



# Annual Report 2018



# NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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2018 has been a most exiting year for tennis in Kenya.

It has been a great pleasure to lead Tennis Kenya into a new frontier with the help of a vibrant, committed, passionate Council that have put their all to ensure a very successful year of many firsts.

I thank the Tennis Kenya Council members who volunteered their time, expertise and resources in achieving these exceptional results for the game we all love. The parents that continue to support and encourage us, the players and coaches that have put their best foot forward, the Nairobi Club that continues to host us, the Ministry of Sports that believes in us, our sponsors, ITF, CAT, our fans and all those that have helped us achieve these results so far. We thank you.

It was an honour to host the ITF President in Kenya for the very first time who also presided over a ground breaking ceremony at Kasarani to build the National Tennis Centre. The plans for the NTC are almost in place and building is expected to start in April 2019. This is an exciting project and we ask members in the industry to lend their expertise to the Association to ensure we leave a wonderful legacy for Kenyan players.

Together with the ITF President, we paid a visit to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Mr.

Uhuru Kenyatta who assured the Council that GOK will support the building of the National Tennis Centre. It was such a privilege to watch the Kenya Davis Cup team at home as they worked hard and led Kenya to victory and promotion to Euro Africa Zone group II. The team was captained by lady Captain Rosemary Owino, another first in Africa.

In 2018, one player who stood out for her excellence and results was Angela Okutoyi. Winner of Kenya Open Championship, Winner, ITF Junior Circuit Kigali, winner, African Junior Championships for 14 and under, 2nd in CAT 14 and under African Masters, 2nd in Africa Nations Cup, two time recipient of GSDF grant to Europe and USA, 2nd in Eddie Herr Championships in doubles.

As a final passing shot that was 2018, Tennis Kenya received the Laureate of the CAT/ITF Award 2017 for its Achievements and Progress realized on TENNIS DEVELOPMENT.

It has been a good year. We thank God for his providence; we thank all our stakeholders for their support. Tennis Kenya has a solid foundation going forward. The future is promising for all age groups and Kenya is poised to become a Tennis Powerhouse.

Game, Set, Match 2018... Love all 2019



## James Kenani

**PRESIDENT, TENNIS KENYA**

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*from left TK President James Kenani, ITF President David Haggerty, President Uhuru Kenyatta, and CAT President Tarak Cherif*

# JUNIOR TENNIS

Tennis Kenya has continued to run successful junior programmes. Below is a summary of Junior activities, January 2018 to December, 2018

## 1. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

### National Tennis Program

Tennis Kenya runs the National Training Programme for top Juniors aged between 10 and 14 at Nairobi Club. This Programme is led by Coach Caroline Oduor and Allan Atola.

The national program currently has 12 full time players and 12 part time players.

This year has also seen National Training Programme players added onto the part time programme at the ITF East African Training Centre. These players are Raymond Riziki, Mwendwa Mutuku, Brandon Sagala, Cynthia Cheruto, Roselinda Asumwa and Liberty Baraka.

They train on rotation, 12 & 14 and under from Monday to Saturday at the Nairobi Club.

## 2. JUNIOR TENNIS INITIATIVE

The Junior development initiative is now vibrant with increasing numbers of consistent kids in the under 10 categories.

As part of the development, Mini tennis tournaments are organized every last Saturday of the month. We have now three full time assistant JTI coordinators in Mombasa and Nairobi.

This year with the support of Britam, JTI activities were also coordinated in Nakuru, Vihiga, Nanyuki, Embu, Nyahururu. We plan to spread to other regions as the New Year begins.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION (ITF) EVENTS

### a. January to February 2018

Tennis Kenya hosted three weeks of the ITF East African Junior Circuit that attracted both Kenyan and International Juniors to Nairobi Club.

#### • ITF East Africa Junior Circuit I

Best results in the Boys Singles 18 & Under category; Albert Njogu lost in the quarter finals. In doubles Ryan Randiek partnering with Abdul Shakur from Burundi lost in the finals.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category Sneha Kotecha sailed all the way to the finals losing to Celestine Avomo Ella of Gabon.

#### • 7th Nairobi International Junior Championships

Best results in the Boys Singles 18 & Under category; Albert Njogu lost in the Quarter finals while Ryan Randiek lost in the 3rd round.



