



## The Shihan's Journey

SHIHAN SAMSON MURIPO'S TIMELINE

*The fighting spirit unleashed*

1993

**THE JOURNEY BEGINS** at Ndima High School, in a rural community in Chimanimani, Zimbabwe.

1998

**HOBBY BECOMES CAREER.** After noticing that the juniors he was training with were winning tournaments, Samson started enrolling for tournaments as well.

2001

**FIRST PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT.** Shihan Samson Muripo's first professional tournament was in 2001 at Rutendo Hall in Mufakose, Harare, Zimbabwe.

2006

**PROFESSIONAL KARATE SCHOOL & FIRST GOLD MEDAL.** Shihan Samson Muripo's becomes the first black person to attend the Uchideshi Program in Japan in July, after finding and connecting with Hanshi Daigo Oishi as his teacher. He went on to win his first Gold Medal in Cape Town, South Africa at the All Africa Kyokushin Karate Tournament.

2007

**KYOKUSHIN LOVE.** Samson went back to Japan to further his training in 2007 where he got Kyokushin Love (a very rigorous and intensive training program geared to bring the best out of him).

2009

**FIRST WORLD CUP OPEN KARATE TOURNAMENT.** Shihan Samson Muripo fought his first World Cup Open Karate Tournament fight in Osaka, Japan.

2019

**SECOND WORLD KYOKUSHIN KARATE CHAMPIONS HIP.** Shihan Samson Muripo won the second World Kyokushin Karate Championship 2019 Men's Veterans Category in Moscow, Russia.

2021

**SHIHAN SAMSON MURIPO, WORLD KARATE CHAMPION DOCUSERIES IS LAUNCHED.** In July 2021, Yakontent in partnership with First Mutual Holdings Limited through the Yako Story Initiative pioneered in producing and launching a 4 part mini docuseries dubbed: Shihan Samson Muripo, World Karate Champion.

The Shihan Samson Muripo World Karate Champion Docuseries is a story of Hope, Possibility, Self-Belief, Mastery, Discipline, Determination, Perseverance and Hard work. The Yako Story shows the Zimbabwean and African Youth from all walks of life that it is possible to go beyond your barriers and achieve greatness regardless of where you start off in life.

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2022

**MEETING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE.** They say a man's gift makes a way for him and ushers him into the presence of the great. Therefore, due to Shihan Samson Muripo's outstanding achievements and accolades while representing his country Zimbabwe, he has had the honour of meeting the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, His Excellency Cde E.D. Mnangagwa, the Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Tanaka and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Officials on 20th of April 2022.



Shihan Samson Muripo is the Branch Chief for So-Kyokushin Karate-Do organization in Zimbabwe, as well as the Development Ambassador for Africa. He is a record-breaking 2-time World Karate Champion, and has attained 24 Medals between the period 2005 – 2019:

- 2 World Championships Gold Medals,
- 2 World Championships Silver Medals,
- 1 World Championships Bronze Medal,
- 6 International Gold Medals,
- 5 International Silver Medals,
- 2 International Bronze Medals,
- 5 Regional Gold Medals, and
- 1 Local Silver Medal.

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