

All Africa Universities Games to be held in Nairobi

The Local Organizing Committee group photo at the University of Nairobi.

The Federation of African University Games (FASU) will host the 7th edition of All African University Games at the University of Nairobi between July 10 and 17, 2014.

The games will involve university students representing different nations from Africa featuring in all games. Participating teams will be nations and not individual universities.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) at the University of Nairobi, the Secretary General of FASU, Penina Aligawesa Kabenge, informed the Local Organizing Committee that several countries among them Uganda, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Zambia have confirmed participation in the games and more are expected in due course. FASU Vice-President Prof. Jacob Nteere, also briefed the LOC on its expectations.

The games will be staged at the University of Nairobi Sports grounds with a few track events and swimming to be held at the Safaricom Kasarani Stadium.

The LOC's main task is to mobilize resources and sponsorship for the games and manage all the logistics related to the fete. The LOC is headed by the University of Nairobi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, Prof. Isaac Mbeche and includes among others; Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) officials led by the Chairman, Mr. Mbaabu Mureithi and key University of Nairobi managers and staff. The committee will give regular updates via different media to all the stakeholders.

The first edition of All Africa Universities games were held in 1974 in Accra, Ghana and the University of Nairobi hosted them in 1978. The 6th edition of the games was held in 2012 in Windhoek, Namibia.