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KTF Chairman Maj (Rtd) Suleiman Sumba addresses the press at KPA Makande Sports Hall in Mombasa County. On the right is Simply Compete Inc. CEO Sujay Karve.

by Mohamed Hassan | Mombasa | The Kenya Taekwondo Federation (KTF) has become the first sports federation in Africa to embrace a Global Management System (GMS).

The GMS is a technology that will enable federations to collect, store and manage data of all athletes.

The system developed by an American company will help federations in the management, data security, marketing of the Kenyan Taekwondo sportsmen across the globe and resource planning and mobilization.

According to the Chairman of KTF, Maj (Rtd) Suleiman Sumba, the system will only recognize registered athletes and help prevent fraudsters from interfering with the sport.

Sumba said 'through the system, Kenyan Taekwondo athletes will be recognized worldwide because their information will be readily available at the touch of a button.'

He said the system had been recognized and is being used by the World Taekwondo Federation.

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Sumba called on other federations to embrace this information system to enhance efficiency and improve management of their teams.

"Because of lack of proper information management system, a number of federations have encountered numerous challenges including travel arrangements for their teams," added KTF boss.

Simply Compete Inc, the American company that developed the system said there will be a mobile phone application developed for the system.

The company's CEO SujayKarve said on Wednesday in Mombasa that with the management system, it will take 30 per cent less effort and time to organize an event because of the readily available information.

Karve over the weekend launched a four-day seminar for Kenyan Taekwondo federation officials, coaches and athletes to familiarize with the new system.

"We have developed a technology to effectively manage our sport and improve on planning and logistics,' said Karve.

After the seminar on Thursday, the KTF has organized a Chairman's Cup Open tournament that will take place during the Easter holiday.

The Easter weekend Taekwondo Championship to be played at the KPA Makande Hall will serve as a trial for the national team selection.



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