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Message from The President of RNOSC

Dear Readers,

We are so happy you are here!

We put in place this quarterly newsletter to help you get updated about Rwanda Sport Movement's activities.

This platform will be a trustworthy and inspiring source for you of every activity of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and its Member National Sports Federations, as well as another opportunity to keep promoting the Olympism.

Thank you for being part of our journey towards the Rwandan Sport Sector development.

Amb. Valens MUNYABAGISHA
President

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The Rwanda Sport Movement Retreat 2019

From 24th to 25th of January 2019, The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and The Ministry of Sports and culture organized a Rwanda Sport Movement Retreat which took place in Rubavu district under the theme: "IMPACT OF SPORT TO THE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF RWANDA - "WHY NOT IN SPORTS?"

The retreat had attracted all National Sports Federations and different sectors/ institutions.

RNOSC Ordinary General Assembly 2019

From 25th to 26th of January 2019, The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee hosted its annual Ordinary General Assembly in Rubavu district.

The Minister of Sports and Culture attended as the guest of honor.



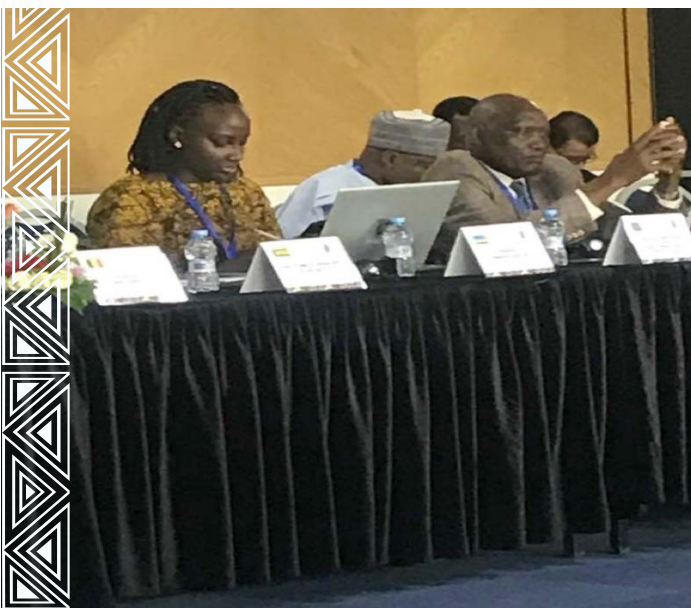
2019 COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION MEETING-INTERSHIP PROGRAMME



From 31st January-1st February 2019, The Rwanda-CGA Intern, Ishimwe Jean Luc accompanied by his supervisor, Mr. Jean Jacques Mugisha who is the Commonwealth Programs Manager at Rwanda-CGA attended the induction workshop on University Internship Program (eqUIP) which took place in Gaborone, Botswana.

The workshop gathered seven interns and seven supervisors from seven countries namely Rwanda, Botswana, Cameroon, Nigeria, South Africa, Lesotho, Malawi.

The Workshop was conducted by the Development Director-CGF, Mr. Richard de Groen and the Regional Development Manager CGF, Ms. Ellen Barwise.



Chefs de Mission Seminar ahead of African Games 2019

From 26th to the 27th of February 2019, The Olympic Solidarity Programs Manager, Ms. Naickey Ijimberé attended the Chefs de Mission seminar which was held in Rabat, Morocco ahead of the African Games which are set to start from 19th of August 2019 to the 1st of September 2019 in Morocco

The National Forum for Gender Equality in Rwanda Sports Movement

From 13th to 15th of February 2019, The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee hosted the National Forum for Gender Equality in Rwanda Sports Movement which took place in Nyanza District.

The three-day forum was officially opened by the Minister of Sports and Culture, Hon. Espérance Nyirasafari - She urged women to work together in order to overcome challenges they face in sports.

The President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee (Amb. Valens Munyabagisha) said: "Some of the challenges faced by women in sports included lack of investments, low turn up of women in sports especially in decision-making process in the Sports Federations they belong to."

