



ZIMBABWE SENDS OFF RELAY QUARTET FOR GLOBAL GLORY IN BOTSWANA

Nation rallies behind team as leaders call for resilience, excellence, and belief

Harare - In a moment charged with pride, hope, and national expectation, Zimbabwe officially sent off its formidable men's 4x400m relay quartet ahead of the upcoming World Athletics Relays in Botswana, in a ceremony that united sport, government, and corporate Zimbabwe under one banner — victory for the nation.

The send-off ceremony, held in an atmosphere of celebration and purpose, marked a departure which signals Zimbabwe's intent to compete, to excel, and to reclaim its rightful place on the global athletics stage.

A CALL TO GREATNESS: TAGARA SETS THE TONE

Delivering a powerful and deeply inspiring address, NAAZ President Tendayi Tagara charged the athletes to rise beyond pressure and embrace the moment with courage:

"You are here not competing for yourselves but you carry the hopes of an entire nation. This stage demands resilience, unwavering dedication, and absolute determination. You have earned your place among the world's best, now go and prove that Zimbabwe belongs at that level."

Tagara emphasized that this generation of athletes represents a new era of belief and discipline within Zimbabwean athletics:

"History will remember those who rise when it matters most. This is your moment—run with heart, run with pride, and run for Zimbabwe."

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE BACKING: A PROMISE OF SUPPORT

Adding gravitas to the occasion, Zimbabwe Olympic Committee CEO, Madam Gadzikwa, delivered a heartfelt message of encouragement while reaffirming institutional support:

"We believe in you. You have demonstrated exceptional commitment and talent, and as the Olympic family, we stand firmly behind you."



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In a significant show of commitment, she pledged continued support for the athletes' participation:

"We are committed to ensuring that our athletes are fully supported, including facilitating air travel and essential logistics. Our goal is to remove barriers so you can focus on performance and excellence."

Her remarks were met with applause, reflecting growing confidence in Zimbabwe's sporting structures.

GOVERNMENT STEPS IN: SPORT & CULTURE MINISTRY RALLIES BEHIND TEAM

The Ministry of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture reinforced its unwavering support, signaling government alignment with the athletes' journey:

"These athletes represent the pride of Zimbabwe. As Government, we are fully behind them and will continue to support their preparation, participation, and success on the international stage."

The Ministry highlighted the importance of athletics as a unifying force and a platform for national identity and global recognition.

CORPORATE ZIMBABWE BACKS THE DREAM

The ceremony also showcased strong backing from corporate partners, with Cimas, Econet Wireless Zimbabwe, IMM Graduate School, Delta Corporation, and other stakeholders stepping forward in support of the team.

This collective commitment reflects a growing recognition that sport and significant national investment.

THE QUARTET: ZIMBABWE'S MEDAL HOPES

Zimbabwe heads into the global showdown with a highly competitive quartet, already making waves on the international rankings.

Names to Watch

Gerren Muwishi – A powerful finisher known for his explosive last 100m

Leeford Zuze – Technically sound and consistent under pressure

Thandazani Ndlovu – A rising force with remarkable stride efficiency

Dennis Hove – Experienced, composed, and tactically sharp

Together, the quartet has already demonstrated world-class potential, maintaining a Top 15 global ranking, placing them firmly among the contenders.

Their recent performances have reignited memories of Zimbabwe's golden relay era—and many believe this team has what it takes to go even further.

A NATIONAL STATEMENT

As the team departs for Botswana, expectations are high—but so is belief.

Expectations are high in restoring national pride, inspiring the next generation, and proving that Zimbabwean excellence remains a force on the global stage.

FINAL WORD: A NATION STANDS WITH THEM

From administrators to government, from corporates to ordinary citizens—the message is unified: Zimbabwe believes. Zimbabwe supports. Zimbabwe expects.

And as the quartet takes to the track in Botswana, one truth will echo louder than ever:

They do not run alone.

