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### **Edgar Agaba discusses taxes and new legislations in Uganda ahead of SBEA**

By: Jordan Crossley – Conference Producer at Eventus International

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Mr. Agaba was interviewed by Jordan Crossley;Conference producer of the upcoming Sports Betting East Africa Summit at Eventus International. Jordan and Mr. Agaba discussed the latest gambling legislation in east Africa, the National Gaming Board of Uganda's plan's for 2018 and what Mr. Agaba hopes to achieve by being part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Betting East Africa Summit.



**Edgar Agaba**

**CEO**

**National Gaming Board**

**Uganda**

Edgar Agaba is the CEO of the National Gaming Board of Uganda. As the CEO of the board, Mr. Agaba ensures that all members of the board follow the mandate set out by the Ugandan government.

The National Gaming Board is committed to creating a transparent, fair and accountable gaming industry.

Members of the board achieve this by developing harmonized standards and promoting responsible gambling amongst licensees.

Some of Mr. Agaba's other priorities include promoting stakeholder relations aimed at ensuring compliance of the law and improving industry practices and standards, establishing the responsible gambling foundation and engaging in Corporate Social Responsibility activities with various stakeholders to promote awareness about the industry and give back to communities.

**Jordan:** How many years have you been involved in the gambling industry?

**Mr. Agaba:** Exactly one year now

**Jordan:** On the topic of the new age restriction on gambling activities, what are some of the reasons for raising the age restriction from 18 to 25?

**Mr. Agaba:** That decision was a reflection of government's worry about the effect of gaming on minors and young adults between the age of 18 and 25.

Most persons in this age bracket are either still in school or fresh out of school. Studies showed increased misuse of time and resources like school fees by university going students were being used on gambling and would be better used as savings for investment by fresh graduates.

The change of age from 18 to 25 was therefore inspired by the need to protect young adults from the adverse effects of gambling considering their effect on the immediate future of this country. However, I must note that there are a few challenges faced in implementing this provision in practice and we are proposing an amendment.

**Jordan:** I've noticed that Uganda and Kenya have similar new legislations with regards to gambling. Does the National Gaming Board of Uganda and the Betting Control and Licensing Board of Kenya work very closely together when drafting and implementing new legislation?

**Mr. Agaba:** We consult each other from time-to-time, but you have to realise that there are inherent similarities between these two economies, both are young gaming jurisdictions and the regulators are fairly young in terms of existence. Both regulators have similar aspirations and are generally faced with similar challenges. This could explain the similarities in the laws and regulations.

**Jordan:** What do you look forward to by being a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Betting East Africa Summit?

**Mr. Agaba:** I look forward to meeting different regulators and operators from across the world. I hope to experience the world at the summit. Such interactions highlight common challenges and solutions for regulators and also afford us a unique opportunity to view the sector from the operator's point of view.

It's also a great opportunity for business networking especially for operators and intending operators.

The full interview with Mr. Edgar Agaba that includes his thoughts on the new gaming machines and software legislation, and the changes to gambling tax legislation and the effect it has had on the gambling sector in Uganda will be published this Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

Join Eventus International's mailing list to receive the full interview with Edgar Agaba on Wednesday and other exclusive interviews with innovators and thought leaders in the gambling sector each week.

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