

AFCON HOTEL BOOM

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Uganda's preparations to co-host the 2027 AFCON tournament with Kenya and Tanzania have gained more momentum with more than six, five-star hotels confirmed under construction and upgrade in the Bunyoro sub region.

The development signals a major step forward as the country intensifies its readiness to stage the continental showpiece, scheduled for June 19 to July 18, 2027, under the flagship of PAMOJA.

The progress follows a recent inspection by a delegation led by international hotel management expert, French Laly Helmut Warnecke, alongside members of Uganda's Local Organising Committee (LOC), headed by FUFA president Moses Magogo in the sub-region.

Confirmed hotels under construction or upgrade include Hoima Resort Hotel, Kontiki Hotel, Miiika Eco-resort, Masindi Hotel, Buffalo, Kabalega Resort Hoima, Kabalega Resort Masindi.

Magogo, who also serves as the LOC vice chairperson, expressed optimism about the pace of progress but acknowledging the work still lies ahead.

"I am excited with the energy levels in Hoima and Masindi about the Hotels for AFCONPAMOJA27. Whereas there is so much to be done to complete the works, it is a fact that it is doable" Magogo, who flanked by LOC sub-committee members Ambrose Tashyobya and Rodgers Byamukama noted.

"With the Government support and the personal attention of

President Museveni, the private sector has been provided with concessional loans to ensure timely completion of these projects," he added.

National Council of Sports (NCS) general secretary and LOC chairperson in charge of finance Patrick Ogwel, also hailed the government's financial support describing it a critical catalyst.

"We commend the President for prioritising AFCON 2027 preparations. The sh101b credit facility extended to the private sector for hotel construction and upgrades in Hoima and Masindi has significantly accelerated progress towards meeting CAF standards," Ogwel noted."

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