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### **PNGOC Appoints Elaine Iorive as Chef de Mission for Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**

Port Moresby – The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) Board has unanimously approved the appointment of PNGOC Treasurer, Elaine Iorive, as Chef de Mission for Team PNG at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. The decision was made during the PNGOC Board Meeting held in Port Moresby, on February 26, 2025.

Elaine Iorive's appointment demonstrates her exceptional leadership capabilities, commitment to sports and PNGOC's strategic vision, making her exceptionally qualified for this critical role. As Chef de Mission, she will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of Team PNG's participation in Glasgow 2026, ensuring that athletes and officials are well-prepared and supported throughout the event.

The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, scheduled to take place from July 23 to August 2, 2026, will bring together athletes from across the Commonwealth to compete on the international stage. In her role, Iorive will lead Team PNG's delegation, manage logistics, and create an environment that will enable athletes to perform at their best.

PNGOC President, Emma Waiwai, expressed confidence in Iorive's ability to lead Team PNG, stating,

*"Elaine's extensive experience in sports and communities in PNG and New Zealand where she formally worked makes her the ideal candidate for the role. We look forward to her leadership in guiding our athletes to success in Glasgow."*

Elaine Iorive, upon her appointment, shared her enthusiasm for the role, saying, *"It is a wonderful honour to serve as Chef de Mission for Team PNG to Glasgow 2026. I am committed to ensuring that our athletes are well-prepared, motivated, and ready to represent Papua New Guinea with pride on the world stage."*

While Palau 2025 is on the horizon, preparations for Glasgow 2026 are already underway, to ensure a strong and competitive presence at the Commonwealth Games.

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The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website [www.pngolympic.org.pg](http://www.pngolympic.org.pg)  
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