

= 2013 CECAFA Cup =

The 2013 CECAFA Cup (known as the GOtv CECAFA Challenge Cup for sponsorship reasons) was the 37th edition of the annual CECAFA Cup , an international football competition consisting of the national teams of member nations of the Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) . The tournament was held in Kenya from 27 November to 12 December .

Contested by twelve national teams , the tournament had Zambia invited as a guest nation to fill in for Djibouti , who failed to participate for a second consecutive year . This followed the tournament 's recent tradition of inviting other African nations to take part once a CECAFA nation pulled out ; Malawi were invited to take part in the previous edition held in Uganda , while they and Zimbabwe took part in 2011 after Eritrea withdrew from the competition .

Hosts Kenya ran out 2 ? 0 winners in the final against three @-@ time champions Sudan , with a brace from Allan Wanga securing the Harambee Stars their sixth title after losing to previous hosts Uganda at the same stage the previous year . The third place playoff was won by guests Zambia , who beat Tanzania 6 ? 5 on penalties after playing out to a 1 ? 1 draw after 90 minutes .

= = Background and sponsorship = =

On 25 November 2012 , it was announced that Kenya was chosen to host the tournament after bids were placed by the host nation as well as Rwanda . However , their hosting of the tournament was not confirmed until a congress meeting for the Confederation of African Football held in Marrakesh , Morocco on 11 March 2013 , after it was announced that the Football Kenya Federation had met all the requirements for hosting the tournaments with support from the Kenyan government . The capital city Nairobi , Mombasa , Kisumu , Machakos and Nakuru were identified as host cities for the tournament .

On 21 November 2013 , CECAFA announced that GOtv would be the title sponsors of the tournament , having committed Ksh . 11 @.@ 25 million towards the organisation of the event and a further Ksh . 45 million towards the broadcasting of all 26 matches . Other companies that were sponsoring the tournament were Coca @-@ Cola , who committed Ksh . 6 @.@ 5 million , and UAP Insurance , who committed Ksh . 5 @.@ 5 million .

Of Ksh . 8 @.@ 7 million (approx . US \$ 100 @,@ 000) that was allocated for prize money , the winners were to receive Ksh . 5 @.@ 6 million , while the runners @-@ up were to take home Ksh . 2 @.@ 5 million . The third place playoff winners were to receive Ksh . 600 @,@ 000 .

= = Participants = =

The draw for teams to participate in the tournament was held during the tournament 's launch on 15 November 2013 . Alongside the 12 member nations of CECAFA , Ivory Coast , Malawi and Zambia were initially mooted as invitees for the tournament . However , CECAFA decided against inviting the Ivory Coast , with Secretary @-@ General Nicholas Musonye saying that flying in Les Éléphants and keeping them in the country would cost the organisers over US \$ 25 @,@ 000 . The Football Association of Malawi decided not to enter a team for the tournament due to a lack of funds .

The following teams were confirmed to participate in the tournament :

= = Match officials = =

The following 18 officials were appointed by CECAFA to participate in the tournament .

Referees

Assistant referees

= = Group stage = =

The group stage began on 27 November and ended on 5 December . The matchdays were 27 ? 29

November , 30 November ? 2 December and 3 ? 5 December .