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One Week to Go: King's Baton Relay Celebrations in Malawi

Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi announces comprehensive schedule of sporting, cultural and environmental events

Lilongwe, 13 August 2025 – The Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi (CGAM) today announced that just one week remains until the launch of the King's Baton Relay in Malawi, marking the beginning of an exciting programme of activities that will celebrate sport, culture and environmental stewardship across the country.

The King's Baton, carrying His Majesty The King's message to all Commonwealth nations, will embark on a journey through Malawi featuring a diverse range of community events designed to bring people together and showcase the country's rich heritage and commitment to the Commonwealth values.

The programme will include sporting demonstrations and competitions featuring local schools and community groups, cultural performances highlighting Malawi's vibrant traditions, and environmental activities including community beach clean-up initiatives along Lake Malawi. These events will provide opportunities for Malawians of all ages to participate in the Commonwealth Games celebration while contributing to important environmental conservation efforts.



Major General Francis Kakhuta-Banda, Vice President of the Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi, said:

"We are incredibly excited to welcome the King's Baton to Malawi and to showcase our nation's sporting talent, cultural richness and environmental commitment. This relay represents more than just a ceremonial journey - it's an opportunity for our communities to come together, celebrate our Commonwealth connections, and demonstrate our shared values of friendship, sustainability and excellence. The diverse programme we've prepared will ensure that every Malawian can participate in this historic moment."

The activities form part of the build-up to the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 23rd July to 2nd August, 2026. The Games will feature athletes from across the 72 Commonwealth nations and territories competing in a celebration of sporting excellence and Commonwealth unity.

Background: Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth will take place in Glasgow, Scotland, marking the fourth time Scotland has hosted the Commonwealth Games. The Games will feature across four iconic venues, all located within an eight-mile corridor in Glasgow including Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming, Emirates Arena and Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, Scottish Event Campus. This innovative model aims to make the event highly accessible for spectators and broadcasters, delivering a 10sport program with six fully integrated Para sports.

The Games will showcase both traditional Commonwealth sports and new additions to the programme, continuing the Commonwealth Sport commitment to ensuring the Games remain relevant and exciting for athletes and spectators alike. Glasgow 2026 will also place significant emphasis on Humanity, Equality and Destiny, values that align closely with the Commonwealth's broader mission.



The King's Baton Relay is a cherished Commonwealth Games tradition that connects all Commonwealth nations and territories in the lead-up to the Games. The baton carries a message from His Majesty The King as Head of the Commonwealth, which will be read at the Opening Ceremony.

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Notes to Editors:

- The Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi is the national governing body responsible for Malawi's participation in the Commonwealth Games
- For more information about the King's Baton Relay activities in Malawi, contact Kythrina Phiri on 0992759060