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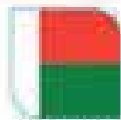
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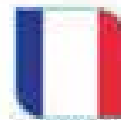
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Zimbabwe Unleashes One of Its Largest Youth Athletics Teams to Mauritius

Zimbabwe's athletics future is shining brightly as the National Athletics Association of Zimbabwe prepares to send *one of its largest and most exciting youth squads to Mauritius for the forthcoming regional athletics championships from 5 June to 7 June 2026*.

The powerful delegation, made up of Under-18 and Under-20 athletes, represents a bold statement of intent by Zimbabwe — showcasing the country's growing depth in sprinting, middle-distance running, hurdles, jumps, and relay events.

The squad features some of the nation's fastest rising stars, many of whom have already begun attracting attention through impressive performances on the domestic circuit and regional qualifying competitions.

Leading the women's contingent are talented young sprinters Nyamulepa PraiseGod, Maravanyika Delight, Sendi Shalom, Tashinga Ngirazi, and Chingono Hayley, all expected to provide explosive performances in the 100m and 200m races. Zimbabwe will also look to strong quarter-mile performances from Nyahuma Anesu and Shoko Nataly, with Shoko additionally competing in the demanding 400m hurdles event.



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Middle-distance hopes will rest on *Chipuriro Martha in the 800m*, while the mixed relay team is expected to draw significant attention with the inclusion of Nyahuma Anesu and Shoko Nataly.

On the men's side, Zimbabwe has assembled a balanced and highly competitive squad across multiple disciplines. The Under-18 category includes promising athletes such as Mafunga Malachi, Banga Calvin, Kebonyemosemane Ndebele, and Nyamukondiwa Tanatswa.

The Under-20 men's team carries exceptional depth in sprinting and field events, with athletes such as *Trey Chimunya, Mbonyeke Takudzwa, Alvin Simon, and Chihora Nenyasha* expected to lead Zimbabwe's challenge on the track.

Zimbabwe's field event strength will also be on full display through athletes like Chakonda Tawananyasha, Mutenure Panashe, Chindowa Tatenda, and Mutizwa Takunda, highlighting the country's growing technical development in jumps and hurdles.

Officials from National Athletics Association of Zimbabwe described the Mauritius assignment as a critical platform for exposing young athletes to high-level international competition while also building the next generation of champions capable of representing Zimbabwe on the continental and global stage.

"These Championships are about building the future of Zimbabwean athletics," said one athletics official close to the preparations. "The size and quality of this team demonstrate the confidence that Zimbabwe has in its emerging talent."

The Mauritius championships are expected to attract some of Southern Africa's best junior athletes, making the competition an important benchmark ahead of future continental and global events.

Zimbabwean athletics supporters will now be hoping the youthful delegation can translate its talent, preparation, and determination into podium finishes and memorable performances on the regional stage.

Team Zimbabwe – Mauritius Athletics Squad

Women Under 18

Nyamulepa PraiseGod – 100m, 200m
Maravanyika Delight – 100m, 200m

Women Under 20

Sendi Shalom – 100m, 200m
Nyahuma Anesu – 400m
Tashinga Ngirazi – 100m, 200m
Shoko Nataly – 400m, 400m Hurdles
Chingono Hayley – 100m, 200m
Chipuriro Martha – 800m

Men Under 18

Mafunga Malachi – 400m, 800m
Banga Calvin – 400m Hurdles
Kebonyemosemane Ndebele – 800m
Nyamukondiwa Tanatswa – 100m

Men Under 20

Trey Chimunya – 100m, 200m
Mbonyeke Takudzwa – 100m, 200m
Chihora Nenyasha – 400m
Uriga Emmanuel – 400m
Alvin Simon – 200m, 400m
Khumalo Gift – 800m
Chakonda Tawananyasha – 110m Hurdles, Long Jump
Mutenure Panashe – Long Jump
Chindowa Tatenda – High Jump
Mutizwa Takunda – Triple Jump, Long Jump

