

= Mauritania at the 2008 Summer Olympics =

Mauritania competed at the 2008 Summer Olympics which was held in Beijing , China . The country 's participation at Beijing marked its seventh appearance in the Summer Olympics since its debut in the 1984 Summer Olympics . The delegation included two track and field athletes , Souleymane Ould Chebal and Bounkou Camara , who were both selected by wildcards after both failed to meet either the " A " or " B " qualifying standards . Chebal was selected as the flag bearer for the opening ceremony . Neither of the Mauritians progressed beyond the heats .

= = Background = =

Mauritania participated in seven Summer Olympic games between its debut in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles , United States and the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing . Two athletes from Mauritania were selected to compete in the Beijing games ; Souleymane Ould Chebal in the track and field 800 meters and Bounkou Camara in the track and field 100 meters . Both were selected by wildcard places as neither achieved the " A " or " B " qualifying standards for their respective events . Chebal was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony .

= = Athletics = =

Souleymane Ould Chebal competed at the 2008 Summer Olympics in the 800 meters . He was notable for carrying the Mauritania flag at the opening ceremony . Making his debut at the Summer Olympics , he qualified via a wildcard place as his best time , 1 : 56 @.@ 45 in the 2007 World Championships in Athletics 800 meters , was 9 @.@ 45 seconds slower than the " B " qualifying standard required . He competed on 20 August against seven other athletes in heat five , finishing last out of the seven that finished with a time of 1 minute 57 @.@ 43 seconds . He was 11 @.@ 25 seconds slower than the winner of his heat Manuel Olmedo . Overall he finished 61st out of 65 athletes , and was 10 @.@ 91 seconds behind the slowest athlete that progressed to the next round and , therefore , that was the end of his competition .

Competing at her first Olympics , Bounkou Camara qualified for the Summer Olympics via a wildcard place as her best time , 13 @.@ 93 seconds in the 2007 World Championships in Athletics Women 's 100 meters , was 2 @.@ 51 seconds slower than the " B " qualifying standard required . She competed on August 16 in the third heat against eight other athletes , finishing last with a time of 13 @.@ 69 seconds . She was 2 @.@ 36 seconds slower than the winner of her heat Muna Lee . Overall Camara finished 79th out of 85 athletes and was 2 @.@ 08 seconds behind the slowest athlete that progressed to the quarter @-@ finals . Therefore , she did not advance .

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Note ? Ranks given for track events are within the athlete 's heat only