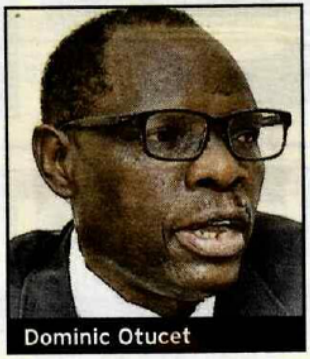
As a servant leader, I need another term in office –Otucet

By Faith Kiai

Uganda Athletics president Dominic Otucet has announced that he will run for a fifth term in office following the federation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Namboole Stadium on Saturday.

Although the meeting was primarily intended to address issues of under-representation in districts and regions in line with the new Sports Act, as well as consider a few constitutional amendments, several other matters were discussed.

The Assembly set March 23 as the election date. Old Mutual Life Assurance board member, Kenneth Kitariko was appointed returning officer, and a roadmap for the regional elective assemblies was also approved.


Dominic Otucet

After the deliberations, Otucet confirmed his intention to seek a fifth term, which would see him lead the sport for a total of 18 years.

"I have done very well and, come March 23, if anybody still wants to run against me, they are welcome because this is a public federation. As Dominic Otucet. I normally don't like to blow my own trumpet, but the servant leadership I have provided has created these wonderful results that we have," he explained.

Currently, Uganda Athletics is undergoing a period of transition, and a recent report from the National Council of Sports rated the federation's compliance with the Sports Act at about 90 percent.

"Our interest is to achieve 100 percent compliance. There were just a few areas where we were not fully compliant with the law. One of those areas was that our elective AGM had representation from less than 60 percent of Uganda's districts. We now have 136 districts and 10 cities, making a total of 176 units. To achieve 60 percent representation, we needed at least 73 members," Otucet stated.

The last elective AGM had 55 members. However, Uganda Athletics has since re-admitted and admitted 29 additional members, bringing the total to 84 delegates well above the 60 percent threshold required by the law.

National Council of Sports head of legal affairs Diana Kwesiga commended Uganda Athletics for the progress made so far.