



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY HON. WILLIAM  
RUTO, PHD, C.G.H., PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KENYA DURING THE RECEPTION  
OF FAITH KIPYEGON AND FERDINAND  
OMANYALA**

**JUNE 13TH, 2023**

**STATE HOUSE, KENYA**

1. We celebrate the historic two records set by Faith in a single week; breaking the 1500M record in Florence, Italy and 5000M in Paris France.
2. Faith has made Kenya incredibly proud. She stands as a shining role model for consistency, discipline, hard work as well as family values. Here is a mother, a wife and a World beater.
3. Today, we also acknowledge Kenya's dramatic improvement in the sprints, courtesy of our explosive African Champion, Ferdinand Omanyala, the fast rising 800 m King and queen, teenage Emanuel Wanyonyi and Mary Moraa.
4. The Government through the Ministry of Sports has revised the reward scheme for our sports men and women.
5. We are shifting policy so that the Sports Fund will solely be for Sports, the Arts and creative economy.
6. This is the spirit of the Talanta Hela flagship initiative I unveiled last Friday.
7. Our Sportsmen and Women brand Kenya Worldwide more and better than anything else. We want to honour and reward them accordingly. The new scheme covers the entire spectrum of sports and the creatives. Under this scheme, a world record breaker will now be guaranteed KES 5 million, something that did not exist before. They will also be considered for diplomatic passport and other national honours.



8. We are refining necessary policies, facilities and all other necessary measures required to maintain Kenya's pedigree as a top sporting Nation.
9. Congratulations Faith, Hongera Ferdinand, Wanyonyi, Mary Moraa and the rest of our World Beating Champions.

**Thank you.**  
**God bless you.**

