

# AFRICA WOODBALL

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## INTRODUCTION

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- We would to thank all stakeholders who have supported the growth of Woodball on the African continent.
- The International Woodball Federation (IWbF) gave Uganda Woodball Federation (UWbF) the mandate to develop the game of Woodball in Africa and this was used as a stepping stone to leapfrog into the creation of Africa Woodball Federation (AFWbF).



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## ABOUT AFRICA



- Place of tourism
- Good green nature
- National heritage
- Great vegetation
- Good food



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## CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR AFWBF

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Woodball Championship, the Steering Committee agreed to have an Interim Executive Board constituted as per the AFWbF Constitution as detailed below:
  - Mr. Paul Mark Kayongo – President (Uganda)
  - Mr. Anthony Mwanzia– 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Kenya)
  - Mr. Vincent Kisenyi– 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Uganda)
  - Mr. Joseph Collins Ssemmanda – Treasurer (Uganda)
  - Mr. Godwin Ssenyondo – General Secretary (Uganda)
  - Ms. Kudzai Pikitia - Assistant General Secretary (Zimbabwe)



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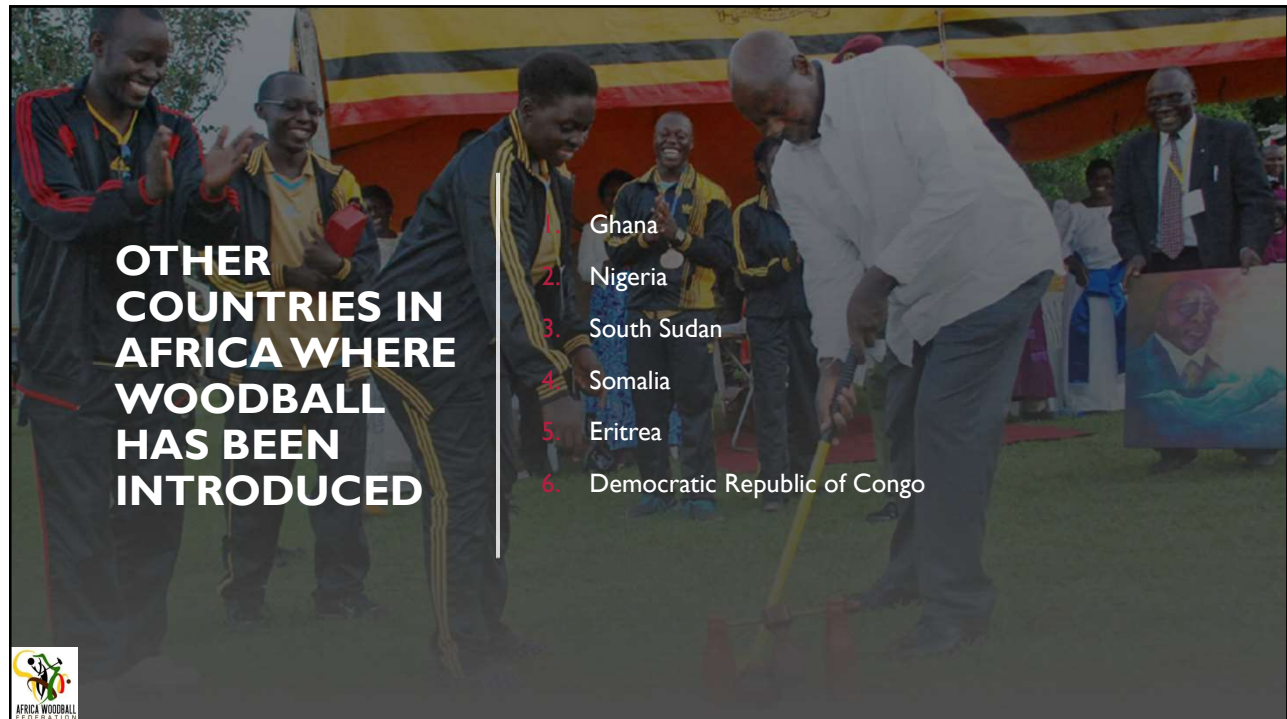
## CURRENT MEMBERS OF AFRICA



1. Burundi Woodball Federation
2. Kenya Woodball Federation
3. Malawi Woodball Federation
4. Rwanda Woodball Federation
5. Tanzania Woodball Federation
6. Uganda Woodball Federation
7. Zambia Woodball Federation
8. Zimbabwe Woodball Federation



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**OTHER  
COUNTRIES IN  
AFRICA WHERE  
WOODBALL  
HAS BEEN  
INTRODUCED**

1. Ghana
2. Nigeria
3. South Sudan
4. Somalia
5. Eritrea
6. Democratic Republic of Congo



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## RECENT ACTIVITIES TO DATE

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach Woodball World Cup hosted in Uganda (2019)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Woodball Championship hosted by Kenya Woodball Federation at the United States International University, Nairobi (2019)
- Different Woodball clinics in Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Rwanda (2018 - 2019)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Woodball Championship 2021, Nairobi Kenya



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRICA WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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- The Championship managed to attract 50 players with 29 men and 21 ladies
- Five countries including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Malawi participated.
- Uganda emerged top of the medal tally with 7 Gold medals and hosts Kenya finishing second with 4 Gold medals
- It was noted that despite the pandemic, competition had grown since the last Championship in 2019.



