



## World-class runners to take part in the esteemed ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon

***International athletes Abraham Kiptum, Stanley Biwott, Gelete Burka and Eunice Chebichii line up to take on the keenly anticipated ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon***

***Half marathon world-record holder, Abraham Kiptum, to compete in first-ever Abu Dhabi Marathon***

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates – November 4, 2018:** ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon has revealed the first round of world class runners joining the elite race, taking place for the first time in Abu Dhabi on December 7, 2018.

“The UAE is proud to welcome elite athletes from across the globe to join us for the inaugural ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon. These athletes are at the top of their game and we hope it will inspire the wider community to take part in the different race categories.” Said H.E. Aref Hamad Al Awani, General Secretary of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council.

In the Elite Male Category is Kenya’s **Abraham Kiptum**, the new world half marathon record holder, a title he won last Sunday in the Valencia Half Marathon boasting an incredible record time of 58:18. Kiptum also won the 2018 Daegu Marathon (2:06:29) and got his best performance at the 2017 Amsterdam Marathon completed with a time of 2:05:26.

Next up is Kenya’s **Stanley Biwott**, winner of the world-renowned 2015 New York City marathon, will be on the start line on December 7th 2018. Biwott earned his first major marathon victory in 2015, crossing the





line in 2:10:32, 14 seconds ahead of his competition. At the 2016 London Marathon he ran a career best of 2:03:51 with his performance making him one of 10 men to run a sub 2 hours 4 minutes marathon.

Representing the Elite Women, and hailing from Ethiopia will be **Gelete Burka**, 10,000m silver medalist at the 2015 IAAF World Championships, World Champion at the 2006 IAAF World Cross Country Championships and World Indoor Champion at the 2008 IAAF World Indoor Championships.

Finally, **Eunice Chumba Chebichii** of Bahrain, 10,000m silver medalist at the 2018 Asian Games and 2015 Asian Athletics Championships, will join the race. She is currently ranked as the 19th all-time best runner in half marathon history with a record time of 1:06:11, which she achieved during the Copenhagen Half Marathon in 2017.

These are just four of the athletes who will race in the ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon on December 7<sup>th</sup>. They will also be promoting healthy and active lifestyles to the capital's residents and encouraging the community to get involved in this historic sporting event in the UAE.

The full line up of world class runners will be announced at a press conference on December 6<sup>th</sup> and will be attended by the athletes.

There is still time to join in and take part in the various race categories. For more information visit: [www.adnocabudhabimarathon.com](http://www.adnocabudhabimarathon.com)

Athletes and supporters can also follow and interact with ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon on a variety of social media platforms including:

- [Facebook: ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon](#)
- [Twitter: @ADNOCADmarathon](#)
- [Instagram: adnocadmarathon](#)
- Hashtags: #EnergyInMotion #RunInAbuDhabi





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**Images:**

**Image 1** - Half marathon world-record holder Abraham Kiptum

**Image 2** - Kenya's Stanley Biwott, winner of 2015 New York City Marathon

**Image 3** - Ethiopia's Gelete Burka, 10,000m silver medalist at the 2015 IAAF World Championships

**Image 4** - Eunice Chumba Chebichii, 10,000m silver medalist at the 2018 Asian Games

**About Abu Dhabi Sports Council**

Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) was established in 2006 by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

ADSC is aligned to the emirate's leadership vision to develop sport and youth activities. The Council promotes an effective, emirate-wide sports calendar that stimulates the desire to participate in quality sports among all Abu Dhabi residents and helps the talented and motivated reach their sporting potential.

The Council also hosts and supports the staging of international world-class sporting events. These include: the annual Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA; the Formula 1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix; the ITU World Triathlon Series; both the Abu Dhabi and Gary Player Invitationals; the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open on the Ladies European Tour, the Red Bull Air Race; the Mubadala World Tennis Championship; the 2017 and 2018 FIFA Club World Cups; the 2019 AFC Asian Cup UAE and the UCI WorldTour event, The Abu Dhabi Tour.

We at ADSC firmly believe that sporting events deliver a host of benefits for the emirate and its residents. These span improved health and wellness, the building of community spirit, the discovering of local talent and the delivery of international exposure of the emirate as a world-class sporting events hub.

Whether it is land, sea or air, we have sport covered.





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## About ADNOC

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## About EMPORIO ARMANI

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The brand also includes the EA7 sportswear range, founded in 2004, which has solidified its strong identity over the years, offering technical and leisure apparel geared towards sports enthusiasts.