Angela Okuitoyi runners up at the Africa 14 & Under masters



In the doubles category, Ryan Randiek with his partner Abdoul Shakur lost in the semifinals.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category, six Kenyans participated. 14 year old Angela Okutoyi reached the finals for the first time. She, however, lost to Metka Komac.

• **10th Kenya International Junior Championships.**

In the Boys Singles 18 & Under category; Albert Njogu lost in the finals to Abdoul Shakur of Burundi.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category Angela Okutoyi lost in the quarter finals.

**b. June to July 2017**

• **ITF Kigali Junior International Open.**

This tournament took place in Rwanda for the first time.

In the Boys Singles 18 & Under category Albert Njogu lost in the finals to his nemesis, Abdoul Shakur of Burundi.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category, 14 year old Angela Okutoyi showed an impressive performance by winning her first ever ITF Junior Circuit Tournament.

• **ITF Nairobi Junior Open I**

In the Boys Singles 18 & Under category Albert Njogu lost in the 3rd round.

In Doubles Category, Albert Njogu paired with Abdoul Shakur and made their way to victory by ousting Flisberg/Sarlvik from Sweden.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category, Sneha Kotecha showed an impressive performance after ousting Aisha Niyonkuru of Burundi to win the tournament.

• **ITF Nairobi Junior Open 2**

In the Boys Singles 18 & Under category Albert Njogu

lost in the Semi finals.

In the Girls Singles 18 & Under category, Sneha Kotecha continued to impress leading to a second week win.

In Girls Doubles, Sneha Kotecha partnered with Paloma Keresztez and lost in the finals.

c. November to December 2018

Tennis Kenya hosted three successful weeks of ITF Junior Circuits.

• **ITF East Africa 18 and under Junior Circuit I**

10 girls and 14 Kenyan boys played the tournament.

The best result was by Kean Shah who won the Doubles. Albert Njogu, was a finalist in both singles and doubles with Ryan Randiek.

Derrick Ominde lost in the 3rd round in singles and a semifinalist in doubles.

In the Girls Singles Sneha Kotecha won the tournament in singles and finalist in doubles; while Owegi Alicia, Wahome Esther, Fatiya Shariff and Roselinda Asumwa lost in the 2nd round.

• **ITF East Africa 18 and under Junior Circuit II**

10 girls and 14 Kenyan boys played the tournament.

The best results in the Boys Singles was from Albert Njogu who lost in the third round in singles and semifinalist in doubles. Ryan Randiek lost in the 2nd round.

In the Girls Singles Sneha Kotecha was a semifinalist in singles and winner in doubles; while Owegi Alicia, Cynthia Wanjala lost in the 2nd round.

• **ITF East Africa 18 and under Junior Circuit III**

10 girls and 14 Kenyan boys played the tournament.

The best results in the Boys Singles was from Albert Njogu who lost in the quarter finals. Kean Shah, Ryan Randiek and Jayson Mbogoro who lost in the 2nd round.

In the Girls Singles Sneha Kotecha was a quarter finalist, while Owegi Alicia, Shania Gadhia and Kendi Kamunde lost in the 2nd round.

In total, Tennis Kenya hosted 8 weeks of ITF Junior Circuits.

#### **4. CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN TENNIS (CAT) EVENTS**

##### **a. ITF Eastern African Junior Championships – Zonals (14 and 16 & Under)**

In January 2018, Tennis Kenya hosted these Championships. Burundi, Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda entered a team to the event and Kenya as hosts produced an A and B team. Kenya won the championships in both categories.

##### **b. CAT 14 & Under Events**

With the introduction of the 14 & Under CAT Circuits, Tennis Kenya held its event in May 2018. We have also sent players to participate at similar events in Egypt (Represented by Esther Miheso), Mauritius (Represented by Esther Miheso, Shakira Verese and Kendi Kamunde) and Tunisia (Represented by Raymond Oduor and Brandon Sagala).

##### **c. African Junior Championships (AJC)**

In 2018, Tennis Kenya sent teams to the African Junior Championships in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa. In addition to this, our 12 & Under team comprising of Liberty Baraka, Jacob Karanja, Raqeem Virani, Debbie Polo, Reha Kipsang and Anouk Vandedvelde having qualified for the African Junior Team Championships traveled to this event in Kigali, Rwanda. The girl's team came second and the boy's team came third.

