

UWI SPEC launches Half-Marathon

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The 14th running of The UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon takes place on October 29 this year with last year's male and female champions, Hilley Kiptanyi Too and Yelsy Alvarez, back to defend their respective titles.

They are expected to face stiff competition from Wirusbert Winchester of Saint Lucia, Richer Pérez of Cuba, (second in 2016) Kenneth Rotich of Kenya, (second in 2015) and Leah Klagen of Kenya (victorious in 2011).

UWI St Augustine Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal Professor Brian Cropland is happy with the event and said: "The UWI SPEC Half-Marathon brand is maturing, its stability and good organisation have made it a flagship event on the University's annu-



FLASHBACK The 2016 UWI-SPEC International Half-Marathon male champion, Hilley Kiptanyi Too, crossing the finish line.

al calendar."

In continuing the event's tradition of adopting a cause, this year the work of the Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society will receive a donation from proceeds of the event. In supporting and showcasing the work of

the Cancer Society, the UWI community is striving to bring more preventative attention to this deadly disease and there will be a minimum of 20 cancer survivors participating in the 2017 race.

Health and wellness for all has always been

the goal of UWI SPEC and the International Half-Marathon has been one of the mediums for promoting healthy lifestyles. The First Citizens Group will also continue its association and part sponsorship of The UWI SPEC International

Half-Marathon.

Jason Julien, deputy CEO of business generation at First Citizens said: "Our collaboration with The UWI SPEC team speaks to our commitment to the various charities they support. The partnership also allows us to exercise engagement strategies by a sport platform which fosters holistic individual, community and national development through active lifestyle choices and healthy living."

Race director, UWI SPEC's Lystra Francis indicated registration opened on Monday and will remain so until October 6. Registration can be done online at www.sta.uwi.edu/spec/maarathon/register.php. Registrants will require a credit card or international debit card to make registration payments online.

If interested persons do not have either option, First Citizens continues to support by accepting registration fees from participants who do not have access to credit cards. They will receive a letter containing a registration code, which they can use to register online. Package collection for participants will take place at UWI SPEC from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekends.

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