The IOC Member and Vice President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Mrs. Felicite Rwemarikar: "More of these forums/dialogues about women in sports should be organized in order to encourage more women to get involved in the sector just like other sectors."

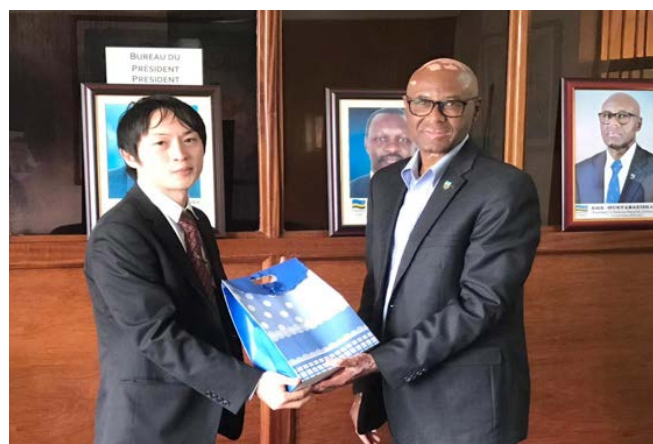




The Visit of Hachimantai City to the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee

On the 22nd of February 2019, the President of the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, **Amb. Valens Munyabagisha** received in his office the delegation from Hachimantai City, Japan.

The objective of the visit was to discuss the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and Hachimantai City, on 15th May 2018.



The MoU aims to assist the training of Rwandan elite athletes in the local environment before and during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

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Commonwealth Day 2019

On 11 March 2019, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe observed Commonwealth Day.

The day was celebrated with a broad range of activities, including faith and civic gatherings, debates, school assemblies, flag raising ceremonies, street parties, cultural events and a multicultural.

The Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association (Rwanda-CGA) celebrated this day at GS Camp Kigali School and different Guests participated in this event, the

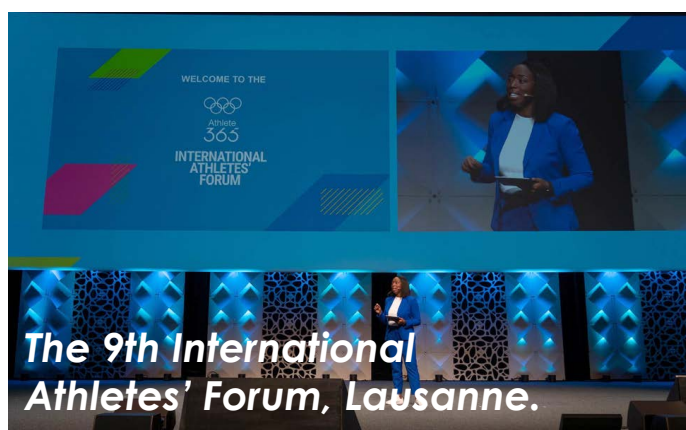
guest of honor was The High Commissioner United Kingdom in Rwanda Ms. Jo LOMAS and Rwanda CGA was represented by The 1st Vice President Madam Rwemalika Felicite.

About 3000 Students of Primary and Secondary from GS. Camp Kigali attended this event, some of them participated in activities which were scheduled on this day to happen such as Debate and Essays Competitions, Table Tennis Competition and The winners awarded Trophies and School Materials



CGF Africa Regional Meeting 2019

From 11-13 April 2019, the President of Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association, Amb. Valens Munyabagisha attended the Annual Africa Regional Meeting 2019. Through the Tanzania Commonwealth Games Association, the 3-day meeting held in Zanzibar and chaired by the President of CGF, Louise Martin CBE.



The 9th International Athletes' Forum, Lausanne.

The advisor & President of Athletes Commission at Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Mrs. Hermine E'Gairma took part at the 9th International Athletes' Forum, which ran from 13 to 15 April in Lausanne.

The forum ended with concrete proposals to further increase the support to Athletes at all levels.

"This International Athletes Forum was empowering, exciting and unifying," highlighted Kirsty Coventry, IOC AC Chair



CISÉL - Cycle International du Sport d'élite Lausanne - Spring session 2019

The Rwanda Swimming Federation Coach, Mr. Rafiki Jean Claude is pursuing a two-month program at Sports Academy Lausanne, Switzerland which is sponsored by Olympic Solidarity through Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee. From 23rd April 2019 to 24th June 2019, Rafiki will learn sports science at Cycle International du Sport d'élite (CISÉL).

Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee continues to empower and strengthen capacity-Skills for both elite sports and Sports For All as well as to uplift sports disciplines which are lagging behind by training the sports administrators

ANOCA ZONE V YOUTH GAMES 2019

From the 02nd of April 2019 to the 6th of April 2019, Rwanda through the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee had successfully hosted the ANOCA ZONE V YOUTH GAMES 2019, First Edition in Huye District, Southern Province.

The 5 - day massive event was organized by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa Zone 5, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and the Ministry of Sports and Culture of Rwanda.

About 300 athletes from 11 countries of ANOCA ZONE V namely South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda,

Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, and Egypt plus Refugees Olympic Team based in Rwanda and France as the invited country competed in 5 different disciplines: Taekwondo, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, 3X3 Basketball, and Athletics.

As the theme of this event was "Peace, Unity and Social Cohesion", these games were the good time to educate the youth of the zone 5 about the impact of sport in building Peace, Unity and reconciliation in the society and to join Rwanda for the 25th commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

Egypt will host the 2nd edition of this bi-annual event in 2021

Egypt will host the 2nd Edition of ANOCA ZONE V YOUTH GAMES 2021.







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Gen. Kabarebe James giving the Educational Talk to the Youth.



Rwanda Sports Movement built house for Nyiramariza Clothilde

In line of Kwibuka 25 and paying respect to the victims especially the sportsmen killed in 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, on 26th May 2019, the Ministry of Sport and its affiliated institutions, Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and National Sports Federations have officially inaugurated the house which was built for the vulnerable genocide survivor, Madam Nyiramariza Clothilde. This house which is situated in Cyeza sector, Muhanga district is estimated to coast 10,000,000Frw.

The Nyarusange memorial site received a donation of 500,000Frw while 10 vulnerable families have been given cows and materials for other 10 families.



Junior International Cycling Competition - Kigali

On the 02nd of June 2019, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee together with the “Union Francophone de Cyclisme” organized the Junior International Cycling Competition in Kigali.

won gold medals.

On the occasion of this competition, the “Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF)” hosted the board meeting from 03-04 June 2019.

The competition aimed at offering young cyclists, girls and boys members of French-speaking countries a unique opportunity to develop and improve their talents ahead of competitions of the highest level in future.

6 countries namely Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ivory Coast, Niger, DRC and the host country, Rwanda participated and Rwandan Boys and Girls National Cycling Teams



Genocide Memorial Tournament 2019

The month of June of every year, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and the National Sports Federations in partnership with the Ministry of Sports and Culture organize the commemoration activities to remember and pay respect

to the sportsmen killed in 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

One of these activities is the Genocide Memorial Tournament (GMT 2019) where National Sports Federations scheduled their tournaments as follows:

SPORTS FEDERATIONS	DATE
CHESS	7-9 JUNE 2019
HANDBALL	1-2 JUNE 2019 & 8-9 JUNE 2019
RUGBY	22 JUNE 2019
TRIATHLON	15 JUNE 2019
TABLE TENNIS	02 JUNE 2019
KARATE	15 JUNE 2019
BASKETBALL	4-9 JUNE 2019
VOLLEYBALL	28-29-30 JUNE 2019
KUNG-FU	22-23 JUNE 2019
ARPST	14/15/22 JUNE 2019
TAEKWONDO	8-9 JUNE 2019
CYCLING	22-23 JUNE 2019
BOXING	29-30 JUNE 2019
SWIMMING	23 JUNE 2019
TENNIS	8-15 JUNE 2019
GYMNASTIC	30 JUNE 2019
NPC	29/6/2019



59th International Young Participants Session at IOA

From the 1st to the 15th of June 2019, IT and Communication Officer of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Mr. RUGIGANA Jean Claude attended the 59th International Session For Young Participants.

