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FOREWORD

August 2018 brought special pride to the EAC when the 1st Edition EAC Games took place, for the first time, in the Burundi capital Bujumbura and in the Town of Gitega under the theme “*Fostering EAC Integration and Peace through Sports*”

The aim of the EAC Games was to foster regional integration and solidarity among the people of East Africa through sports by providing a regional platform to share our sporting talents within the East African Community; enhance solidarity and promote co-operation and integration through inclusive sport among the people of East Africa, enhance the free cross border movement of people, boost local and international tourism and promote sports as a tool for economic development.

EACoG 2018 was a significant step for the region to harness the important role Sports can play towards reinforcing the spirit of East African Unity and Development and galvanizing a passionate, visionary and broad participation among the East African people, reflecting the basic principle of a people-centered regional integration.

On behalf of the EAC Secretariat, I would like to sincerely thank the Republic of Burundi for successfully hosting the Games. I salute the other EAC Partner States for actively participating in the event, and acknowledge the efforts of the regional steering committee that organized the Games, the gallant sports men and women, sponsors and partners.

The EAC Secretariat is delighted to publish this report, incorporating feedback gained about the 1st Edition of the EAC Games event as it unfolded. The report is available on www.eac.int

Amb. Liberate Mfumukeko
Secretary General
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INTRODUCTION

The 1st Edition of the East African Community Games took place from August 16th – 30th 2018 in Bujumbura Republic of Burundi under the theme “*Fostering EAC Integration and Peace through Sports*”.

This was the inaugural edition of the EAC Games following the 20th EAC Council of Ministers directive to hold regular Sports Tournaments in the region in partnership of private sector, civil society, voluntary Organizations, institutions, individuals and Development Partners (*EAC/CM 20/Directive 71*).

This is in recognition of the important of role sports can play towards reinforcing the spirit of East African unity and development and galvanizing a passionate, visionary and broad participation among the East African people, reflecting the basic principle of a people-centered regional integration.



The 35th Council of Ministers held in March 2017 in Arusha, Tanzania approved the offer by the Republic of Burundi to host the First edition of the EAC Sports Tournament in 2018, in line with the Directive EAC/CM/20/Directive 71 of the 20th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM35/Directive 58*).

This followed the earlier withdrawal of the offer by the United Republic of Tanzania to host the EAC Games in 2016.



OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY



The opening ceremony was held on 16th August 2018 at the Lycee SOS HG Sports Grounds in Bujumbura, Burundi. The Burundi National Anthem started the ceremony, followed by the EAC Anthem. Parade of nations then followed starting with United Republic of Tanzania and Republic of Burundi came out last being the host. In the artistic sequence, performers dressed with the colors of Burundi and EAC flags welcomed and entertained the guests which was followed by various dances and the Opening Speeches.

The 2nd Vice President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Joseph Butore who represented H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza officiated at the official opening of the 14-day inaugural EAC Games at the Lycee SOS HG in Bujumbura, Burundi. Addressing Honourable Ministers; Members of Parliament; Members of the Diplomatic Corps; Sports men and women from the Partner States, and the citizens who thronged the Play field of SOS HG School, the 2nd Vice President reaffirmed the commitment of the Republic of Burundi to the promotion of close cooperation among the Partner States in the field of sports, particularly by promoting and valuing the various sports activities.



At the same occasion, Uganda's 2nd Deputy Prime Minister who is the Minister of EAC Affairs of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, Rt. Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja, disclosed that the Council of Ministers will, in the next 5 years, endeavour to promote and support the development of Sports through public-private sector partnerships. "This will be done in fostering closer collaboration among Partner States to strengthen the sports institutional capacities and establish a conducive regulatory frameworks in the



region". He said greater emphasis will be put towards attraction of domestic and foreign investment for construction of sports facilities across the region, development of sports academies for effective tracking and nurturing of talents. He reiterated that the role of Sports in reinforcing the spirit of East African unity and development and galvanizing a passionate, visionary and broad participation among the East African people.

