

Intercontinental University Games Officially Kicks Off

The 7th All Africa University Games kicked off today at the University of Nairobi (UoN) Sports Grounds with 13 countries from different parts of Africa and 500 athletes participating. The games to be competed in include soccer, karate, netball, swimming, table tennis, track and field events, American football, and volleyball.

Officiating the official opening of the games, FASU President, Dr. Ralethe Malumbete, said that the objectives of the games were to promote sports, provide networking opportunities and promote cooperation amongst universities. The athletes would also be accorded with opportunities to compete at inter-university world games.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, who was represented by Deputy Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Philip Mbithi said the games would provide a forum for women to be able to formally take their place in this competitive world and further cautioned athletes to set a good example by avoiding use of enhancements to win.

The cost of the eight-day games will be met by the University of Nairobi, participating teams and sponsors. Among the sponsors of the Games are Coca Cola, Techno, Pinewood, Nairobi Sports House, Chilly Willy and, Industrialist Manu Chandaria.

The venues of the games are Main Campus (Basketball, Chess, Karate, Netball, Table Tennis, American Football, Handball and Sitting Volleyball), Kenya Science (Soccer and Badminton), Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani (Swimming) and the Nyayo National Stadium (Athletics) Nairobi Club (Tennis).

Those who graced the opening include officials of the Federation of International University Sports (FISU) and intercontinental bodies from Europe and Asia, administrators from local universities and sports authorities and students.