171 participants from 91 countries gathered at the International Olympic Academy (IOA) in Ancient Olympia, Greece for this annual session under the theme: "Olympic Diplomacy and Peace" with special subject: "Olympic Diplomacy: How can Olympic Sports play a positive role in International Diplomacy?"

"The two week annual session, traditionally held in June or July, is designed as an introduction to Olympism and the Olympic Movement. The IOA brings together a large international group of young people who are primarily students, Olympic athletes, people active in sport, teaching or active in their respective NOCs or NOAs.

The aim of the IOA is to educate, but more importantly, to motivate young people to use their experiences and knowledge gained from the Session productively in promoting the Olympic Ideals and educating others in their own countries." (cfr. IOA Website).

Olympic Marketing Seminar - ANOCA

The Secretary General of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Mr. Alexis SHARANGABO attended the International Olympic Committee's Marketing Seminar in Budapest, Hungary from 4th to 6th June 2019.

64 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) took part with almost 100 participants.

The seminar was organized with the support of the marketing team of the IOC (IOC Television and Marketing Services) and the Association of National Olympic

Committees (ANOC) and sponsored by the Olympic Solidarity.

Topics on the agenda included the Committees' digital possibilities, corporate contribution action, advertisement integration, increasing sponsors/partners satisfaction, and the theme of the upcoming Olympic Games.

Since the beginning in 2015, the goal of this seminar has been to share knowledge, practices and information connected to Olympic marketing topics between the NOCs.





Africa Zone V RADO 2019 Board Meeting

The President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee Medical Commission, Dr. Bosco Mpatswenumugabo participated at the Africa RADO zone V board member annual meeting which took place in Addis Ababa from 12-13 June 2019.

The meeting was chaired by the Africa RADO Zone V President, Professor El Gameillo and it focused on three following points: member countries action plan, Outstanding WADA and

RADO dues, UNESCO convention signing and RADO Education plan.

ANOCA General Assembly 2019

From the 11th to 16th of June 2019, the President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Amb. Valens MUNYABAGISHA attended the 18th Ordinary General Assembly of ANOCA which took place in Cape Verde.

International Relations Exchange with NOC of France

From 17-20 June 2019, The President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Amb. Valens MUNYABAGISHA paid a courtesy call to the National Olympic Committee of France with strides of strengthening bilateral relations.



Olympic Day 2019.

On the 23rd of June 2019, Rwanda through Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee joined the rest of the world to celebrate the Olympic Day 2019.

This year's celebrations took place in Rwanda culture hub city, Nyanza District where a good number of local citizens and schools participated at Olympic Run and gathered at Nyanza stadium for stretching exercises. The children have also demonstrated their skills in Karate and Athletics





On 23rd June 2019, the President of Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, Amb. Valens MUNYABAGISHA participated at the official inauguration of the IOC new headquarters “Olympic House” and celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the IOC, which was founded on 23rd June 1894 by Pierre de Coubertin



The ceremony which took place in Lausanne, Switzerland was attended by 700 guests, including the President of the Swiss Confederation, Ueli Maurer; the IOC Members; the Presidents of the 206 National Olympic Committees and the International Sports Federations; and more than 30 Olympic medallists.



Karate Technical Course for Coaches.

From 01-08 July 2019, with financial support of Olympic Solidarity through Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee, the Rwanda Karate Federation organized a technical course, level 1 and 27 qualified coaches at national level attended.

The training was conducted by the World Karate Federation Expert, Antonio Olivia Seba Sensei, 8th Dan Black Belt.

Karate was included in the sport programme of the Olympic Games Tokyo

2020 in the memorable 129th session of the International Olympic Committee which was held in Rio de Janeiro on August 3rd 2016.

Karate will make its debut appearance at the Summer Olympics in 2020 in Tokyo, Japan. Olympic karate will feature two events, Kumite and Kata.

Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee continues to empower and strengthen capacity-Skills for both elite sports and Sports For All as well as to uplift sports disciplines which are lagging behind by training the sports administrators / coaches.

The group photo of participants





Gatsibo Sports Day 2019.

a day for sports dubbed “Gatsibo Sports Day” on July 20, 2019 at Kiramuruzi sector.

