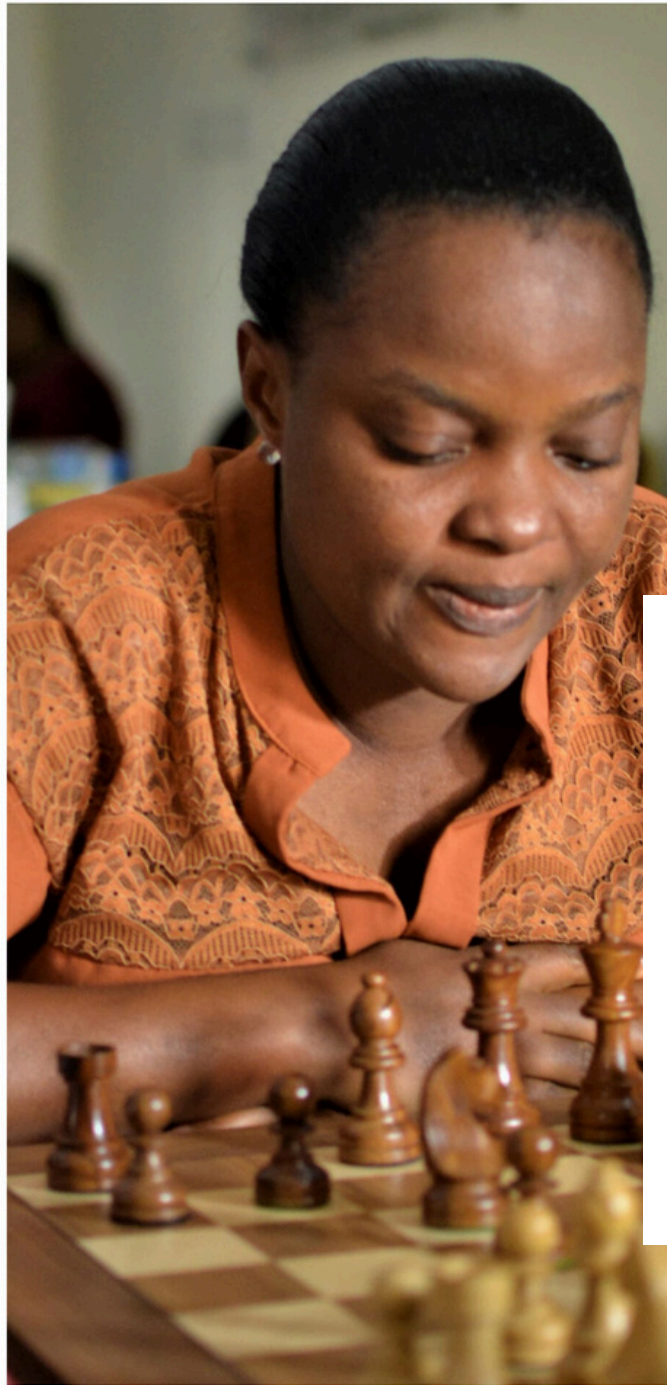


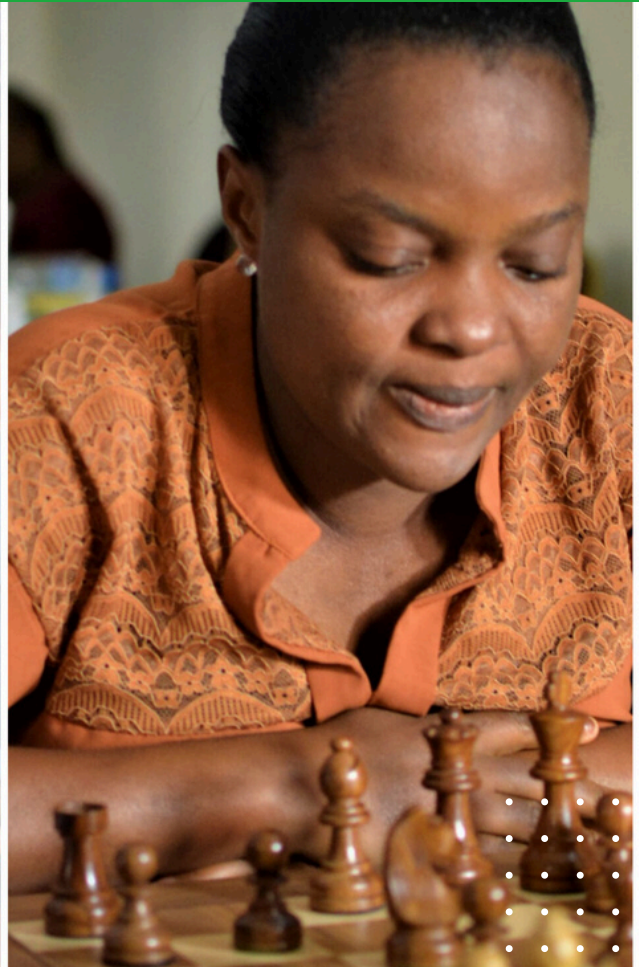


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## **ABDULRAHMAN AKINTOYE AND TORITSEMUWA OFOWINO EMERGE AS 2025 ZONE 4.2 CHESS CHAMPIONS**

### **AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION**

In FIDE Zonal competitions, host nations have traditionally performed well, and the 2025 Zone 4.2 West Africa Chess Championship was no exception, with host nation Nigeria claiming four of the six medals available in the prestigious zonal chess tournament.

