

= Cape Verde at the 2012 Summer Olympics =

Cape Verde competed at the 2012 Summer Olympics which were held in London , United Kingdom from 27 July to 12 August 2012 . The country 's participation at London marked its fifth appearance in the Summer Olympics since its debut in 1996 . The delegation included Ruben Sança , a long @-@ distance runner ; Lidianne Lopes , a sprinter ; and Adysângela Moniz , a judoka . Moniz and Sança were also selected as the flag bearers for the opening and closing ceremonies respectively . Of the three Cape Verdean athletes , only Moniz progressed further than the first round .

= = Background = =

Cape Verde participated in five Summer Olympic games between its debut in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta , US and the 2012 Summer Olympics in London . The highest number of Cape Verdean athletes participating in a summer games is three in the 1996 games in Atlanta , US , the 2004 games in Athens , Greece and in the 2012 games in London . No Cape Verdean athlete has ever won a medal at the Olympics . Three athletes from Cape Verde were selected to compete in the London games ; Ruben Sança in the track and field 5000 m , Lidianne Lopes in the track and field 100 m and Adysângela Moniz in the judo + 78kg .

= = Athletics = =

Cape Verde was represented by one male athlete at the 2012 Olympics in athletics ? Ruben Sança , a 5000 metres runner . Making his Olympic debut at these Games , Sança was given a university place after previously competing in the marathon at the 2011 World Championships and the 1500 meters at the 2009 Lusophony Games . He competed on 8 August in the 5000 metres event , finishing last out of 21 athletes in heat two in a time of 14 minutes and 35 @.@ 19 seconds . He was 1 minute and 20 @.@ 04 seconds behind the winner of his heat , Dejen Gebremeskel . Overall he finished 40th out of 43 athletes , and he was 1 minute and 13 @.@ 98 seconds slower than the slowest athlete that progressed to the final round and , therefore , that was the end of his competition .

Competing at her first Olympics , Lidianne Lopes was the youngest ever competitor for Cape Verde at the Olympics , aged 17 . She competed in the 100 meters on 3 August . Lopes was drawn into heat four and ran a time of 12 @.@ 72 seconds and finished fourth in her preliminary heat , 1 @.@ 12 seconds behind the winner , Toea Wisil . She finished 17th out of 33 athletes overall and was 0 @.@ 48 seconds behind the slowest athlete who progressed to the heats . Therefore , Lopes did not progress to the heats .

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