

Simidele Adeagbo Celebrates Historic Olympic Journey in Return to Nigeria

ABUJA, NIGERIA [March 8, 2018] – Olympian Simidele Adeagbo made a triumphant return to Nigeria to celebrate her historic Olympic journey with teammates and fans throughout Nigeria. Adeagbo, who competed at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea last month, was the first Nigerian athlete to compete at the Winter Olympics and the first African and Black female to compete in the Skeleton at the Winter Olympics.

Adeagbo finished her trailblazing Olympic debut in the Women’s Skeleton with the third best start time and 20th place overall. The significance of her historic achievement was further celebrated when International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach personally congratulated her after her final run. Adeagbo’s Olympic experience concluded with her selection to lead Team Nigeria as the flag bearer in the closing ceremonies. “It was an incredible honor to be selected as the flag bearer and represent the success of Nigeria during the Olympics and show all Nigerians what’s possible through sport. It was an amazing end to a powerful experience that I will never forget,” said Adeagbo.

Adeagbo’s return to Nigeria has been marked with a rousing welcome upon arrival, a Bobsled & Skeleton youth sports camp and a visit to Nigeria’s capital city of Abuja where Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari hosted the historic team at a special reception at the Aso Rock State House and Presidential Complex. Adeagbo is proud of the impact her Olympic achievements have made in Nigeria and all around the world. Passionate about the women’s movement, sports diplomacy and diversity and inclusion, Adeagbo hopes to continue to be an agent of change globally. “My Olympic journey has shown me that there are no limits to what’s possible and that I can make a significant difference in this world,” said Adeagbo. “I plan on continuing to break down barriers and create the future that I want to see through using my gifts to make a significant contribution and leave a legacy.”

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Download video of the rousing welcome for the Nigerian Team (Feb. 27th, 2018):

https://www.dropbox.com/s/097lmjtrcen7bel/IMG_3556.MOV?dl=0

Download video of her coaching at a Bobsled & Skeleton youth sports camp in Nigeria (March 3rd, 2018): https://www.dropbox.com/s/eybtdzynfbp5n46/IMG_3783.MOV?dl=0

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