

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY H.E. NKWELLE EKANEY, HIGH COMMISSIONER.

Dear Cameroonian compatriots,

The London 2012 Olympic Games are about to commence. I write to appeal to your patriotism in lending your full support behind our athletes during these games. Totalling 33 persons, our athletes will be participating in a variety of sporting activities, including athletics, table tennis, boxing, martial arts, swimming, weight lifting, and of course football, and in various venues across the United Kingdom. They are accompanied by an important delegation, comprising the Minister of Sports and Physical Education, Mr Adoum GAROUA; a training team of coaches, doctors, as well as the Ministry personnel; the Head of the National Olympic Organising Committee and personnel, and sporting Ambassadors and legends, namely Ambassador Roger MILLA and Samuel ETO'O (tbc).

You will be kept abreast of developments via an Olympic Planning Committee (OPC), comprising members of diaspora groups, Olympic representatives at the High Commission and the website of the High Commission.

I therefore humbly call upon you all to come out and show your support to this lifetime games dubbed – The Cultural Olympiad, which evidences the cultural diversity of London. Your show of support for our athletes can take place at various venues, starting with the women's football match between Cameroon and Brazil on Wednesday 25 July, 2012 in Cardiff, and the other events and venues thereafter. The OPC and the website of the Cameroon High Commission will circulate information about venues and events, fan clubs, local Cameroonian groups and contacts, and ways of getting updated information.

You are also notified of "African Village" – an exhibition space that will showcase the best of Cameroon throughout the games from Friday 27 July to 12 August 2012, and will host a special "Cameroon Day" event on Thursday 2nd August 2012. The "Cameroon Day" will be full of cultural manifestations by Cameroonian artists and cultural dances. It will also comprise information on Cameroon's sporting prowess, cultural attributes, business potential and Cameroon-owned businesses. The African Village activities will be held in Kensington Gardens (main entrance opposite Royal Albert Hall).

Finally, it is envisaged that the High Commission will offer a reception for our athletes and delegation from Cameroon. The modalities including the date and venue of such an event will be communicated to the Cameroonian community in due course.

I look forward to your usual patronage as we seek to make our participation in the London 2012 Olympic Games a memorable experience for all our brothers and sisters who have come into the United Kingdom for this important and historic event.

Yours faithfully,

Nkwelle EKANEY
High Commissioner.

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