On his part, the Secretary General of the East African Community, Amb. Liberat Mfumuke-

ko welcomed East Africans to the EAC Games being launched for the first time in the region and will be conducted every two years on rotational basis in accordance with the Decision of the Council of Ministers. He noted that the EAC Games was providing an opportunity for East Africans to showcase the diverse sporting talents and an avenue for sports talent exchange, learning and celebration. He said the EAC Secretariat's focus is to make the regional sports event attractive to the public to enable East Africans to move across borders to interact freely within the Community.



SPORTS DISCIPLINES

14 separate sports disciplines were announced for the 1st Edition of EAC Games 2018 as outlined in the table below:

SPORTS DISCIPLINES PROPOSED

- Football (M&F)
- Basket Ball (M&F)
- Volley Ball (M&F)
- Hand Ball (M&F)
- Netball (W)
- JUDO (M&F)
- Karate (M&F)
- Taekwondo (M&F)
- Boxing (M&F)
- Rugby 7s (M)
- Athletics (M&F)
- Tennis (M&F)
- Table Tennis (M&F)
- Beach Volley Ball (M&F)

After confirmation of entries by Partner States, the Sports disciplines were reduced to **8**.

SPORTS DISCIPLINES CONFIRMED

- Football (F)
- Volley Ball (M&F)
- Netball (W)
- Karate (M&F)
- Boxing (M&F)
- Rugby 7s (M)
- Athletics - Half Marathon (M&F)
- Tennis (M&F)

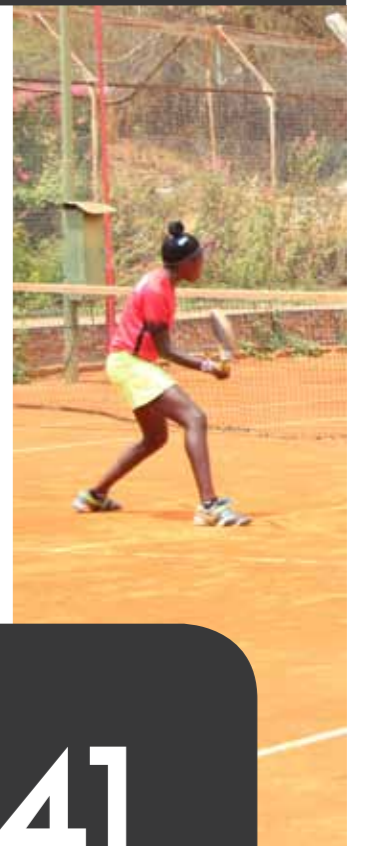
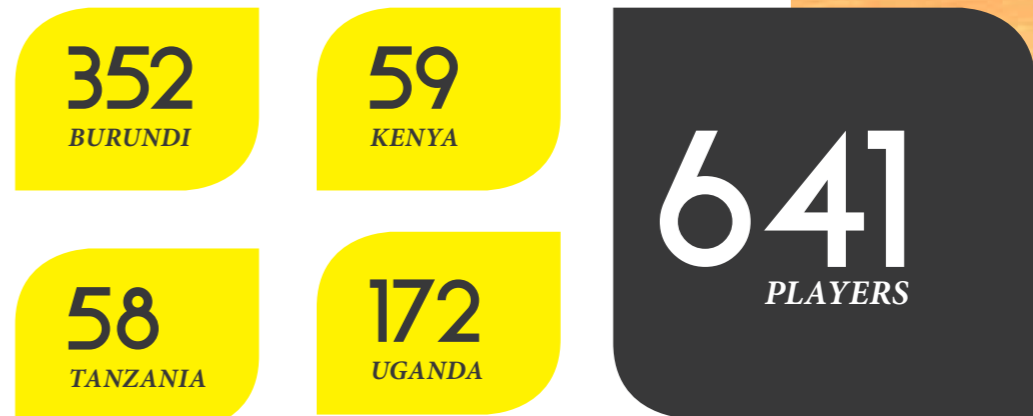


PARTICIPATION

All the six EAC Partner States were invited to participate in the 1st edition of the EAC Games. However four - the Republic of Kenya, Republic of Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Burundi the host participated in the Games. The Republic of Rwanda and Republic of South Sudan were not represented.

