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FUNCTIONS IN NATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is the President of the Commonwealth Games Uganda (CGU) / Uganda Olympic Committee (UOC), immediate past Secretary General of the UOC, member of the UOC Government Relations Committee, former member of the UOC Legal Commission, former chairperson of the Uganda Olympic Merits and Award Commission as well as former head of the legal commission.

Dr. Rukare is the immediate past President of the Uganda Swimming Federation (USF) and former Board Chair of Special Olympics Uganda. He is credited with turning around the Uganda Swimming Federation during his tenure. Dr. Rukare served as chairperson of the National Council of Sports (NCS) in Uganda 2020-2022.

FUNCTIONS IN REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is the President African Aquatics (AA formerly CANA), Executive Committee Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), President of Africa Aquatics Zone III and Vice Chair of the Legal Commission of the Association of African National Olympic Committees (ANOCA).

FUNCTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Rukare is the President of the Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Game Federation -CGF), was CGF Vice President, is a World Aquatics Bureau member since 2017 and was an official on the FINA officials list No 17. Dr Rukare is a member of the World Aquatics Marketing Commission, Remuneration committee and High Diving Technical Committee. He also served on the FINA Masters Committee 2013-2014. Dr Rukare is a member of several CGF committees that include, the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC), the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) and the performance and remuneration committee (PRC). Dr. Rukare is an arbitrator of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and a former panel member of the results management panel of the Regional Anti-Doping Agency (RADO). Dr. Rukare is a member of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Ethics Commission. Dr Rukare is the Chair of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) 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, Nigeria, Lesotho and Sudan.

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 master's swimmer and takes part in Masters Events regularly in Uganda and internationally. Dr. Rukare is an active squash player.

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 30 years' experience in the field of access to justice human rights, good governance and development cooperation*. Dr Rukare is a keen advocate for the promotion and protection of human rights of all irrespective of their orientation, belief or creed. He has spent a considerable time of his career advancing the human rights of vulnerable people.

Dr. Donald Rukare is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of the Governance and Public Policy Research Center. Dr. Rukare was the Chief of Party of the USAID Rights and Justice Activity (RAJA) program in Uganda which ran 2021-2023. RAJA was a three year 5m USD program which sought to ensure that citizens know, use, and shape the law to exercise their civil and political rights in a safe and secure manner. Previous to this, Dr. Rukare oversaw the 8m USAID Rights and Rule of Law Activity (RRoL) – 2015-2020, that supported 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-Ombudsman). At the IG, Dr Rukare investigated and prosecuted cases of human rights abuse, abuse of office and corruption.

He teaches international law, human rights and sports law at Uganda Christian University (UCU), and is regular guest faculty at the International Law Institute – Uganda, the Center for human rights at the University of Pretoria-South Africa (UP) and the ISDE Law and Business School in Madrid Spain. In addition, Dr Rukare is lecturer /tutor in Governance on the International Olympic Committee Executive Masters in Sports Management (MEMOS). Dr Rukare supervises undergraduate and graduate students at UCU and UP as well as being an external examiner for doctoral students at UP. In addition, Dr Rukare has conducted governance and sports management sessions for national, regional and international sports administrators and association. His areas of interest are governance, corruption, human rights including gender issues and international law. Dr Rukare has been involved with developing strategic plans for the Uganda Swimming Federation, Uganda Olympic Committee, African Aquatics (formerly CANA) and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA). In addition he has carried out evaluations and assignments for the World Bank, UNDP, GIZ, Swedish Development Agency (SIDA), Danish Development Agency (DANIDA) and the European Union.

EDUCATION

Donald who is an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda has a Doctor of Laws (LLD) University of Pretoria South Africa, a Master 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 also completed an Executive Master's in International Sports Law from ISDE- Law and Business School Madrid Spain. Donald has written several articles on sports management, human rights and governance some of which have been published.

Sports Related Publication/Articles

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Rukare D (2024) AI and Sports Published in the New Vision June 2024

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LANGUAGES

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

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