

# KISFF ROUNDUP 2019



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Captain Rahul Bali

The film industry is something the cuts across all generations. Everyone relate to it and combining sports and the film industry is an idea whose time has come of age.

According to Indian Curator Captain Rahul Bali who attended the Kenya international Sports Film festival, It is both interesting and intriguing that there are not more than 10 sports film festivals in the world.

"I am surprised that there are not more than 10 sports film festivals in the world. Sports cannot be ignored and I applaud the organisers for this initiative. Even in India there is none. I am amazed and in fact I invite Aasif Karim to come and do an Indian leg of the Kenya International Sports festival and I fully endorse this initiative," He said.

"I like the Kenya international sports film festival tag line that Sports Unites Us and Sports Films Inspire us. That is exactly what we need to do, inspire the young generation. The millennial generation are slowly ignoring sports by getting so attached to the social media and we need to be there to inspire them," Bali said.

"I am also inspired to do a sports film festival in India," Captain Bali said during the panel discussion on Development and Progress of Sports in Kenya's Film Industry.



Subhash Modi

Subhash Modi a former International Cricket Umpire and also a former Chairman and a Life Member of Kenya Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association was part of a panel that delved into matters, the state of Cricket in the country during the Kenya International Sports Film Festival (KISFF) 2019

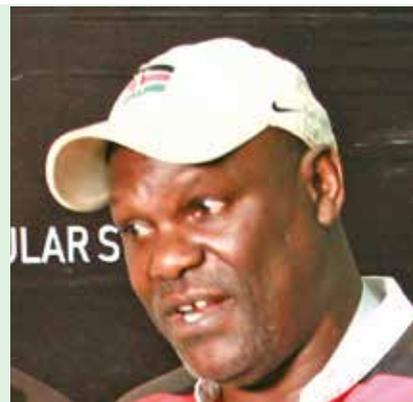
"Cricket Kenya is the only ICC recognised body running cricket in Kenya and they can do a lot can do a lot if they have transparency accountability and put the right officials in the right positions,"

Kenya Cricket has had its ups and downs with a lot of successes and celebrations up to the year 2003 when Kenya reached the semifinals of the ICC cricket World Cup but after the history there came misery.

"We have lost many cricketing friends all around the world. We have lost our cricketing respect and standards have also gone down,"

"People are fighting not for the system to promote cricket but fighting people to be in power for selfish reasons," Modi said.

My opinion is to have one body to control cricket not various bodies like we do now. Kenya can restore its lost cricketing glory if everyone works for the good of the sport," He concluded.



Edward Rombo

During the panel on post retirement life for sports persons in Kenya that came up at the Kenya International Sports Film Festival, Edward Rombo urged the youth to embrace education even as they explore sporting talent to ensure their life will continue without a disappointment after retiring from sports.

"I grew up knowing that I was doing sport for fun and for the love of it, and not necessarily that I would make a career out of it. And it's not that you do not take sports seriously, but you have to get your priorities straight. You have to know that there is something else, and that there is life apart from sports and life after sports." Edward Rombo noted.

"It's not just about getting a degree or diploma, but getting an education that will help you. You may get the highest IAAF coaching certificate, but when you come back to Kenya its tough getting a coaching job that will properly remunerate you. Go for courses that will help you, and not necessarily courses that are related to sports. It's sad that in our environment, sports do not really pay the way it's supposed to." He added.

Regarded as the finest rugby player Kenya has ever produced, Rombo was the first Kenyan to turn professional when he moved to Leeds Rhinos in 1990. He started playing rugby at Nairobi School. He played for Mean Machine RFC while studying Law.