

KITEEZI SKATEPARK SET TO TRANSFORM SKATEBOARDING

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Uganda's skateboarding community is set to receive a major boost following the announcement that an international-standard concrete skatepark will be constructed in Kiteezi, Kampala.

The project will be fully funded by Make Life Skate Life, a Belgium-based organisation, with construction expected to begin in January 2026.

The facility, to be known as Kiteezi Skatepark, will serve as the home of Climate Skaters Kiteezi and is expected to become a national hub for skateboarding in Uganda. Plans for the park also include a community classroom, to be built from a repurposed shipping container, aimed at supporting education and community development.

For years, the Kiteezi skating community has relied on a self-built, substandard skatepark where skaters of all ages train and compete. The new facility is expected to significantly improve training conditions, encourage greater participation particularly among girls, promote environmental education and empowerment through skateboarding.

Cynthia Kemigisha, founder of Climate Skaters Kiteezi, said the skatepark would be transformative for young skaters in Kiteezi and across the country. She noted that the lack of a standard facility has long hampered training and negatively affected the performance of Ugandan skaters at international competitions.

"We are extremely excited that we will finally have a standard skatepark," Kemigisha said. "We were surprised when Make Life Skate Life contacted us after following our work on social media. They were impressed by what we are doing and decided to support us by building a modern facility."

She added that the new skatepark would improve the sport nationwide and help Ugandan skaters better prepare for international events. "Training has been difficult, and this has limited our participation abroad. Once the park is complete, it will make a huge difference," she said.

Kemigisha also revealed that the land for the skatepark was acquired by Make Life Skate Life, which has additionally



Skaters showcase their skills at the old Kiteezi Skatepark before the new facility is built



Cynthia Kemigisha (2nd right) poses with a group of young skaters at Kiteezi Skatepark

provided skateboards to the club, support she described as a major boost to the community. Climate Skaters Kiteezi has been operating for two years and aims to develop athletes capable of representing Uganda at the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

"Our target is to produce skaters who can represent Uganda at the Olympics, possibly at the 2028 Games in



Los Angeles," Kemigisha said. Make Life Skate Life has launched a global fundraising campaign to support the construction of the facility

and is appealing to sports enthusiasts worldwide to contribute through donations.

In recent years, Climate Skaters Kiteezi and the Uganda Skateboard Society have played a key role in highlighting the growth of skateboarding in Uganda, helping to bring international attention to the country's emerging skate scene.