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is once again all set to host a FIFA tournament with the world's leading U-17 teams doing battle between 24 October and 15 November 2009. Nigeria will not only be the hosts of the event, but also the defending champions as they strive to hold on to the title that they claimed at the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2007 in Korea Republic.

Focus on the UAE

As 2009 draws to a close, the United Arab Emirates will be the setting for two more footballing treats. First of all, at the end of November, Dubai will play host to the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, and between 10 and 20 December the best club teams will aim to claim the world crown in Abu Dhabi. This year will be the first time since 2000 that the FIFA Club World Cup has been played outside of Japan, where Manchester United claimed glory in 2008.

But that is not all, as national teams from all over the world will be involved in the preliminary competition

for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ throughout 2009. The race will reach its conclusion in mid-November, and the Final Draw for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ will be held in South Africa on 4-5 December.

Tribute to Africa

The year 2010 will bring football fans what they have waited so long for: the first FIFA World Cup™ on African soil. On 11 July, the world will find out whether Italy have been able to defend the title they won in Germany in 2006, or whether another team will have the honour of lifting football's most treasured trophy. The four upcoming tournaments will be a tribute to a continent that has given football so many wonderful games and so many talented players. The FIFA World Cup™ will not be the only major tournament in 2010, however, as the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup will take place in Trinidad and Tobago in September before Germany plays host to the U-20 women.

Egypt
FIFA U-20 World Cup
September - October 2009



United Arab Emirates
FIFA Club World Cup
December 2009

