

## TEAM UGANDA MATCHDAY REPORT

### Liberia Independence Day Cup (LIDC) 2026

Sunday, 26 July 2026 | Ajou University Soccer Field, Suwon

#### Directorate of Sport & Entertainment – Ugandans in South Korea Association (USKA)

The Ugandans in South Korea Association (USKA) is pleased to share the results of **Team Uganda's participation in the Liberia Independence Day Cup (LIDC) 2026**, held on **Sunday, 26 July 2026** at **Ajou University Soccer Field, Suwon**.

The tournament formed part of the Liberian community's Independence Day celebrations and brought together African communities in South Korea under the shared values of friendship, unity, and sportsmanship.

Under the leadership of **Coach Isma Uptop** and **Coach Sadat Zimula**, Team Uganda delivered an excellent performance, winning all three of its group matches to finish the day unbeaten.

#### Match Results

| Match              | Result |
|--------------------|--------|
| Uganda vs Ghana    | 2 – 1  |
| Uganda vs Guinea   | 2 – 0  |
| Uganda vs Zimbabwe | 1 – 0  |

Team Uganda concluded the day with **three victories from three matches**, demonstrating remarkable teamwork, discipline, and determination.



*Figure 1: Team Uganda at the Liberia Independence Day Cup*

### **Outstanding Performances**

Special recognition goes to **Raymond Mukasa**, who was Team Uganda's standout performer, leading the attack and scoring the majority of the team's goals during the tournament.

A worthy mention also goes to our youngest player, **15-year-old Jedediah Mwesigwa**, whose confidence, composure, and commitment throughout the tournament were commendable. His participation is an encouraging reminder of the importance of nurturing the next generation of Ugandan football talent in South Korea.

Above all, heartfelt appreciation goes to **every player** who represented Uganda with commitment, discipline, and pride.



*Figure 2: The magic behind the Team - the Lady Cranes!*

## Appreciation

The Directorate of Sport & Entertainment extends sincere appreciation to:

- **Coach Isma Uptop** and **Coach Sadat Zimula** for their technical leadership.
- **Captain Jeffrey Lumu** for leading the team on and off the field.
- The tournament organizing committee led by **Senior Musa** for successfully organizing the event and promoting African unity through sport.
- Our dedicated **Welfare Team** comprising **Josephine (General Secretary), Juanita Ariella Kwagala Murungi, Stella, Rita, and Queen**, whose support ensured the team's welfare throughout the day.
- The **USKA Executive Committee** for its continued support and encouragement of Team Uganda.
- The entire **Ugandan community in South Korea** for turning up, cheering the team on, and continuing to support activities that bring us together as one community.

We also take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our outgoing USKA President, **Joshua Kirabo Sempungu**, as he prepares to leave South Korea for a new career opportunity. We thank him for his dedicated leadership and wish him God's blessings and every success in the next chapter of his journey.

At the same time, we congratulate **Hamza Kyamanywa**, formerly Vice President, upon assuming the role of President of USKA. We wish him wisdom, strength, and success as he leads the Association into its next chapter.

### **Message of Solidarity**

During the Uganda–Guinea match, a player from Team Guinea sustained a serious injury.

In line with the message shared by the Liberian Independence Day Celebration Committee, we ask the Ugandan community to join the wider African community in praying for his full and speedy recovery. We also encourage members to extend messages of encouragement and solidarity to our Guinean brothers during this difficult time.

Sport reminds us that while we compete on the field, we remain one African family beyond it.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Liberia Independence Day Cup marks another important milestone in the continued growth of Team Uganda. The discipline, teamwork, and unity demonstrated throughout the tournament provide a strong foundation as we prepare for an exciting period ahead.

Our next major challenge will be participation in the **Seoul Elite Tournament**, a Korean-organized competition scheduled for **6 September 2026**, where we look forward to testing ourselves against stronger opposition while continuing to represent Uganda with pride and professionalism.

Beyond this, we eagerly await the announcement of the **Korea World Cup Tournament**, another significant opportunity for Team Uganda to showcase its progress and strengthen the profile of the Ugandan community through sport.

As a community, we also believe the time has come for Uganda to take a leadership role in organizing its own football event. We therefore make an urgent call to begin planning the **East African Pamoja Community Football Tournament**, a Uganda-led initiative that will bring together East African communities in South Korea under the spirit of unity, friendship, and healthy competition.

This initiative is informed by our experiences in recent tournaments, where organizational shortcomings—including inconsistent officiating, venue limitations, scheduling challenges, and safety concerns—have affected the overall football experience. We believe we have the capacity to organize a tournament that places greater emphasis on **professional organization, player welfare, fairness, safety, and community enjoyment**.

More importantly, this tournament would not simply be another football competition. It would become a deliberate platform for strengthening **community cohesion**, fostering **shared growth**, celebrating our East African identity, and building lasting friendships among our communities in South Korea.

We therefore encourage all Ugandans to continue supporting Team Uganda and to actively participate in USKA activities. Every tournament, every gathering, and every community initiative presents another opportunity to build a stronger, more united, and more vibrant Ugandan community in South Korea.

Finally, **all thanks, honor, and glory belong to God Almighty** for His protection, guidance, and faithfulness throughout the tournament.

**For God and My Country.**

**Graham Tumwesigye Tatwangire**  
Director of Sport & Entertainment  
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