



The 26th Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi

Dear Rwandans sportsmen and women,

Dear Olympic and Commonwealth Games Federation family,

The world is going through a very difficult and challenging time. All of us are struggling to stop the spread of Covid-19, but unfortunately some people are dying day after day in many countries. Rwanda is one of the countries affected by Covid-19 and has implemented a lockdown to protect the citizens and reduce the spread of this pandemic.

During this global challenging time of Covid-19 pandemic, from April 7th to July 3rd, 2020, Rwandans will be commemorating the Genocide against Tutsi for the 26th time. **During the week from 7th to 13th April 2020**, all Rwandans and friends of Rwanda will carry out from home activities related to paying tribute to more than 1 million Tutsi including sportsmen and women who perished during the Genocide that was meticulously prepared and perpetrated by the government of that time between April 7th and July 3rd in 1994.

At different occasions, our Olympic and Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) family have demonstrated its support to all of us and especially to the survivors of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

We particularly remember the sense of humanity of the whole CGF family at the occasion of the 24th Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi. During the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in Australia, a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the Genocide against Tutsi was observed and some of you participated in the commemoration organized by the Rwandan community living in Brisbane, Australia.

The African Sports and Olympic family participated at the 25th Genocide commemoration and was represented by the President of the Association of the National Olympic Committee of Africa (ANOCA), Mr. Mustapha Berraf, the Secretary General Eng. Ahmed Abou Elgasim, Presidents of National Olympic Committees of the ANOCA Zone 5 and more than 300 young players coming for the Zone 5 games.

The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and the Rwandan sports and Olympic family will always be very grateful.



The 26th Commemoration of the Genocide against Tutsi which starts on this 7th April 2020 will be another very hard period for all of us especially the survivors of the Genocide against the Tutsi. It is going to happen at a moment we are all locked at home due to Covid-19.

It is a time Rwandans and survivors need much more support from you. A special thought of our Olympic values of **friendship, respect and excellence** and our CGF values of **humanity, equality and destiny** would be enough to stop the revisionism and the denial of the Genocide against Tutsi. It would support their usual resilience and would demonstrate to them that life is going on.

Together WE **REMEMBER, UNITE, RENEW**

“Building a peaceful and a better world through sport and Olympic ideals”

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***Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee &
Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association.***