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Press Release

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Kampala, April 26, 2017: Uganda Cricket Association (UCA) is once again delighted to have you here for our second press briefing in the build-up to the historic International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cricket League Division III Tournament from 23rd to 30th May, 2017 at the Lugogo, Kyambogo and Entebbe Ovals.

Today is a very special and emotional day for the **UCA Board and Fraternity** at large as the association announces the 14-man squad and four reserves that will represent the **Pearl of Africa** at the much-awaited global showpiece.

The 14-man squad will be **captained** by Davis Arinaitwe Karashani and he be assisted by Brian Masaba in a **vice-captain's** role.

The other distinguished gentlemen on the side are; Arthur Kyobe, Hamu Bagenda Kayondo, Roger Mukasa, Arnold Otwani, Ukani Shahzad Kamal, Frank Nsubuga, Henry Ssenyondo, Charles Waiswa, Deus Muhumuza, Jonathan Ssebanja, Irfan Sahibzada and Lawrence Ssematimba.

The **four reserves** include; Naeem Bardai, Lloyd Paternott, Emmanuel Isaneez and David Wabwire.

“These are the guys who have **convinced us at the moment**. And even those on reserve are not completely **out of the picture**. They can bounce back into the squad,” said Benjamin Musoke, the chairman of selectors UCA.

Cricket Cranes coach Steve Tikolo chipped in; “It would have been nice to keep everyone in the side. It is **hard to drop players**, who have been part of the squad and **working hard day in, day out**,” said Tikolo.

“But at the end of the day, you have to look at the **combinations** going into such a **tournament of this magnitude**. And I can say I am happy with the selected squad. The reserves will continue working out with us because they **could be summoned to step in for those injured**.”

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Six countries - Canada, Malaysia, Oman, Singapore, United States of America and Uganda – will not only vie for the **coveted trophy** but also for the **two slots at stake for promotion to the Division II** of the World Cricket League.

The Trophy for the World Cricket League Division III Tournament arrived in Uganda from the USA on April 18th and will be unveiled to the press at the opportune time. The media accreditation process was also opened yesterday and I hope all of you will beat the May 1st deadline. We thank all of you that have already sent in your particulars to email; 2017iccwcl3@gmail.com

“We are on track with our preparations and determined to pull off a successful event. Our volunteers are working to **ensure the tournament is an overwhelming success**,” Tournament Director Justine Ligyalingi, who is the UCA CEO, chipped in about the progress of the preparations with just 26 days left to the first ball being bowled.

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ABOUT: Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)

UCA is the national body that is responsible for the development, promotion and running the sport of cricket in Uganda. It's an Associate Member of ICC since 1998.

ABOUT: International Cricket Council (ICC)

The ICC is the international governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa, renamed the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

ABOUT: World Cricket League

Was created in 2007 to provide regular playing opportunities for similar standard ICC Associates and Affiliate members in an international 50-over competition structure.

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