

= 2006 CECAFA Cup =

The 2006 Cecafa Senior Challenge Cup , sometimes called the Al Amoudi Senior Challenge Cup due to being sponsored by Ethiopian millionaire Mohammed Hussein Al Amoudi , was the 30th edition of the international football tournament , which involved teams from Southern and Central Africa . The matches were all played in Addis Ababa from 25 November to 10 December . It was competed between the same teams as the previous tournament , except for Eritrea , who did not enter due to their long @-@ running clash with Ethiopia regarding borders , and Kenya , the five @-@ time champions , were serving a ban which was issued on 18 October 2006 , which was then an indefinite from international football by the decree of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (' International Federation of Association Football ') , or FIFA ; this after Kenya " regularly violated or ignored " " Fifa 's statutes , regulations and decisions " . Malawi and Zambia joined the tournament after being invited , and competed as guest teams as they were from the federation Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) , whereas the rest of the teams were from the Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) . The reasoning behind their invitation was that it would " boost the competitiveness of this year 's tournament " . The defending champions , Ethiopia , were knocked out in the quarter @-@ finals after coming second in their group , and Sudan claimed their second title despite being beaten by Zambia , as Zambia were guests .

= = Background = =

The CECAFA Cup is considered Africa 's oldest football tournament , and involves teams from Central and Southern Africa . The matches in the 1973 tournament were played from 22 September 1973 until 29 September 1973 . The tournament was originally the Gossage Cup , contested by the four nations of Kenya , Uganda , Tanganyika (modern day Tanzania) , and Zanzibar , running from 1929 until 1965 . In 1967 , this became the East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup , often shortened to simply the Challenge Cup , which was competed for five years , until 1971 , before the CECAFA Cup was introduced in 1973 . Ethiopia were the defending champions , having won the 2005 tournament in Rwanda , after finishing second in their group , and going on to beat Zanzibar and Rwanda in the final . The 2006 champions Sudan failed , however , to emerge from the 2005 group stages .

= = Participants = =

11 teams competed , four teams from the original tournament competed (excluding Tanganyika , which changed names and is currently called Tanzania) .

= = Group stages = =

The group stage began on 25 November and ended on 3 December with Group C 's final matches between Rwanda against Sudan , and Uganda against Somalia . Groups A and C contained four teams , but as there were only 11 partaking teams , group B contained only the three teams of Burundi , Zambia , and Zanzibar . At the end of the group stage , the team who finished bottom of their group was eliminated , whereas the teams who finished in positions other than last in the group progressed to the knock @-@ out rounds .