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRICA WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL TALLY

Ranking	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Uganda	7	3	4	14
2	Kenya	4	7	4	15
3	Burundi		1	2	3
4	Malawi			2	2
5	Tanzania				0



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> KENYA INTERNATIONAL WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



- Kenya Woodball Federation managed to organize their 5th edition of the Kenya International Woodball Championship at Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology, Nairobi.
- The event attracted 77 players with 37 men and 40 ladies.
- The Kenyan team from Kenyatta University won the men's team events while Ndejje University from Uganda won the ladies' team events.



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## UGANDA RECEIVES NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR

- Mid this year, Uganda received a new Ambassador by the names of H.E Zhang Lizhong
- The Uganda Woodball Federation did officially welcome him and shared with him the developments and partnerships that exist between the federation and the Embassy
- Ambassador Lizhong pledged to continue supporting the Woodball sport and its developments
- Ambassador Lizhong replaced H.E Zheng Zhuquing.



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## PICTORIAL



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# MEDIA PRESENCE

## Sports

English Premier League Arsenal climb above United. Arsenal scraped past Watford 1-0 to climb above Manchester United on 20pts yesterday.



### Uganda, Kenya 0-0

#### Woodball carrying its own cross to the world

Uganda and Kenya played a goalless draw in the opening match of the 2021 Africa Woodball Championship in Nairobi. The match was held at the Nairobi Golf Club and attracted a large crowd of spectators. Both teams showed strong defensive play, with several key saves from their goalkeepers. The draw sets up a crucial second match between the two nations.

### World Cup Qualifiers

Uganda's national football team secured a 1-0 victory over Kenya in a World Cup qualifying match. The goal was scored by a young striker, marking a significant milestone for the team. The match was held in Kampala and was a high-intensity affair.

### Mandela sole candidate in SC Villa race

Madisa Mkhabela is the sole candidate for the position of Vice-Chairman of the South African Electoral Commission. He has secured the support of all members of the commission, marking a significant development in the electoral process.

### Kiplangat tops Istanbul

Uganda's tennis player, Kiplangat, topped the singles event at the ATP Challenger in Istanbul. He defeated his opponent in a straight set, showcasing his skills on the court. This victory marks a high point in his career.

### Uganda, Kenya renew rivalry

The rivalry between Uganda and Kenya in woodball has reignited as they meet in the opening match of the Africa Woodball Championship. Both nations have a rich history in the sport, and this tournament promises to be a highly competitive one. The match is expected to draw a large audience from both countries.



## Uganda the team to beat in Africa woodball championship

Uganda is the team to beat in the Africa Woodball Championship, according to experts. The team has shown exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament. Their consistent performance has earned them widespread praise from fans and commentators alike. They are considered the favorites to win the championship.

### Who is who on Team Uganda?

A list of players and their statistics for Team Uganda in the Africa Woodball Championship. The team consists of several key players who have been instrumental in their success. The statistics show their performance in various categories, including goals scored and assists.

### Government support

The Ugandan government has provided significant support for the woodball team. This support includes funding for training, equipment, and travel expenses. The government's commitment to the sport is a testament to its growing popularity in the country.

### Equipment

The woodball team has received state-of-the-art equipment from the government. This includes mallets, balls, and protective gear, which will significantly enhance their performance on the field.

### Championship medals

A table listing the medalists in the Africa Woodball Championship. Uganda has secured the gold medal, while Kenya and another team have won silver and bronze respectively. The tournament was a success for all participants and spectators.



## Another win Coaches impressed by Uganda at Nairobi Safari Sevens

Uganda's national rugby team secured another victory at the Nairobi Safari Sevens. The coaches were highly impressed with the team's performance, particularly their tactical play and teamwork. The win further solidifies their position as one of the top teams in the region.

### OUR TARGET IS 24 TEAMS

The Uganda Woodball Association has set a target of 24 teams for the next Africa Woodball Championship. This goal reflects the organization's commitment to promoting the sport and increasing its participation across the continent.

### Kop advance

The Uganda Woodball Association has advanced its plans for the future of the sport. This includes organizing more tournaments and providing training opportunities for young players. The organization is dedicated to making woodball a more prominent sport in Africa.



### Local & International Sports

A collection of news items from various sports events. These include updates on local tournaments and international competitions. The news covers a wide range of sports, from football to tennis, and highlights the achievements of athletes from different countries.

### Keddi, Mukoya strike gold as Uganda clinch African title

Keddi and Mukoya were the standout performers in the Africa Woodball Championship, leading Uganda to the title. Their exceptional skills and teamwork were the key to their success. The victory is a historic moment for Ugandan woodball.



