



CHOGM SPORTS BREAKFAST MEETING

PRESS RELEASE

Today Rwanda hosted the Commonwealth Sport breakfast held as a side event to the Commonwealth Heads Of Government Meeting 2022. It was facilitated by the Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and hosted by the Government of Rwanda.

The event discussed the crucial role that the Commonwealth Sports Movement can play in advancing social and human development outcomes, especially as member states explore Post-Covid 19 policy options. Furthermore, the event provided member states the opportunity to demonstrate how Commonwealth family members can leverage the power and popularity of sport and share the values and principles underpinning the Commonwealth organization.

This Sports Breakfast was also a time to discuss the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, officially known as the XXII Commonwealth Games, that Rwanda will attend in Birmingham, England from 28 July and 8 August 2022.

Aurore Mimosa MUNYANGAJU, Rwanda's Minister of Sports, said: ***"Today, we are ever more convinced that sports is a much-needed tool not only for health, professional achievements (to mention but a few), but also for bringing people together with a common understanding and a common goal. Sports empower people and teaches leadership and citizenship skills, while inculcating cooperation toward shared goals. Sport challenges inequalities in gender, race, and disability and are a means to educate against anti-social behavior as well as a means to reintegrate marginalized groups, including those classed as 'youth at risk'.***

"We believe sport has the power to bring us together, reconcile our differences and inspire us to change our lives for the better."

Dame Louise Martin, CGF President, said: ***It is sport that underpins our values of humanity, equality and destiny. It also sits at the center of our vision which states: Through sport, we create peaceful, sustainable and prosperous communities across the Commonwealth."***

This Sports Breakfast is organized as country members are preparing for Birmingham 2022 where over 4,500 athletes including Rwandans will compete across 19 sports and it is the largest event ever to be staged in the West Midlands region.

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