Overall, the games attracted approximately **641** Players, 60 Team officials, 45 Match officials and 27 dignitaries. The EAC Secretariat was also represented by 18 members of staff.

PLAYERS PER PARTNER STATE





Discipline	Participating Countries				No. of PSs
Football - Women	Burundi	x	x	Tanzania	2
Volleyball - Men	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2
Volleyball - Women	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2
Half Marathon - Men	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	4
Half Marathon - Women	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	4
Rugby 7s - Men	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2
Net Ball - Women	Burundi	x	Uganda	Tanzania	3
Lawn Tennis - Men	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3
Lawn Tennis - Women	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3
Boxing - Men	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2
Boxing - Women	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2
Karate - Men	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3



VENUES OF THE GAMES

The Games were hosted in two venues namely; Bujumbura City, and Gitega Town. The Football tournament was conducted in the town of Gitega while all the other Sports events were held in the City of Bujumbura. This was intended to bring the Games closer to the people to appreciate the significance of EAC Regional Integration.



PUBLICITY

Publicity was conducted in three parts. Pre-event publicity, during-event publicity coupled with media coverage of the matches and post event publicity that involved a video documentary and photo archive. Pre- event publicity started as early as June 2018 both national and regional levels. During the conduct of the Games publicity activities were intensified in both the press and electronic media as well as circulation of publicity materials which included banners, T shirts, Posters and Road show. All the Games were covered by both the Burundi press and Electronic media including RTNB, Radio Isanganiro, Buja FM, Rema Radio and Television, Radio Star FM and Radio Umuco FM.



EVENTS & PROGRAMME

THE GENERAL EVENT PROGRAMME WAS AS FOLLOWS:



Day/Date	Activity
Wed, 15. 08. 2018	Arrival of contingents, issuance of accreditation cards Briefing of officials/Contingents Team registration Technical meeting
Thu, 16. 08. 2018	Official Opening ceremonies Curtain raising match
Fri, 17. 08. 2018	Departure of football teams to Gitega
Sat, 18. 08. 2018	Competitions
Sun, 19. 08. 2018	Competitions
Mon, 20. 08. 2018	competitions
Tue, 21. 08. 2018	Competitions
Wed, 22. 08. 2018	Competition
Thu, 23. 08. 2018	Rest
Fri, 24. 08. 2018	Competitions
Sat, 25. 08. 2018	Competitions
Sun, 26. 08. 2018	competitions
Mon, 27.08.2018	Shopping & Cultural Visit
Tue, 28. 08. 2018	Final matches
Wed, 29. 08. 2018	Closing ceremonies
Thu, 30. 08. 2018	Departure of contingents

CONDUCT OF THE GAMES

52 matches were played during the 1st Edition of the EAC Games. The Games were conducted on a league basis except for half marathon which was a one off event. The teams were ranked on basis of number of points earned to determine the winner. Where teams were only two the played home and away matches and the aggregate points determined the winners. Table below shows the detailed breakdown of matches played by discipline.

Sports Discipline	Entries				No of PSs	No. of Matches
	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania		
Football - Women	Burundi	x	x	Tanzania	2	2
Volleyball - Men	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	2
Volleyball - Women	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	2
Half Marathon - Men	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	4	1
Half Marathon - Women	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	4	1
Rugby 7s- Men	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	2
Net Ball - Women	Burundi	x	Uganda	Tanzania	3	3
Lawn Tennis Men						
Singles	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3	3
Doubles	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3	3
Lawn Tennis Women						
Singles	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3	3
Doubles	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	x	3	3
Boxing Men						
Light Fly Weight (49kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1

