



PRESS RELEASE

Hesson appointed as National coach



New Zealander Mike Hesson has been appointed as the new coach of the Kenyan national team.

The 36-year-old is widely regarded as one of the best young coaches in the game and has been involved in coaching New Zealand “A” and “Emerging Players” sides since 2005 as well as assisting the New Zealand national team as a specialist batting coach. He joins Cricket Kenya from New Zealand provincial side Otago where he enjoyed a highly successful six year spell. During his time in charge of Otago he won two domestic titles and took the team to the Champions League Twenty20 tournament. Hesson has also spent time with English County side Gloucestershire as an assistant coach.

The former top order batsman will join on an initial two year contract and will arrive in Nairobi in time for the upcoming Intercontinental Cup match against the United Arab Emirates.

Hesson was appointed following an exhaustive recruitment process which attracted applications from across the World. The interview panel, which included former Kenya captain Steve Tikolo and representation from the ICC High Performance Programme, were unanimous in recommending Hesson for the role ahead of a strong shortlist of candidates.

Chief Executive Tom Sears said: ‘We are delighted to have secured Mike’s services, he has an excellent record of developing players and successful teams, he has worked at the highest level with some of the best players in the game and throughout the selection process demonstrated a real

desire and clear vision to take our national team forward. He comes highly recommended and as well as being a highly skilled technical coach is an excellent communicator, something crucial to the role.'

Mike Hesson said: 'Being appointed the Kenyan National Coach is a real honour. Having spoken with Cricket Kenya key stakeholders during the selection process I was stimulated by the passion shown to drive Cricket Kenya forward. I am very much looking forward to this exciting new coaching opportunity and working with the undoubted talent there is within Kenya.'

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