#### **5. LOCAL EVENTS**

Tennis Kenya runs a series of local events for Juniors of all ages starting with Mini Tennis for those that are 10 & Under and proceeding to the 12, 14, 16 and 18 & Under events for the developing players.

In 2018, TK has hosted over 20 of these events. Details and results can be found in the tournament software link below.

<http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=0F27710F-E170-4606-AA07-F107C44A077D>

#### **6. RISING STARS**

**Sneha Kotecha** has a world ranking of 300

**Angela Okutoyi** has a world ranking of 589

**Albert Njogu** has a world ranking of 483

**Sheil Kotecha** has a world ranking 479





*Britam Kenya Open 2018 Champions*



*Kenya Davis Cup Team*

# SENIOR TENNIS

## 1. African Nations Cup

The African Nations Cup was held in Botswana from the 5th to 10th November 2018. Tennis Kenya sent a men's and ladies team comprising; Ishmail Changawa, Ibrahim Kibet, Angela Okutoyi, Alicia Owegi, Shania Gadhia and coach Lawrence Karanja.

The men's team came second in the team event losing 2-0 to Tunisia in the finals. They came second in the individual doubles event losing 6-3, 7-6 to Morocco. In the singles, Changawa was a semi finalist while Kibet was a quarter finalist.

The Ladies team comprising of youngsters came 3rd winning 2-1 to Gabon in the play offs. Angela was finalist in the individual singles event losing to Bechri Chiraz 61 62.

## 2. Davis Cup

In October 2017, Tennis Kenya applied for a bid to host Davis Cup, Africa Zone Group III and successfully managed to host the event in 2018.

This Premier Tennis Event brought together the nine countries in Africa; Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda and hosts Kenya to earn a promotion to the prestigious Europe/Africa Group II for a thrilling four days of the greatest tennis ever witnessed in the region in the last 20 years.

The team was captained by Coach Rosemary Owino and comprised of Ismael Changawa, Sheil Kotecha, Ibrahim Kibet Yego, Kevin Cheruiyot, Albert Njogu and Petty Andanda.

Of note: Kenya is one of the very few countries in the world with a Lady Captain for a Davis Cup team.

Our main sponsors were The Ministry of Sports Culture and Heritage, Kenya Tourism Board, The Gulf African Bank, Cytonn Investments, Nairobi Sports House, Coca Cola East Africa and Nairobi Bottlers. **A BIG CLAP TO OUR SPONSORS**

With the support of the above named Sponsors, Council Members, past players, fans and our senior coaches, the team gave their best and earned a promotion to Europe Africa Group II after ousting Benin 2-1 in the Play offs.

Due to changes in the Davis Cup structure occasioned by new sponsorship, Kosmos, in place of BNP Paribas, the ITF AGM in August ratified changes in the structure and the rules for 2019. National Ranking Criteria has now been introduced. Due to these changes, Kenya has lost the chance to play in Group II by one point. We shall therefore in 2019 still play in Group III. We have sought legal advice and consulted with the Department of Sports in the Ministry and have decided to once again prove our mettle in 2019. The dates and venue will be announced in February.

## 3. Fed Cup

Tennis Kenya sent a team to Montenegro, to participate at the 2018 edition of Fed Cup. The team, Captained by Caroline Oduor, comprised of Angela Okutoyi, Judith Nkatha and Faith Nyabera. Kenya played Montenegro, Finland and South Africa. The team won one rubber



against Montenegro but lost all its ties and therefore retained Euro Africa Group III status.

#### 4. Britam Kenya Open

From 15th to 22nd September, 2018, Tennis Kenya hosted the biggest event on its calendar, the Britam Kenya Open where another successful event was held. Tennis Council convincingly managed to get Britam to sponsor Kenya Open for the fourth year in a row. This year's sponsorship was KES 3 Million.

14 year old Angela Nyangweso stunned everybody by winning the ladies championship while Ibrahim Kibet for the first time beat his team mate and compatriot Ismail Changawa to lift the Mens trophy.

#### 5. East African Games

In August Kenya sent a team to the inaugural East African games in Bujumbura Burundi. Kenyan Mens team comprising Ishmail Changawa, Ibrahim Kibet and Kevin Cheruiyot, were the gold medalist while Kenyan

ladies team comprising Angela Okutoyi and Judy Nkatha were silver medalist.

