Bridge enthusiasts pick vital lessons from WBF boss

By Michael Nsubuga

Uganda Bridge players and technical directors are set to benefit from the expertise of WBF Chief Tournament Director and Operations Director Maurizio Di Sacco, who is in the country to review the status and operations of the Uganda Bridge Federation (UBF).

The Italian was invited to Africa by the president of the Africa Bridge Federation (ABF), Bernard Pascal, to familiarise himself the current situation and structure of the development of the sport in Uganda. His visit is expected tp set up the stage for the launch of the World Bridge Federation's NBOs Development Program where Uganda was selected together with Egypt and South Africa.

Sacco arrived in the country on Wednesday, met with the UBF executive at their offices in Bbunga on Thursday, and then trained bridge players at Kyambogo University the same day. After the meeting and a presentation by the honorary secretary of UBF, Reagan Egulwa, Maurizio, who jetted in with the ABF secretary, Samina Esmail, said he was impressed with the sport's progress in the country and that the federation was doing extremely well. "Since they are newborns, I am really impressed by the quality of the things they have already done by themselves. Well, they certainly need some guidance, but they have already done a lot of things, so I am impressed," Maurizio said. "I need to emphasise that bridge is a sport. It is recognised as such by the International Olympic Committee. And this is the message they should pass on to any local authorities they are in touch with. It is an important message because bridge, despite being played with cards, is not a gambling game.

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