

# The Ethiopians are coming

## PRESS RELEASE

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The majority of Ethiopia's **London 2012** team will be arriving at Heathrow terminal 3 today at 6pm on national carrier Ethiopian Airlines.

The delegation will include the current Olympic gold medal winner in the 5,000m and 10,000m Tirunesh Dibaba, who won the medals in Beijing.

Also arriving will be aspiring young new athletes – a complete list of athletes with the events they will be participating in follows.

For the first time ever, Ethiopia will be competing at Olympic level in swimming events – both the men's and women's 50m freestyle races.

Athletes will also be competing for the first time at this level in middle distance races such as the 400m and 800m.

The delegation will be warmly met by an Ethiopian dance troupe, Ethiopian Embassy staff and a large number of members of the Ethiopian diaspora, including representatives of the Ethiopian National Consensus Forum, a range of Ethiopian development associations and the Ethiopian diaspora members at large.

An Ethiopian Film Initiative's 15-minute film on three of the new athletes, including swimmer Yanet Seyoum Gebremedhin is available on DVD for broadcast. Please contact the Embassy press office.

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### **Athletics – track events**

#### **Men's 400m**

Bereket Desta

#### **Men's 800m**

Mohammed Aman

#### **Women's 800m**

Fantu Magiso

#### **Men's 1,500m**

Mekonnen Gebremedhin

Dawit Wolde

Teshome Dirirsa

#### **Women's 1,500m**

Abeba Aregawi

Genzebe Dibaba  
Meskerem Assefa

**Men's 3,000m Steeplechase**

Roba Gari  
Berhanu Getahun  
Nahom Mesfin

**Women's 3,000m steeplechase**

Sofia Assefa  
Hiwot Ayalew  
Etenesh Diro

**Men's 5,000m**

Dejen Gebremeskel  
Hagos Gebrehiwot  
Yenew Alamrew  
Kenenisa Bekele

**Men's 10,000m**

Kenenisa Bekele  
Gebregziabher Gebremariam  
Tariku Bekele

**Women's 5,000m**

Meseret Defar  
Gelete Burka  
Genet Yalew  
Tirunesh Dibaba

**Women's 10,000m**

Tirunesh Dibaba  
Balaynesh Oljira  
Worknesh Kidane

**Men's marathon**

Ayele Abshiro  
Dion Sefer  
Getu Feleke

**Women's marathon**

Tiki Gelana  
Asselefech Mergia  
Mare Dibaba

**Swimming**

**Men's 50m freestyle**

Mulualem Girma

**Women's 50m freestyle**

Yanet Seyoum Gebremedhin

There are 35 athletes in total. Four paralympians will attend the Paralympic Games