This year's championship saw a remarkable gathering of forty-two chess stars from eight Zone 4.2 countries, with Abdulrahman Akintoye, the reigning champion, rising to the challenge and securing his title for the second time in a row with 7 ½ points out of 9.

Toritsemuwa Ofofino's remarkable prowess in the women's section earns her a well-deserved second consecutive Zone 4.2 championship title, bringing her total zonal championship titles to four.

Abdulrahman and Toritsemuwa's victory in the zonal competition means that Nigeria retains the Zone 4.2 Championship titles for the second year running. Additionally, they have earned places to represent their zone at the upcoming African Chess Confederation Super Zonal Chess Championship.

# ABDULRAHMAN AKINTOYE RETAINS HIS ZONE 4.2 WEST AFRICA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

## AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

FM Abdulrahman Akintoye successfully defended his title at the 2025 Zone 4.2 West Africa Chess Championship. The tournament was held at Citiheight Luxury Hotel Ikeja, Lagos in Nigeria from 1st-8th April 2025. Thirty players from eight countries within Zone 4.2 participated in the open section.

As the defending champion, Abdulrahman was seeded second behind Amarelle Ortega leading up to the tournament. Abdulrahman produced an outstanding display, winning six games and drawing three to gather 7 ½ points, retaining the Zone 4.2 West Africa Chess Championship title. His notable draws were against top-seeded Amarelle Ortega, third-seeded Denyefa Eyetonghan, and seventh-seeded Tersee Nyuima.

Tennyson Olisa, the tenth seeded player, secured the silver medal with an impressive 7 points as Nigerians dominated the podium. The 22-year-old won six games and lost twice to Abdulrahman and Odion Aikhoje. His major victory was against top seeded player Amarelle Ortega in round seven.

Amarelle Ortega, the 2023 Zone 4.2 champion and top seed, secured a bronze medal with 6½ points, achieving five victories, three draws against Toluwanimi Okemakinde, Abdulrahman Akintoye, and Denyefa Eyetonghan, and one loss to silver medalist Tennyson Olisa.



## **TERSEE NYUIMA TIPPED TO SHINE AND HE IMPRESSED**

Tersee Nyuima built on his outstanding achievement of becoming the youngest Nigerian National Chess Champion with a commendable performance at the Zone 4.2 West Africa Chess Championship, finishing 4th and accumulating six well-deserved points.

The 17-year-old emerged victorious in five games, drew twice with champion Abdulrahman Akintoye and Oluwadurotimi Lapite, and experienced a single defeat at the hands of Mustapha Othman.





## NIGERIA DOMINATE THE TOP TEN

Nigeria, the host nation, secured nine spots in the top ten, demonstrating dominance.



Odion Aikhoje, Denyefa Eyetonghan, Oluwafemi Balogun, and Oladap Adu were all tied with 5 ½ points.



Toluwanimi Okemakinde, Obama Onuoha, and Oluwadurotimi Lapite followed closely with 5 points.

# WOMEN'S SECTION



## **TORITSEMUWA OFOWINO EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN THE ZONE 4.2 WEST AFRICA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING**

Toritsemuwa Ofowino, Nigeria's chess sensation, claimed her second consecutive and fourth Zone 4.2 West Africa Chess Championship title on Tuesday, 8 April 2025, in Lagos, Nigeria. Living up to expectations as the top seed, Ofowino amassed eight out of a possible nine points, securing seven victories and two draws against WCM Emmanuela Esther Ayemou Mazan and Michelle Nwankwo in rounds four and five, respectively.



Azumi Suleiman, a 23-year-old Nigerian, also delivered an impressive performance as the second-seeded player, earning 7½ points with seven victories, one draw, and one defeat to Toritsemuwa, thereby securing the silver medal.



Ivorian chess whiz Emmanuela Esther Ayemou, aged 17, was among the select few who maintained a perfect unbeaten record throughout the championship, securing seven points from five wins and four draws. As the sixth seed, she drew with the eventual champion Toritsemuwa, second-seeded Azumi Suleiman, third-seeded Michelle Nwankwo, and fourth-seeded Bridget Michael.

Only twelve players participated in the women's section.

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**We would also like to thank the leadership of Africa Zone 4.2, our affiliates who took part in the championship, players, technical officials, volunteers and, above all, sponsors.**

**We deeply appreciate the significant role that you play in fostering the growth and development of chess within the continent.**



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