# PARTNERING WITH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS IN AFRICA



## EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION

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- Chinese Government donated three state of the art machines
- Uganda needs a licence from IWbF to manufacture IWbF graded equipment and to also secure an industrial patent
- IWbF needs to officially grant a licence to allow Uganda manufacture graded equipment



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## WHY INTRODUCE WOODBALL TO AFRICA

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- Its unique characteristics, very attractive, non-contact sport, its inclusivity, mind articulation sport (minimal attrition rate)
- Equipment made out of indigenous hard wood (natural heritage)



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## MAIN CHALLENGE

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- Limitation in funding considering the potential growth of the sport.
- Without a stable stream of income, National Woodball Federations federation depend on highly volatile sources of income like donations, pledges and handouts which is not sustainable
- Marginalized sport when looked at with other sports since its young or in its infancy stage (need to focus on an international marketing strategy)
- Woodball brand is not optimally utilized hence there is need to maximize the use of the Woodball brand to create value.



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## COMMITMENT TO WOODBALL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

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- Strategic direction where human capital is the nucleus (Capacity Building)
- Exercise and practice corporate governance (good leadership)
- Be champions of change through our stewardship role and creativeness.
- Safeguard/ring fence the integrity and good practices in countries where we conduct Woodball activities (footprint)
- Emphasize quality preservation in all the activities of Africa Woodball federation to show a difference



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## THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION/MISSION

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- Strengthening existing Strategic partners and collaborators such as, Chinese Government, International Woodball Federation (IWbF), universities and schools, corporates
- Enhancing the quality of Equipment produced to meet IWbF standards (franchise) as a sustainability mission
- Strengthening regional and international focus (internationalization strategy)
- Strong governance structure (use of schools, universities/senior citizens)
- To work with IWbF to see that Woodball is listed among the International Secondary School Games
- Strengthen our relationship with the Media and press



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## FUTURE PROSPECTS – AFRICA WOODBALL HOME

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- **To include;**
  - Africa Woodball offices
  - A club House
  - Accommodation facilities for athletes
  - Conference hall



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## FUTURE PROSPECTS – WOODBALL FACTORY

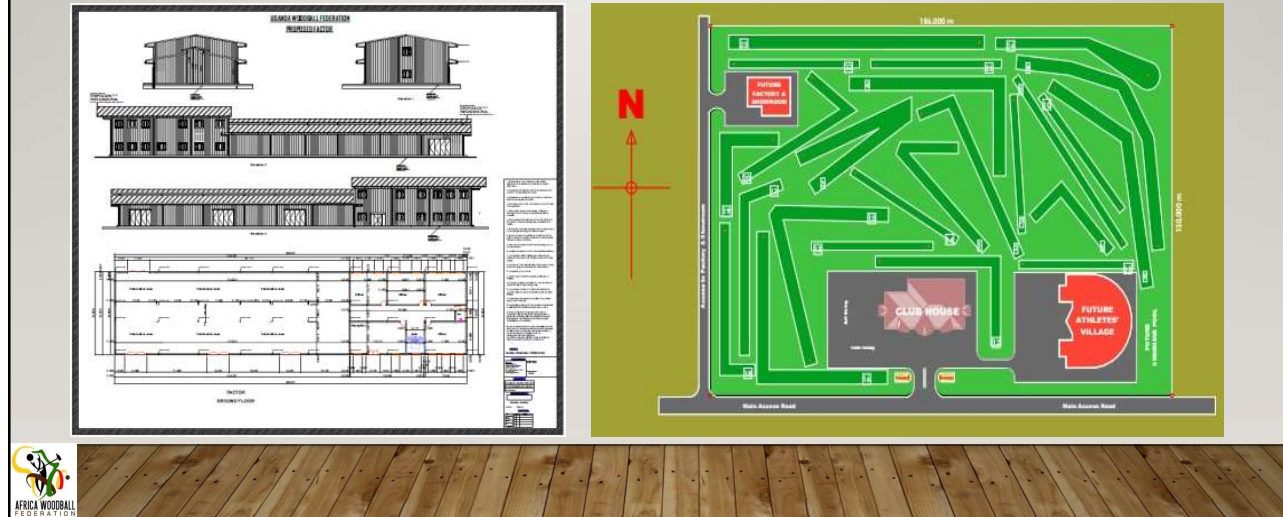
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- To Include;
  - A workshop
  - Woodball Showroom
- To produce equipment for the African continent



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## WOODBALL FACTORY LAYOUT AND WOODBALL COURSE



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## 2022 AFRICA WOODBALL CALENDAR

- 9<sup>th</sup> Woodball World Cup – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Perlis Malaysia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa Woodball Workshop - Date and venue to be confirmed
- 7<sup>th</sup> Uganda International Open Woodball Championship, 28 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Africa Woodball Referee Workshop 2022
- Woodball development Clinics in different Refugee Camps
- Woodball development introduction workshops in West Africa



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## AFRICA REQUEST TO IWBF

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- IWbF should consider creating a budgetary allocation to Africa in its annual budget to support Africa Woodball development as a sustainability mission
- IWbF should actively participate in identifying and recommending key partners to support Africa Woodball development for example Chinese companies that do business in Africa.
- IWbF should continue donating Woodball equipment to needy African countries



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## THANK YOU

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