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## MR. GODWIN KAYANGWE ELECTED TO RUGBY AFRICA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Godwin Kayangwe, President of the Uganda Rugby Union and First Vice President of the Uganda Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Uganda, was elected to the Executive Committee of Rugby Africa on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The election, which strengthens Uganda's representation in continental rugby governance, reflects confidence in his leadership and commitment to the development of the sport.

His appointment is expected to enhance collaboration, influence decision-making, and support the growth of rugby both in Uganda and across Africa.



*Mr. Godwin Kayangwe*

## COMMONWEALTH DAY RUN

Commonwealth Games Uganda officially launched the 137-day countdown to the Commonwealth Games through a vibrant community event held after Commonwealth Day celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The initiative, organized in partnership with Tooke Republic, took place at The Olive School Namugongo and aimed to promote the core values of unity, humanity, and equality among young people.

The event featured the President of the Uganda Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Uganda and Commonwealth Sport, Dr. Donald Rukare, who engaged and inspired children while educating them about the Games. It also welcomed Mr. Joseph Masembe, Founder of Little Hands Go Green, and Prof. Florence Muranga, Director General of the Banana Industrial Research Development Center, who was introduced as the new Nutrition Ambassador.

The celebration used sport, education, and community engagement to build excitement and awareness ahead of the Games, while promoting healthy living and empowering the next generation to embrace Commonwealth values.



*During the Commonwealth day run*

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY RUN

The Uganda Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Uganda organized the International Women’s Day Run on 7th March 2026 under the theme “Give to Gain” to advocate for scaling up investments in accelerating women and girls’ access to justice, in the lead-up to International Women's Day.

The event brought together stakeholders to raise awareness on gender equality and justice, with Dr. Angela Nakafeero, Commissioner for Gender and Women Affairs at the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, emphasizing the need for a fair, survivor-centered justice system that is accessible and free from bias.

In her remarks, Ms. Beatrice Ayikoru, Secretary General of UOC/CGU and Uganda Athletics, delivered a strong call to action, urging participants to “run for women” as a symbol of unity and empowerment. She highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in advancing gender equality, encouraging communities to actively support and uplift women and girls while using sport as a platform to drive meaningful social change.



*Participants during the run*

## UOC/CGU ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Uganda Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Uganda held its Annual General Assembly 2026 at Mestil Hotel on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to review key achievements from 2025 and outline priorities for the coming year.

The assembly highlighted major milestones, including the empowerment of athletes through scholarships, winning 24 medals in major competitions, strengthening capacity building, and promoting Olympic values, alongside receiving recognition from ANOCA for sustainability and gender equality.

Through presentations and discussions, members assessed progress, celebrated success, and aligned strategies to further develop sports in Uganda.

The meeting emphasized continued focus on upcoming major events, including the Commonwealth Games, the Youth Olympic Games, and the National Olympic Games, reinforcing commitment to athlete development and international competitiveness.



*During the AGM*

## UOC 2025 AWARDS

The Uganda Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Uganda hosted the 2025 Awards Dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Kampala to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to sport.

The ceremony celebrated key highlights from 2025, including Uganda Rugby Union being named Federation of the Year, while the Uganda U17 football team earned the Male Team Sport of the Year award following historic participation in the Africa Cup of Nations and the FIFA World Cup and the national netball team, She Cranes, winning Female Team of the Year for their outstanding performance. Top individual honors included Samuel Cherop Simba winning Male Athlete of the Year, and Anna Gloria Muzito of Uganda Aquatics securing Female Athlete of the Year after her medal-winning performance at the Islamic Solidarity Games. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sheila R Agonzibwa for her outstanding contribution to handball in Uganda.

The event also introduced new partners, including Banana Industrial Research Development Center (Tooke) as Nutrition Partner, Hive Digital Ltd, and BlackLyf, aimed at strengthening athlete development, health, and operational efficiency.



*The winners*

## GIRLS PROJECT COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT BUSSI ISLAND

The GIRLS Project Community Outreach against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) took place at Bussi Seed Secondary School on Bussi Island, Wakiso District on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026, bringing together community leaders, parents, and teachers to raise awareness on preventing GBV.

The initiative, implemented by Swans Sports Club, the Uganda Olympic Committee, and the Uganda Rugby Union with support from Olympic Solidarity, demonstrated how rugby can be used as a practical tool to empower communities and address GBV. Through training and engagement, participants learned strategies to protect children, foster safe environments, and promote the positive values of sport, emphasizing collaboration between schools, families, and local leaders to reduce GBV and empower young people.



*An engagement with a participant*

## G.I.R.L.S PROJECT COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN KAZO, NANSANA

Over the weekend, the G.I.R.L.S Project, implemented by Swans Sports Club in partnership with the Uganda Rugby Union and the Uganda Olympic Committee, conducted a community outreach in Kazo, Nansana on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The session brought together over 70 participants, including community leaders, parents, teachers, and youths, to join global celebrations of International Women’s Day 2026.