Within the context of encouraging Rwandans to develop a culture of engaging and involving in sports most especially among the youth, in addition to promoting traditional sports, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee in collaboration with Gatsibo district organized

It was a day marked for sports for all, with different sports disciplines which included cycling, athletics, swimming; beach volleyball and traditional Rwandan board game in the context of detecting and nurturing upcoming talent



Cycling and Athletics Team posing upon their arrival in Japan.



Following the Memorandum of Understanding signed in May 2018 between the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee and the Hachimantai city of Japan;

From the 21st July to 15th August 2019, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee sent to Hachimantai city cycling, athletics and beach volleyball teams for a training camp ahead of 2019 All African Games and Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Rwandan delegation to Hachimantai city

1. Cycling: Areruya Joseph, Munyaneza Didier, Uhiriwe Byiza Renus and Gahemba Bernabe.
2. Beach Volleyball: Ntagengwa Olivier, Akumuntu Kavalo Patrick, Gatsinzi Venuste, Niyonkuru Yves, Nzayisenga Charlotte, Hakizimana Judith, Mukandayisenga Benitha and Munezero Valentine
3. Athletics: Hitimana Noel, Tuyishimire Christophe and Yankuliye Marthe

Beach Volleyball Teams posing upon their arrival in Japan.



Trainings:

during the 3 weeks of training camp, the Hachimantai city provided training facilities to the teams according to the specifications of disciplines.



Culture Exchange program:

Apart of training, athletes had an opportunity of exploring Japanese culture by getting involved in different social events hosted by local communities.



Culture Exchange program





From the 7th to 10th August 2019, the Rwanda-CGA eqUIP intern, Mr. ISHIMWE Jean Luc attended the University Internship program (eqUIP) Team 7 Mid Term workshop in Maseru, Lesotho.

The 3-day workshop gathered 7 interns from Cameroon, Malawi, Nigeria, Botswana, South Africa, Rwanda and the host country, Lesotho with aim of discussing, sharing experiences gained from the first phase of their internship and elaborating the work plan of next

phase.

The workshop was chaired by the CGF Regional Vice President Europe, Mr. CHRIS Jenkins, the CGF Development Director, Mr. Richard de Groen and the CGF Regional Development Manager, Mrs. Ellen Barwise.



On 11th August 2019, the Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee delegation led by the President, Amb. Valens Munyabagisha together with the Governor of Southern Province, CG Emmanuel K. Gasana joined the local citizens of Muhanga district for Car Free Day - Sports For All.

On the occasion of that mass sport, the top three southern districts namely Muhanga, Nyanza and Huye have been recognized for their efforts in promoting car free day sports for all 2018-2019.



Training Workshop on Sports Development For Coaches and Sport Leaders in Rwanda.

From 18-20 August 2019, with Partnership University of Tsukuba of Japan, The Rwanda National Olympic and Sports Committee hosted a 3-day training workshop on sports development for coaches and sport leaders in Rwanda.

The workshop was conducted by professors from Tsukuba University including Prof. Rakwal Randeep, Dr. Hirokazu Matsuo,

Dr. Kazuhiro Kajita and Dr. Koichi Watanabe with aim of linking the TIAS Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies Alumni to sports development in Rwanda and sharing Japan sports expertise.

During these three days, 26 participants had a unique opportunity to learn about the anti-doping education program, international coaching practices - Japanese perspectives, research development in sports, research on physical education and club management systems in Japan and case examples on swimming and water polo.





All African Games 2019



WELCOME AFRICA

From the 19th to the 31st August 2019, Rabat-Morocco hosted the 12th Edition of All African Games.

The 2019 African

Games were marked by the participation of 6000 athletes, from 54 African countries, competing in 26 sport codes and 18 different sports were a qualification step for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Rwanda was represented in 3 disciplines and managed to win two bronze medals.



Rwandan delegation supporting beach volleyball teams.

Beach Volleyball National Teams:

Men's Beach Volleyball Team made up of Kavalo Patrick and Ntagengwa Olivier managed to take home bronze medal after defeating Republic of South Africa 2-0 (21-18, 21-16).

