



PRESS RELEASE: NETBALL WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN

The official countdown to the 2023 Netball World Cup has begun

The Netball World Cup 2023 is proud to announce the start of the official two-year countdown to the Netball World Cup 2023 in Cape Town.

After a successful bid in 2019 to host this prestigious event, the baton was handed over to Cecilia Molokwane, Netball South Africa President, at the Netball World Cup in Liverpool in the same year. Following on from the unveiling of the official new logo in June this year, this day marks yet another significant milestone in the preparations to host Africa's first-ever Netball World Cup.

South Africa has become renowned for hosting world-class events and Cape Town has rightly earned the title of 'World's Leading Festival and Event Destination'. This two-year countdown, starting on 28 July, is yet another important step in the journey to put together a prestigious and spectacular netball showcase.

The benchmark to host such an event is very high and the NWC 2023 Board, together with organisers and partners, have committed themselves to not just delivering on their mandate but exceeding expectations.

This truly is a new dawn for netball in South Africa and Africa as the Netball World Cup 2023 is set to take place from 28 July to 6 August 2023 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

"As members of the Netball World Cup 2023 Board, we are excited to celebrate this milestone. We believe that this is one of the many moments to acknowledge in the preparations of the Netball World Cup Cape Town 2023. As the Netball World Cup 2023 Board we look forward to welcoming the world to South Africa" says Patience Shikwambana, Netball World Cup 2023 Board Chairperson.

To mark the two years to go milestone, World Netball has revealed the 'Your Netball World' mosaic of inspiring global stories from athletes, coaches, officials and grassroots netball players from around the world. With individual messages from every continent, big names in Africa netball such as 2019 World Cup Player of the Tournament Karla Pretorius, former South Africa coach Norma Plummer AM, Malawi netball icon Mary Waya and Uganda's Mary Nuba Cholhok have all added tiles to the mosaic. Now that the mosaic has been finalised, a prize draw will take place, with one lucky winner winning a trip of a lifetime to be a spectator when the world's most prestigious netball competition comes to Cape Town in two years' time.

View the mosaic for yourself here and zoom in on the individual images to see inspirational messages from netballers from all over the world: [www.https://mosaic.virtual-tech.io/world-netball/](https://mosaic.virtual-tech.io/world-netball/)

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