The outreach introduced participants to rugby and demonstrated how the sport can be used to combat gender-based violence in Uganda. By engaging communities through sport, the initiative aimed to empower women and girls, raise awareness, and strengthen collective action against GBV while promoting teamwork, respect, and positive values.



*During the Rugby games with the community*

## GAME CONNECT ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL TRIALS FOR AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Participants of the Game Connect program took part in the Uganda Athletics 1st National Trial for the 2026 season, held at Namboole Stadium on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The trials were conducted in preparation for the African Senior Athletics Championships, scheduled from 12–17 May 2026.

Athletes competed in the 200m, 1500m, and 5000m events, with a team of four representing Uganda, including three athletes from Adjumani and one from Kampala. The trials aimed to assess performance, select the strongest competitors, and ensure athletes are fully prepared to excel at the continental championships.



*The participants during the run*

## GAME CONNECT PROJECT CELEBRATED WOMEN'S DAY IN KAMWENGE AND KIKUUBE

The Game Connect Project marked International Women's Day with sporting activities in Kamwenge Refugee Settlement and Kikuube to promote cohesion and raise awareness of women's rights. In Kamwenge, youth participated in netball and football matches between partners and the community, highlighting the role of sport as a tool for inclusion.

In Kikuube, the pre-Women's Day event featured the Female Score Match at Bukinda Primary School, where Bwizibwera FC competed against Nguse FC, engaging the community and fostering empowerment through sport. Additional activities, including bicycle races, were scheduled later in the week.

The initiative aimed to encourage male involvement in health and livelihoods, promote gender equality, and demonstrate how sport can be used to empower women and build stronger, more inclusive communities.



During the football match

## COMMONWEALTH SPORT GAPS CAMP

Stellenbosch University hosted the first Commonwealth Sport GAPS Camp of 2026, bringing together 49 para-athletes and coaches from across Africa to prepare for qualification events for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Uganda's delegation included Para Athletics competitors Masisa Fred (T11, 100m) and Ocira Richard (T54, 1500m) with guide Oija Fred and coach Mutagubya Vincent, alongside the Para Powerlifting team featuring athletes Mbazira Denis and Zawedde Rebecca, coach Kwikiriza Acram, and safeguarding officer Nakibuule Regina.

The camp, the first of three ahead of Glasgow, provided supervised training, recovery, and wellbeing support to help athletes finalize their preparation, ensuring they are physically and mentally ready to compete at the highest level while fostering skill development and continental collaboration.



Ugandan participants in GAPS

## Federation's

## ATHLETICS



*Female participants*

Uganda Athletics held its Elective Annual General Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Mandela National Stadium to elect leaders who will guide the organization for the next four years.

The assembly brought together stakeholders to participate in the electoral process, aimed at strengthening governance and leadership within athletics. A new executive committee led by Domenic Otucet as President and Ms. Beatrice Ayikoru, as the General Secretary was elected.

The exercise underscored the importance of strong leadership in shaping the future of athletics in Uganda, ensuring continued growth, improved athlete support, and enhanced competitiveness at national and international levels.

Uganda Athletics held the 2nd National Trials at Mandela National Stadium, where the country's top athletes competed across track and field events in pursuit of qualification for upcoming international competitions, providing a platform to assess performance, select elite talent, and strengthen Uganda's readiness for global athletics events.

## UGANDA AQUATICS



*Those that were awarded*

Uganda Aquatics held its Annual General Assembly, bringing together members of the aquatics community to reflect on the year’s achievements and discuss strategic priorities for the sport.

During the assembly, participants engaged in insightful discussions on development, performance, and future initiatives, while also honoring outstanding contributions with the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award. The event fostered collaboration and camaraderie among athletes, coaches, officials, and partners, reinforcing the collective commitment to advancing aquatics in Uganda and strengthening ties within the national and international swimming community

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## RUGBY



*During the games*

The 2026 Enterprise Cup quarter-finals took place on March 21, 2026, featuring a cross-border format between top Kenyan and Ugandan clubs, with Heathens facing Kabras Sugar, Black Pirates facing KCB Rugby, Nondescripts facing KOBs and Oilers facing Buffaloes.

2026 Enterprise Cup Quarter-Final Results;

Platinum Credit Heathens (UGA) 19-61  
 Kabras Sugar RFC (KEN)

Stanbic Black Pirates (UGA) 11-10 KCB  
 Rugby (KEN)

KCB KOBs (UGA) 13-29 Nondescripts  
 RFC (KEN)

Toyota Buffaloes (UGA) 15-60 Menengai  
 Oilers (KEN)

Uganda’s Stanbic Black Pirates advanced to the semifinals scheduled for 11th April 2026 against Nondescripts at Kings Park in Bweyogerere. Kenya will also host the semifinals clash between Kabras and Menengai Oilers on the same day.