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Title : Dr
Given Name : DONALD
FAMILY NAME : RUKARE

Position in UOC – SECRETARY GENERAL

Date of birth : 4th November 1968

FUNCTIONS IN NATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is the Secretary General of the Uganda Olympic Committee (UOC), member of the UOC Government Relations Committee, member of the UOC Legal Commission, former chairperson of the Uganda Olympic Merits and Award Commission and former head of the legal commission.

Dr. Rukare is the President of the Uganda Swimming Federation (USF) and Board Chair of Special Olympics Uganda. He is credited with turning around the Uganda Swimming Federation during his tenure.

FUNCTIONS IN REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is the Vice President African Swimming Federation (CANA) and President of CANA Zone III

FUNCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is a FINA Bureau member and an official on the FINA officials list No 17. Dr Rukare is a member of the FINA Marketing Commission and High Diving Technical Committee. He also served on the FINA Masters Committee 2013-2014. Dr. Rukare is an arbitrator of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and a panel member of the results management panel of the Regional Anti-Doping Agency (RADO). Dr. Rukare is Vice Chair of the ANOCA Legal Commission. Dr Rukare is a MEMOS Professor, teaching Governance and Sports Management on the IOC MEMOS Master's program. In addition Dr. Rukare is an International Olympic Committee (IOC) consultant/advisor that has undertaken assignments for the IOC in Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria.

CAREER AS ATHLETE / COACH

Dr. Donald Rukare is a former national swimmer who represented Uganda at national, regional and international championships including the FINA Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal 2014. . He held several national records between 1980- 1992. Dr. Rukare was the Makerere University Swimming Captain from 1989-1992 and was awarded Club and University Colours in Swimming, Squash and Basketball during that period. Donald is an active masters swimmer and takes part in Masters events regularly in Uganda and internationally. Dr. Rukare is an active squash player, as well.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Dr. Rukare is an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda and a Legal Specialist with sound knowledge of International and Human Rights Law. He has *over 20 years' experience in the field of access to justice human rights, good governance and development cooperation.*

Dr. Donald Rukare is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of the Governance and Public Policy Research Center. Dr. Rukare is the Chief of Party of the USAID Rights and Rule of Law Activity program in Uganda. He oversees the 8m USD program that supports the Judiciary, civil society and the media. He was the Country Director of Global Rights Uganda office. He manages the country office which implements programs in access to justice, human rights women's rights and ethnic/racial discrimination. He was the head of office of the 32M Euros European Union Support to Human Rights and Good Governance Program in Uganda. He was previously the Governance and Legal Advisor with the Embassy of Ireland – Uganda and a Senior Legal Officer with the Inspectorate of Government (IG).

He teaches the international law and human rights at Makerere University and is regular guest faculty at the International Law Institute – Uganda and the Center for human rights at the University of Pretoria- South Africa. In addition Dr. Rukare is professor / lecturer on the International Olympic Committee Executive Masters in Sports Management (MEMOS). His areas of interest are governance, corruption, human rights including gender issues and international law.

EDUCATION

Donald who is an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda has a Doctor of Laws (LLD) University of Pretoria South Africa, a Masters of Law (LLM) from Lund University in Sweden, as well as post-graduate diplomas in international law, development and legal practice together with a Bachelor of Laws with honors (LLB) from Makerere University. Donald also holds an Executive Masters in Sports Management from the University of Louvain Belgium (with Distinction). He has also undertaken leadership/ strategic management courses at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard Business School in the US and has attended an international sports law program at Cambridge University in the UK organised by ISDE. Dr. Rukare is due to commence an Executive Masters Program in International Sports Law at ISDE in Madrid Spain. Donald has written several articles on sports management and governance some of which have been published.

Sports Related Publication/Articles

Rukare D, (2013) A Sports Sector is the way to go for Uganda. Published in the New Vision
http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1325736/sports-sector-uganda

Rukare D, (2013) Olympic sporting values could inform our governance agenda. Published in the New Vision

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Rukare D (2014) Uganda Swimming Federation The Long Winding Road to Recovery. Presented at the FINA 3rd World Aquatics Convention Doha Qatar

Rukare D, (2015) The nuts and bolts of managing a National Olympic Committee: The Case of the Uganda Olympic Committee - Turning the corner Burnet C, Wassong S, Roux K, Krieger J (eds) 2015, Historical and Contemporary Issues in Olympic Studies

Rukare D, (2015) Time for Ugandan sport to hit the restart button published in Inside the News (http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1_Jan026118/time-for-ugandan-sport-to-hit-the-restart-button)

Rukare D, (2015) Proposed Minimum Registration Guidelines (MRGs) for National Sports Organizations in Uganda, unpublished MEMOS Master's Thesis.

Rukare D. (2018) Nurture Talent to tap into lucrative Global Sports Market. Published in the New Vision, January 30, 2018.

Rukare D. (2018), Sports Management in Uganda; Which way forward. To be published in the New Vision and Daily Monitor.

LANGUAGES

Dr. Rukare is fluent in English and has a limited understanding of French and Kiswahili

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