#### 6. Stars Challenger

The inaugural Stars Challenge was be played from 01 – 03 November at the Nairobi Club. This is a pro challenge developed by the Player Development Committee to increase the number of competitive events for our elite players. The tournaments will be played monthly as knock out draws with feed in system. This will ensure the players play at least 3 highly competitive matches. The Challenges will also be used for ranking.

The monthly tournaments have prize money of kshs. 50,000. The first Challenge was sponsored by Tennis Kenya President, Mr. James Kenani. We have secured sponsorship for the next two editions (January, February). The other monthly challenges are available for Sponsorship.



## RESULTS



Top 10 Girls	Top 10 Boys
1. Narindra Ranaivo	1. Albert Njogu
2. Mialy Ranaivo	2. Ibrahim Yego
3. Alicia Owegi	3. Petty Andanda
4. Shakira Verese	4. Ryan Randiek
5. Roselida Asumwa	5. Sammy Muriuki
6. Tonia Kubai	6. Paul Wamba
7. Cynthis Cheruto	7. Denzel Seeto
8. Gabrialla Miheso	8. Derrick Ominde
9. Claire Muthoni	9. Lawrence Biwott
10. Esther Miheso	10. Brandon Sagala

## 7. Karen Open

Karen Open was for the 2nd year since 30 years ago held at the Karen Country Club from 8th to 16th December, 2018. The event was once again sponsored by Rentworks to a tune of 2.5 Million. Notable changes from last year's event was that; The wheelchair tennis Prize money was doubled across the board to 50,000/- for the winner, lunch was provided for all players in the event and transport provided for players with reduced mobility to and from their hotel to the venue. A big hand to Rentworks, Experts in Leasing! Karen Country Club did not disappoint.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Hon. Henry Rotich EGH was on hand to present the winners with trophies and prize money. Many thanks!

The event was won by Burundian, Guy Orly Iradukunda in the mens championship. Guy defeated Kenyan top seed and defending Champion Ismail Changawa 6-1 6-2.

The ladies championship was won by Madagascan, Narindra Ranaivo who is in the ITF Centre hosted in

Nairobi. Narindra defeated Kenyan Sneha Kotecha 6-4 3-6 7-5. The winners walked away with 95,000 each.

The mens doubles was won by Ismael Changawa and Ibrahim Kibet (Ken)

The ladies doubles won by Haoziane Kitambala (Bur) and Mialy Ranaivo (Mad)

The Mixed doubles won by Ismael Changawa and Sneha Kotecha (Ken)

Wheelchair Men and Womens titles went to Tanzanians Novatus Temba and Rehema Selemeni respectively who also won the doubles events.

The veteran singles mens title went to Kevin Shingles while the women's title was won by Mary Wachira (Ken)



CS Henry Rotich presents the runners up trophy at The Karen Open championships

## Regional Events

• In January to April 2018, Ibrahim Kibet Yego and Kevin Cheruiyot traveled on a four month tour of Australia to train and compete.

• In May 2018, Tennis Kenya managed to send a team to Uganda for a four week Mens futures. The team comprised of Ismael Changawa, Ibrahim Kibet, Sheil Kotecha and Kevin Cheruiyot. The doubles duo of Ismael Changawa and Ibrahim Kibet managed to reach the finals in the fourth week.

• In June 2018, Angela Okutoyi was invited by the ITF for a six week tour in Europe for tournaments and training.

• In September 2018, Angela was invited to the CAT 14 and Under Masters in Tunisia. The African Masters is an end of year competition for the best 8 ranked players in the Confederation of African Tennis ranking. Angela

lost only one of six round robin matches she played and went ahead to take the slot of the second best girl in Africa in 14 and Under category.

• In September 2018, Kevin Cheruiyot managed to travel back to Australia for a four month 14 & Under tour of training and competition.

• In September 2018, Sneha Kotecha was invited by CAT for a two weeks 16 & Under training and tournament tour in Egypt.

• In November-December 2018, Angela was invited by the ITF for a five week 14 & Under tour in Florida, USA for tournaments and training. She played the Edie Herr International tournament and the prestigious Orange Bowl for 14 & Under at IMG academy Florida and was a silver medalist in for 14 & Under Doubles and managed a 2nd round in singles.





## WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

### 1. BNP Paribas World Team Cup Qualifying Event

In February 2018, the Kenyan Women's Team comprising Jane Ndenga, Phoebe Masika, Elizabeth Njoki and Asiya Sururu captained by Peter Wachira and Peter Rakuom went to the World Team Cup in Apeldoorn, Netherlands after winning their round robin event to reach the finals. They defeated Tanzania in the finals 2-1 to qualify.

### 2. Nairobi Open

For the third year running, Tennis Kenya organized the Nairobi Wheelchair Tennis Open at Nairobi Club. This event has now become a permanent feature on the Tennis Kenya calendar and the 2019 edition is imminent. It is a prize money tournament and often attended by participants from African nations. The Kenya mens team performed as follows; Semi Final – Rajab Abdalla Athman, Peter Munuve. First Round – Shabaan Warioba Matano, Collins Omondi, Itaken Timoi. In the Doubles, Semifinal - Rajab Abdalla Athman with Peter Munuve and Collins Omondi with Itaken Timoi. In the women's singles event, Phoebe Masika came 2nd while Jane Ndenga and Asiya Sururu were Semifinalists and Elizabeth Njoki quarterfinalist. In the doubles Phoebe and Jane won the event while Njoki and Asiya were runners up.

### 3. World Team Cup

The Kenya Ladies team participated in in the World Team Cup in Apeldoorn, Netherlands in May 2018. The team lost their ties and took 11th position.

### 4. ITF Wheelchair Tennis Futures

The wheelchair teams of men and women participated in Futures in Lagos, Nigeria and Accra, Ghana in November 2018.

Jane Ndenga came 2nd in both doubles and singles.

Collins Omondi and Peter Munuve came second in the Mens doubles and semifinalists in their singles.

### 5. Jane Elected to Wheelchair Tennis Player Council

The ITF has established a Wheelchair Tennis Player Council. The mandate of the Council will be to represent the interests of all wheelchair tennis players who participate in competitions all over the world.

Jane Ndenga, a Kenyan wheelchair tennis player, was nominated by TK and thereafter went through a formal election process to join the 9 member Council. Jane has been a member of the national teams since 2012, has represented Kenya in 7 World Team Cup African Qualifiers and 4 World Team Cup events. She is currently the Kenya no. 2 wheelchair tennis player and wheelchair tennis representative in Tennis Kenya Council.

She has won the Kenya Open Singles and currently holds the Karen Open title(2017)

Out of the 9 elected members, Jane is the only African representative and one of only 3 women in the commission.

### 6. Wheelchair Program Gets A Boost With Equipment

In September, Kenya received wheelchair equipment donated by the Wheelchair Tennis Development Fund. The equipment included transition balls, yellow balls, markers and junior rackets. They are targeted at developing junior players in wheelchair. This is one of the development aims of Tennis Kenya. Kenya is doing very well in wheelchair of senior players, the work now is on TK and the coaches to bring up junior players who can join international competitions and take up opportunities available in wheelchair tennis.

In November we received a further donation of two wheelchairs from Karen Surgeries through Dr. Lou Cantamessa,

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### 1. National Training Centre

The Sports Stadia Management Board has allocated 10 acres of land for development of a national tennis centre at Moi Sports Centre Kasarani.

The plan is to build 24 courts and eventually build accommodation facilities.

#### i) We have met the Sports Stadia Management Board

Kasarani once again on the Trust Deed for the land they have allocated us for building the National Tennis Centre. We agreed on the contents of the Deed and we are expecting them to give us our signed copy this week so we can proceed with the process of building the Centre.

Meantime, the board has given us a go ahead to clear the grass on the allocated land and start using it for mini tennis programs before we start building proper courts.

#### ii) We are grateful to ITF for giving Tennis Kenya a

facility grant of USD 50,000 towards the construction of the National Tennis Training Centre at Moi Sports Complex, Kasarani. It is expected that Government funding will be available early January 2019. We should be able to host Davis Cup 2019 at Kasarani.

### 2. ITF East Africa Training Centre

Tennis Kenya has been hosting the International Tennis Federation (ITF) East Africa Training Centre at the Nairobi Club since October 2015. The Centre is now resident at 12 Masaba Road in Upper Hill where the players receive lessons as well as room and board. They train at Nairobi Club.

