

Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon 2012



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WESLEY K. LANGAT WINS THE 42KM RACE, SETS NEW COURSE RECORD AT THE 2012 STANDARD CHARTERED NAIROBI MARATHON

..as Biwott Jerono Salome clocks 2:26:41 to take the women's race

28th October 2012 –produced yet another winner in Wesley Kibet who. Wesley Kibet Langat cruised to a course record of 2:10.40 to win the 42KM full marathon at the 2012 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, erasing the previous record of 2:10:54.

The 2011 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon winner Ernest Kibenei did not feature in this year's event.

Abraham Keter Kipkiyeny finished second in the full marathon race after clocking 2: 10: 50 followed in third position by Moses Kipkosgei Kigen with a time of 2;11.05.

In the women full marathon, 30 year old Salome Biwott Jerono won the race with a time of 2;26;41. She was followed by Alice Chelangat (2:28:04) while Mercy Chemutai finished third with a time of 2:31:30.

The well attended meeting attracted over 19,000 runners drawn from different 70 countries across the world.

Speaking after receiving a cheque of Ksh1.5 million in prize money, Kibet said he was delighted with the victory adding that the victory came as a surprise.

"I dedicate this victory to my family especially his parents who have constantly motivated me to take Athletics seriously as a potential career; this is surely paying off," he said.

He vowed to defend next year's marathon adding that if all goes well, he will aim at breaking the new course record.

On her part, Salome said she was happy and proud to win the women's race.

"I'll defend my title next year and I'm also planning to participate in next year's Dubai race," she said.

The results for the top 10 winners of the 42km full marathon in both the men and women's categories are as follows:

42.195 Km MEN Nairobi Marathon results				
Position	Race No.	Name	Race Time	Prize money
1	606	Wesley Kibet Langat	2:10:40	1,500,000
2	654	Keter Kipkiyeny Abraham	2:10:50	650,000
3	723	Kipkosgei Kigen Moses	2:11:05	350,000
4	578	Kurgat Kimeli Ronald	2:11:08	150,000
5	588	Biwott Joseph.	2:11:14	100,000
6	663	Barno Kiprof Elisha	2:11:19	50,000
7	730	Mayio Kipkurui Duncan	2:11:47	40,000
8	577	Lokocho Erot Jackson	2:11:53	30,000
9	111	Kiprotich Kipchirchir Felex	2:12:203	20,000
10	109	Tarus Henry	2:13:17	10,000
Total prize money				5,800,000

42.195 Km WOMEN Marathon Results				
Position	Race No	Name	RaceTime	Prize money
1	1195	Biwott Jerono Salome	2:26:41	1,500,000
2	1092	Chelangat Alice	2:28:04	650,000
3	1191	Mercy Chemutai	2:31:30	350,000
4	1005	Kitonga Wayua Grace	2.34.31	150,000
5	1192	Komen Carolyne	2.35.51	100,000
6	1041	Kigen Jepchirchir Joan	2.35.54	50,000
7	1189	Jepchumba Salome	2.36.57	40,000
8	1147	Nyakeriga Muthoni Susan	2.38.30	30,000
9	1198	Chebichii Chumba Eunice	2.38.58	20,000
10	1104	Nyangeri Kemunto Jackline	2.39.34	10,000
Total prize pool				5,800,000

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ABOUT THE STANDARD CHARTERED NAIROBI MARATHON

The Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon was first held in 2003 and the inaugural race had 6,000 registered runners. It was the first major marathon in the country and over the years, it has grown to be the largest sporting event in Kenya attracting approximately 15,000 every year.

From a humble beginning back in 2003, the marathon has marked major milestones fully achieving its objectives as set on the onset. The following were the key objectives of the marathon:

- **Raise the profile of Kenya internationally**
- **Help identify and provide opportunity for the local athletic talent to excel**
- **Help boost tourism to Kenya**
- **Create a community event for everyone's enjoyment**
- **Raise funds for the needy in the community i.e. our Seeing Is Believing community initiative.**

Since 2003, Athletics Kenya - the organizers and the official sponsors - Standard Chartered Bank, have raised the bar of the Nairobi Marathon making it the only athletics event on the calendar of the IAAF. The marathon is fully accredited by IAAF and complies with their rules to the highest level including having timing capabilities that are as good as any other international marathon.

The marathon has since its inception attracted tremendous media interest from across the world which has seen the event broadcasted around Africa on DSTV SuperSport and other international news channels as well as in the local media. This has put Kenya on the world map, profiling Nairobi as a city in the sun and promoting the country as a tourist destination, while marketing Kenyans prowess in this great sport.

In addition, the marathon has given young and upcoming athletes a perfect platform to launch their athletics careers at home.

In the initial six years, over KShs.30 million was raised from the marathon and was used to support Seeing is Believing initiatives in Kenya. In 2010 we managed to raise KShs.16 million and this year the target is to raise KShs.20 million.

The funds raised in the first year i.e. 2003, were used to fund 60 cataract operations for children under five at Kikuyu Eye Hospital. Right now we are doing over 800 surgeries on children under the age of nine across the country.

Over the years, the marathon has been supported by partners and friends like; Hilton Hotel, Capital FM, Majestic Printers, AAR, Bio foods, Alpine Waters, Kenya Data Networks, SuperSports, Subaru, Athletic Kenya and Nairobi City Council.

The staff of the bank have also greatly contributed to the momentum of the marathon as over 1,000 Standard Chartered Bank staff have volunteered by taking part in the run.

The marathon also currently boasts of a consolidated road route criss-crossing from the City Centre-Uhuru Highway-Mombasa and has maintained six distinct races which include;

1. Full Marathon (42 KM) road race for men and women
2. Half Marathon (21KM) road race for men and women
3. 10KM road race for men and women
4. Tricycle race (42KM)
5. Wheelchair race (21KM)
6. 5KM Family Fun Run

The Nairobi Marathon has indeed taken our athletics heritage to another level. As an international meet, the push is always to raise the standard higher. The Nairobi Marathon has positioned the country as the real home of athletics.

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