Sports Discipline	Entries				No of PSs	No. of Matches
	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania		
Fly Weight (52kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Bantam (54kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Light Weight (60kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Light Welter (64kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Welter (69kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Middle (75kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Light Heavy (81kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Heavy Weight (91kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Super Heavy Weight	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	2	1
Boxing Women						
Bantam (54kg)	Burundi	x	Uganda	x	1	1
Karate Men						
Individual Kata	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	1
Team Kata	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	1
Individual Kumite						
Kumite – under 60 kg.	Burundi	x	x	Tanzania	2	1
Kumite – under 67 kg.	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	3
Kumite – under 75 kg.	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	3
Kumite – under 84 kg.	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	3
Kumite – above 84 kg.	Burundi	Kenya	x	x	3	1
Team Kumite	Burundi	Kenya	x	Tanzania	3	3
Total No. of Matches					52	

MEDALS & CUP WINNERS

Discipline	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Cup Winner
Football (W)	Tanzania	Burundi	xx	Tanzania
Netball (W)	Uganda	Tanzania	Burundi	Uganda
Volley Ball (M)	Uganda	Burundi	xx	Uganda
Volley Ball (W)	Uganda	Burundi	xx	Uganda
Rugby 7s (M)	Uganda	Burundi	xx	Uganda
Lawn Tennis (M)	Kenya	Burundi	Uganda	Kenya
Lawn Tennis (W)	Burundi	Kenya	Uganda	Burundi
Boxing (M)	Uganda	Burundi	xx	Uganda
Boxing (W)	Burundi	Uganda	xx	Burundi
Karate (M)	Burundi	Kenya	Tanzania	Burundi
Half Marathon (M)	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Kenya
Half Marathon (W)	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya

Medals were awarded to each individual player of the winning teams in order of ranking as well as officials, while winning teams received trophies.

Trophies were also awarded to the 3 overall winners of the games in order of Ranking.



The medals were designed featuring the symbols of the sport discipline on one side and the EAC Logo on the other.

MEDALS & OVERALL RANKING

Ranking	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
1	Uganda	5	2	2	9
2	Burundi*	3	6	1	10
3	Kenya	3	3	2	8
4	Tanzania	1	1	1	3
Total		12	12	6	30

Key: * = Host Partner State





The closing ceremony of the 1st Edition of the EAC Games 2018 was held on 29 August 2018 from 11:00 to 14:30 Hrs at the Dojo Nationale.

As per the programme, the ceremony featured cultural performances, Karate demonstrations by the Burundi Karate Federation, Award of Trophies, as well as closing remarks by Chair of the Regional Steering Committee Dr Patrick B. Ogwel and the EAC Secretary General, Amb Liberat Mfumukeko.

The Games were officially closed by His Excellency Gaston Sindimwo 1st Vice President of the Republic of the Burundi.



CLOSING CEREMONY



FUNDING



The Council of Ministers approved the modalities for the conduct of the EAC Games with a total Budget of USD 2,013,222 to facilitate the 1st Edition of the EAC games.

This figure included operational costs incurred by the host and Partner States for the purpose of staging the Games, of which the largest components were accommodation, feeding, transportation, publicity, media coverage, sports equipment, awards and administration costs, while other operational costs included security, ceremonies, and medical services. The Budget was shared between the host with the biggest percentage, other Partner States, the EAC Secretariat and GIZ.



RECOMMENDATIONS

1 Partner States should confirm the Sports disciplines they have decided to participate in early enough (at least 4 months prior) to enable the Regional Steering Committee officially announce the approved sports disciplines for the particular edition of the EAC Games. This would assist the host to prepare adequate and suitable sports facilities and the Secretariat to procure enough sport materials to facilitate the games and unnecessary avoid wastages.

2 International Sports Regulations such as football require that Federations obtain clearance before participating in any international competitions before they friendly matches. It is recommended that Partner States Sport Federation adhere to such requirement and apply for clearance in time before registering their teams for participation in the EAC games.

3 Need to Review and agree on the Rules and Regulations for Conduct of the EAC games. These should include penalties/fine for breach of the rules.

4 It is desirable that Cash Awards to overall winners be introduced in addition to the medals and Trophies awarded to winners.

5 Given that the Budget for hosting the EAC games is quite substantial, there is need for Partner States to agree of the cost sharing for hosting the EAC Games. .

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