The ITF East Africa Training Centre brings together selected elite players from the countries in the East and Central Africa region to a centralized location where they receive high performance training from highly qualified ITF coaches. The Centre currently has 13 players from Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Madagascar,

Botswana, Cameroon, Tanzania and Gabon.

The players live in the Training Centre all year around. They train five hours a day six days a week. Most of them are home schooled to give them the flexibility to put in the hours required for training and competition. The Centre has already started producing world beaters with their top players already making it to the finals and semi finals of 18 & under tournaments in North and Southern Africa. The Training Centre is a joint project of the ITF, CAT and the national Federation, Tennis Kenya.

### 3. ITF PRESIDENT VISIT

The ITF President, Mr. David Haggerty visited Kenya in April 2018. He officially opened the ITF EA training centre hosted in Nairobi.

He met with His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta and agreed on way forward for the National training Centre at Kasarani. The President directed that the Centre be ready in one year.

David also met with the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Sports, Ambassador Kaberia Karimi and together they broke ground at Kasarani for construction of the Tennis Centre to begin.

### 4. Her Excellency the First Lady attends Britam Kenya Open

Her Excellency the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Mrs. Margaret Kenyatta attended the Kenya Open on Friday 21st September 2018 at the Nairobi Club. As you can imagine, the tennis fraternity was extremely happy to follow the ladies singles semi-finals and men's singles semifinals at court 8 together with the First Lady.

The gracious First Lady was not shy to sit at the bleachers like other fans and even moved to sit below them when the sun became too hot, refusing any VIP treatment. The Davis Cup team and other Kenya open players were privileged to pose for a photo with her.



First Lady Margaret Kenyatta visits Britam Kenya Open





*ITF President David Haggerty plays at Nairobi Club*



## COACHING AND OFFICIATING

In October 2018, Tennis Kenya sent two officials; Treasa Mutuku and Ronald Oduor to participate at the Level Two officiating School in Monastir, Tunisia. The two are now ITF certified White Badge Officials (Level II).

Tennis Kenya hosted the ITF East Africa Regional Coaches Conference from the 15th to 19th October 2018. It was well attended by 35 coaches from Eastern Africa and facilitated by Rosemary Owino, Francis Rogoi, Thierry Ntwali and George Oyoo. The Conference was sponsored by Craigs Ltd, the official supplier of HEAD branded sports products in the country.

From 22nd to 28th October 2018, Tennis Kenya & ITF supported the National Coach, Caroline Oduor and Junior Tennis Initiative Coordinator, Veronica Osogo to attend the South Africa Regional Coaches Conference in Gaborone, Botswana.

### Officials in international Assignments;

- Patrick Kamuhia ran the ITF Futures in Nigeria in October, Mozambique and Cameroon Futures in November
- James Rogoi officiated at the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina - October 2018
- Patrick Kamuhia, James Rogoi, Ronald Oduor, Elly

Madegwa, Lawrence Karanja – officiated Djibouti Futures in December 2018

## TRANSITION



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Game, Set, Match Mike...What a thrilling match your life was, with each game, you touched the world with your love, excellence, fairness and wisdom. With each point ever smiling, full of energy, making us laugh, always the life of the party, true to self and always caring for others. Thank you for sharing your life with us, Tennis Kenya will miss you greatly...

**Rest in perfect Peace Coach Mike**

The funeral will take place on Friday 25th May 2018 in Mukurweini, Nyeri from 9 am. A tennis bus will be provided. To book a place, please call Rosey Oduor on 0721 523 811

Coach and officiating commission lost one of its key Members, Mr Mike Githinji. He will be missed dearly.



# SECRETARIAT

The full time secretariat is at Nairobi Club and continues to run under the capable hands of Head of Administration, Susan Adhiambo assisted by Nancy Nduku, Administration Assistant.

Susan has recently returned from doing her Masters in Sports Management in Russia after being nominated by Tennis Kenya on ITF scholarship.

The Secretariat now has a fully automated accounting system using Xero. Book Keeping is now automated regularly and up to date. This will reduce losing time in doing book keeping of the whole year all at once and will make the audit process seamless moving forward.

