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## **RNOSC Press Release**

## The RNOSC to host the first ever Athletes Commission Forum.

From the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2020, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee through its Athletes Commission is hosting the first athletes' forum.

The forum is composed of 105 participants from 25 National Sports Federations, 4 Olympic scholarship holders, 4 athletes benefiting team support grant program, 6 athletes benefiting ANOCA special grant, 16 Olympians and 25 representatives of the National Sports Federations.

This forum will focus on the Olympic Values Education, entrepreneurship skills, Antidoping and fight against COVID-19 pandemic. The forum was proposed following the approval of the RNOSC Athletes Commission by the RNOSC General Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.

On this occasion, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee in partnership with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Rwanda will also launch a 10-day awareness campaign to fight COVID-19 pandemic. Radio Rwanda and RTV channels, outdoor boards and social media networks of both the RNOSC and the Federal Republic of Germany in Rwanda will be used to raise awareness on the measures taken by the Rwanda government to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the opening ceremony of this first ever athletes forum, the RNOSC will take the advantage to represent the awards to all Olympians and athletes who have been awarded during the RNOSC Award Ceremony on sidelines of the RNOSC General Assembly 2020. At the same time the qualified athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games namely Félicien Muhitira and John Hakizimana, and the duos of Olivier Ntagengwa/Akumuntu Kavalo Patrick and Gatsinzi Vénuste/Fils Habintwali, will also receive their special support grant for the preparations and qualifying tournaments ahead of Tokyo 2020.

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Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee.