

**Name:** Gaetano Kagwa

**Gender:** Male

**Born:** 22/06/72

**Age:** 37

**Height:** 1.72m

**Nickname:** Gae (*Guy*)

**City of Residence:** Nairobi - Kenya

**Occupation:** Capital In The Morning Show host on 98.4 Capital FM – Nairobi , Host of Studio 53 on Mnet, MC at social and corporate functions. Spokesperson for Namugongongo Fund for Special Children (Orphanage) since 2006. Co-Director of Zone 7. UNAIDS Special Representative 2007-2008.

**ICASA 2008 – Leadership for the Next Generation in the HIV/AIDS Response in Africa - GAETANO KAGWA, UNAIDS Special Representative (Moderator)**

**Relationship Status:** Married ☺

**Education:** University Degree in Political Science (University of Wisconsin La-Crosse, USA) 1993-1997

Gaetano was also doing his third year studying law at Makerere University – Kampala (2000-2003), however, put it on hold after a stint in Big Brother Africa - 2003.

**Work Experience:** MC for Uganda Fashion Week 2004, 2005 and 2006. Studio 53 Host / Field Presenter 2004 to date. Host of East Africa Tusker Project Fame 2006 and 2008. MC for UB40 concert in Uganda 2008.

**Hobbies:** Riding motorbikes, talking politics, listening to jazz, reading, playing tennis.

With a mix of Italy and Uganda in his name, Gaetano is indeed a multi-faceted person. Having lived in Lesotho (Southern Africa) is also somewhat conversant in Sesotho.

From 2004 to 2008 hosted the breakfast radio show on Capital FM in Uganda (Big Breakfast), 2009 hosted Vision Voice Radio breakfast show. Currently Gaetano presents a leading breakfast show on Kenya's number one radio station – Capital FM together with his co-host Rae. He is a co-host of the popular TV show on M-Net called Studio 53, a travel magazine show that travels and highlights the continent of Africa. Face of Crane Bank in Uganda 2005. On occasions he gives his time to work alongside NGOs in going to schools to talk to children about health (HIV), adolescence, education and also gives his time to in such organizations to help abandoned children.

He has a strong sense of family orientation and would do anything to protect members of his family. Before entering the Big Brother Africa house, he said that if he were given the chance to develop a close relationship in the house, he would take it as far as possible as he is not a man with many inhibitions; this he later proved by starting a relationship with fellow housemate – Abby Plaatjes.

With the dream of living in the Caribbean Islands, this 36-year-old student is quite the 'sous' chef and can cook up a storm. His love for sport, especially soccer, sees him on the field with friends on many weekends. Gaetano likes listening to music, especially to the sounds of George Benson and Bob Marley. To this end along with his family he has opened up an entertainment venue in Mbuya, Kampala called Zone7.

Ugandan national Gaetano Kagwa is a well-known AIDS advocate, host of a popular television travel programme 'Studio 53' and a morning radio show on Kenya's Capital FM.

Gaetano rose to stardom in 2003 as a contestant on Big Brother Africa. Since his appearance on the show, he has become well-known and respected by young people across Eastern and Southern Africa. He has lived and worked in Uganda, Kenya, Lesotho and South Africa, as well as in the United States where he obtained a degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin.

Gaetano is actively involved in numerous AIDS awareness campaigns around Africa, advocating for an end to HIV stigma and discrimination and for the greater involvement of young people in the response.

As UNAIDS Special Representative, focuses on reaching out to young men and women to help develop important discussions about HIV and gender.