The Association has a very vibrant Social media pages, **Facebook – Tennis Kenya KLTA,** **Instagram – tennisenya,** The association also has a **Website – tennisenya.co.ke.**

TK recently won a grant from ITF to improve its tournament software. Once the project is complete, the TK website will be able to fully service members with registration, ranking, tournament entries, calendar, draw sheets etc. This will improve general service delivery to members and a smoother tournament management system.

## Strategy

Tennis Kenya held its Strategic Plan review meeting on August 3rd August at Heron Portico Hotel. The meeting was to review the TK strategy 2015 – 2020.

It was noted that some milestones set had already been achieved and therefore new targets set for 2020 with a plan for action. During the review meeting; the

following were agreed as the main pillars to drive the TK transformation agenda;

Player Development  
Tournaments  
Marketing  
Media & Communication  
Coaching & Officiating  
Governance & Administration  
Davis Cup & Fed Cup  
Finance  
National Tennis Centre

## Key Council Committees include

Player Development - Francis Mutuku  
Senior Development - Philip Ilako  
Wheelchair - Martha Tirop, Paurvi Rawal, Jane Ngenga  
Officiating/Coaching- Patrick Kamuhia  
Finance - Rose Wanjala  
Marketing - Rose Maghas  
Secretariat - Wanjiru Mbugua Karani  
Executive- James Kenani

## Member Benefit

Two meetings were held between parents and TK, the first meeting was a consultative meeting that parents had an opportunity to discuss and give their views on tennis matters.

A talk on college tennis in the USA was held for Parents and players at the Karen Club. Members were updated on the latest requirements to enter college tennis and were able to ask questions. The talk was given by Willis Mbandi who is the Head Mens and Womens coach at Alabama A&M university.



African top Players at the ITF EA training centre in Nairobi meet with the ITF President.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### **ITF, CAT and NOCK Annual General Meetings**

Tennis Kenya is affiliated to the World (ITF), African bodies in charge of Tennis (CAT) as well as the National Olympic Committee NOCK.

In April 2018, Tennis Kenya's President, Mr. James Kenani and The Secretary General of Tennis Kenya, Mrs. Wanjiru Mbugua – Karani attended the CAT AGM on behalf of Tennis Kenya and held meetings with the CAT President, Mr. Tarak Cherif as well as ITF President, Mr. David Haggerty.

In August 2018, the Secretary General of Tennis Kenya, Mrs. Wanjiru Mbugua – Karani and Tennis Kenya's President, Mr. James Kenani attended the ITF AGM on behalf of the Federation. On the sidelines of the main meeting, we were able to meet with several counterparts and put into gear developmental projects that would involve the growth of tennis in Kenya.



*Tennis Kenya executive members*

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James Kenani – TK President

David Bunei - General Manager, East Africa & Indian Ocean Islands, CISCO

## AWARDS

### African Federation of the Year 2017 at CAT AGM.

At the CAT AGM held in Rwanda in April 2018, Tennis Kenya was crowned the African Federation of the Year 2017 for its achievement and progress realized on Tennis Development during the year 2017.



### SOYA Awards.

At the SOYA awards held in January 2018, Faith Omurunga and Angela Okutoyi won the award for the Most Promising Junior players.

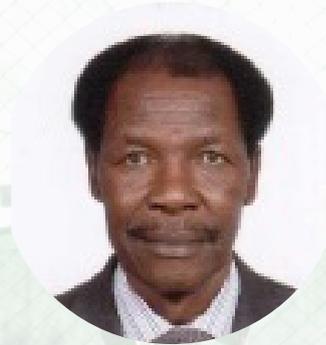
## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



Amb. Karimi Kaberia of the ministry of Sports and ITF President break ground for the National Training Centre at MISC Kasarani

# COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council of Tennis Kenya consists of:



**President- James Kenani**



**Vice President - Francis Mutuku**



**Vice President - Martin Oluoch**



**Vice President - Philip Ilako**



**Sec General - Wanjiru Mbugua-Karani**



**Ass Sec. General - Martha Tirop**



**Treasurer - Rose Wanjala**



**Wheelchair Rep- Jane Adhiambo**

## Past Presidents



**Paurvi Rawal**



**Patrick Gichira**

## Members



**Patrick Kamuhia**



**Rose Maghas**

