



MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 12TH EDITION OF THE AFRICAN GAMES

WHAT: Official opening ceremony of the 12th edition of African Games under the theme “*Creating Opportunities through Sports for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*”.

Highlights for media opportunity:

- Handing over ceremony of the AU flag by the AU Commission to the Kingdom of Morocco, **11H00**;
- Press conference of AU Commission and Kingdom of Morocco; **18H00**;
- Official opening ceremony of the African Games; **20H00**

WHERE: Rabat, Games village, Moulay Abdellah Sports Complex

WHEN Monday 19 August 2019

WHO: The opening ceremony of the African Games will be graced by **His Royal Highness Crown Prince Moulay Hassan** of Morocco; **H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission; and **H.E. Amira El Fadila**, Commissioner of Social Affairs, AU Commission.

WHY: On the occasion of the opening of the 12th edition of the African Games taking place from 19-31 August 2019, the African Union Commission will address on the opportunities in Sport for migrants and internally displaced persons in realising the vision of the African Union i.e. to build an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. The event will also discuss Africa’s 50year development framework, known as Agenda 2063 as well as the key projects being implemented by the AU for the continent’s development.

BACKGROUND: Owned by the African Union and under the Patronage of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI, the 12th African Games will take place in Rabat from 19-31 August, 2019 in accordance with the MOU signed in Rabat, on November 10th, 2018, approving Morocco to host such major sports event. The Games will be held in the following cities: Rabat, Salé, Temara, Casablanca, Benslimane and El Jadida.

This important continental event will be marked by the participation of more than 6,000 athletes competing in 26 sports disciplines, 17 of which are qualifying to the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020.

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