



**Professor Gills Gilbert Nyanganji, PhD, 6th Dan
Shihan | African Continental President
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Professor Gills Gilbert Nyanganji, PhD, is a leading African martial arts authority with over three decades of excellence in karate instruction, leadership, and continental development. A 6th Degree Black Belt (Rokudan) and holder of the Shihan title (conferred in 2021), he combines academic scholarship

with traditional mastery as a Doctor of Martial Arts Science.

He serves as Vice President of the United Federation of Martial Artists (UFMA) and is a member of the Order of the Golden Dragon 2018, overseeing instructor certification, grading, curriculum development, and mentorship across Africa.

Conservation & Environmental Leadership

Beyond martial arts, Professor Nyanganji is a respected conservation advocate and pioneer researcher. His contributions include:

- Campaigning for environmental safeguards in the Mambilla Hydroelectric Project, leading to the inclusion of an Environmental Impact Assessment (2005).
- Establishing conservation clubs in secondary schools since 1994 in partnership with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF).
- Supporting wildlife protection initiatives in Gashaka Gumti National Park and Kainji lake National Park.
- Contributing to lion conservation efforts and elephant protection programs in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).
- Early research collaboration with the Gashaka Primate Project (UCL).

His conservation work bridges science, policy, and grassroots action.

Public Service & Governance

Professor Nyanganji served as Special Adviser on Conservation and Tourism to the Governor of Bauchi State (2012–2014).

He is actively engaged in youth empowerment, sports development, peace building, and ethical leadership advocacy, promoting accountability, integrity, and civic responsibility across communities in Nassarawa state.

Impact & Legacy

A multilingual leader (English, French, Hausa, and Fulfulde), Professor Nyanganji continues to unite communities through martial arts, conservation, and public service. His work reflects a lifelong commitment to discipline, environmental stewardship, youth development, and African institutional strength.