Women's Beach Volleyball Team (Valentine Munezero and Benitha Mukandayisenga) lost their ¼ final match against Egypt 2-0

Elite Men's Cycling National Team:

(Areruya Joseph, Moise Mugisha, Nzafashwanayo Jean Claude and Munyaneza Didier): The National Team won a bronze medal in elite men's Team Trial Time category

Athletics:

Rwanda was represented by Hitimana Noel and Yankurije Marthe in 10,000m respectively



The duo (Kavalo & Olivier) with their coach, Christophe



Moise Mugisha won a bronze medal in elite men's Individual Trial Time category



Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association has successfully hosted the 2019 Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly and strategic forum.

The event which was held in Kigali, Rwanda from 3rd to 5th September at Kigali Radisson Blue & Convention Center – brought together sports leaders from all 70 nations and territories of the Commonwealth and It coincided with ten-year anniversary of Rwanda joining the list of Commonwealth nations in 2009

The hosting of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) General Assem-

bly was a proactive step by the Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association (Rwanda-CGA) and its partners such as Ministry of Sports and culture (MINISPOC) and Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB) towards strengthening international connections and influence.

It was also a great opportunity to not only build the profile of Rwanda but also the wider Commonwealth and contribute to our shared sporting, social and economic development.

The objectives of Rwanda Commonwealth Games Association for hosting this meeting were:

- **Raising the prestige and respect of Rwanda in the region.**
- **International exposure of Rwanda to the commonwealth family.**
- **Create legacy for hosting international sports meetings.**
- **Good pre-preparation of the CHOGM 2020**

Main Event Activities

A. Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was chaired by the Minister of Sports and Culture, Hon. Esperance Nyirasafari as guest of honor along with CGF President, Dame Louise Martin DBE and Rwanda-CGA President, Amb. Valens Munyabagisha.

These colorful ceremonies took place at KCC on 3rd September 2019



Rwandan Bronze medalists at Commonwealth Youth Games 2017, Valentine and Penelope bearing Rwandan and CGF flags at the opening ceremony.



Rwanda's National ballet, Urukurereza performing at opening ceremony.



From left: CGF President Dame Louise Martin DBE, Minister of Sports and Culture Hon. Esperance Nyirasafari, Rwanda-CGA President Amb. Valens Munyabagisha

B. Official Functions

- On 2nd September 2019, Rwanda-CGA hosted a welcome function (cocktail) at Kigali Arena.



On 4th September 2019, the Rwanda Ministry of Sports and Culture offered a Gala dinner that took place at Kigali Marriott Hotel



Minister of sports and culture Hon. Esperance Nyirasafari, Commonwealth Secretary-General Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland QC and Rwanda-CGA President, Amb. Valens Munyabagisha





CGF President Dame Louise Martin DBE receiving the gift from Rwanda-CGA President Amb. Valens Munyabagisha

- On 5th September 2019, CGF hosted the closing Function of the General Assembly at Kigali Cultural Village. The celebratory Dinner was organized to thank the host Rwanda and mark the closing of the General Assembly.





B. Car Free Day

CGF Executive board and their staff joined Kigali citizens for the bi-monthly Car Free Day held on 01st September 2019.



D. Kigali genocide memorial Site Visit

On 3rd September 2019, CGF delegates visited Kigali Genocide Memorial Site.



E. Visit to Rwanda Women Parliamentary Forum

21 CGF guests led IOC member and 1st Vice President of Rwanda CGA visited the Rwanda Women Parliamentary Forum on the 04th of September 2019. The Gender equality is one of the prior funda-

mentals of the Commonwealth Games Federation and nowadays, Rwanda is a role model in women emancipation, CGF delegates visited the Rwanda Women Parliamentary Forum to learn more about the role of woman in good governance and transformation of Rwanda after the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.



F. Kwita Izina 2019

On 06th of September 2019, 61 CGF delegates joined the World for Kwita Izina (Gorillas Naming) ceremony in Musanze district.

CGF President Dame Louise Martin DBE and Commonwealth Secretary-General Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland QC named one of the baby gorillas from the Igisha family, "uruti" which means the highest recognition of heroism

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