

= 1973 CECAFA Cup =

The 1973 CECAFA Cup was the inaugural edition of the CECAFA Cup , and was held in Uganda . 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 , 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 . Uganda , the hosts , won the Cup , beating Tanzania 2 ? 1 in the final . The tournament lacked a third @-@ place play @-@ off , so the runners @-@ up in the group stages , Kenya and Zambia , shared third place . After Uganda and Zambia drew in the group stages with the same number of points , goals conceded and goals scored , a play @-@ off occurred , which Uganda won . The tournament has been expanded , and the modern @-@ day tournament consists of 12 different teams (Ethiopia , South Sudan , Burundi , Rwanda , Sudan , and Eritrea have joined since 1973) .

= = Participants = =

Six nations competed : the original four teams from the Gossage Cup , plus two more teams :

= = Group stages = =

The group stage began on 22 September and ended on 28 September with Group A 's play @-@ off . The matchdays alternated between group A and group B throughout the week , finishing with the group A play @-@ off . After the end of the scheduled matches in group A , Uganda and Zanzibar were level on the traditional deciders listed below , so to decide which team qualified for the final a play @-@ off was arranged , won by Uganda .