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# Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 Celebrates 100 Days to Go

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April marks 100 days to go to the Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 (VNWC2023) which is scheduled to be hosted on African soil for the first time.

The VNWC2023 will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 28<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), with 16 of the world's top netball nations, including the hosts South Africa, competing.

Following the successful Netball Friday launch in Tembisa on 14<sup>th</sup> April as initiated by the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Zizi Kodwa, and the unveiling of a multi-purpose facility at Ronnie Louw Sports Grounds in Hopefield on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, there are a number of upcoming activations planned in various provinces to mark 100 Days to Go which will be spearheaded by various Provincial Governments and Municipalities.

In the Western Cape, the City of Cape Town is hosting a netball tournament with the objective of creating awareness and driving the message of rallying support for the upcoming VNWC2023.

Whilst in the province of Limpopo, where the President of Netball South Africa Cecilia Molokwane hails, they have planned a mini world cup tournament for schools taking place at the Ngwako Ramatlhodi Indoor Sports Centre.

Remarking on the Local Organising Committee's readiness to host the global event, Priscilla Masisi, Tournament Director for the VNWC2023, said: "This 100 Days to Go milestone will assist in providing all of us with an opportunity to encourage the 16 nations participating in the Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 to mobilise their supporters so that they can come and get behind their teams.

"We therefore encourage all of the supporters to buy their tickets to attend this first ever Netball World Cup on African soil."























Tickets and travel packages can be purchased by visiting the <u>official tournament website</u> (<u>www.nwc2023.org.za</u>) with a range of tickets and packages available. This is a call out to supporters and lovers of netball to #PutYourHandsUp as we celebrate Africa's Time to Shine.

The pools for the preliminary stages of the NWC2023 are confirmed as follows:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Australia	England	Jamaica	New Zealand
Tonga	Malawi	South Africa	Uganda
Zimbabwe	Scotland	Wales	Trinidad & Tobago
Fiji	Barbados	Sri Lanka	Singapore

The first stage of the tournament will commence on 28th July 2023 with the teams competing in a round robin format in the pools as outlined above. New Zealand are the reigning champions, and they will be looking to defend their crown; and be the first ever winners of the tournament on African soil.

To purchase your tickets, <u>click here</u>.
To purchase travel packages, <u>click here</u>.
To view the full schedule, <u>click here</u>.

#PutYourHandsUp #NWC2023



























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### **World Netball:**

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognized governing body for netball affiliated to the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

World Netball creates a better world through netball, inspiring netballers to embrace opportunities and achieve their potential. Netball is played in more than 100 countries around the world with 79 National Netball Associations affiliated to World Netball. The associations are grouped into five Regions – Africa Netball, Americas Netball, Asia Netball, Europe Netball and Oceania Netball – each with a respective Regional Federation. Regional Federations are an integral part of the global governance structure and assist in the development and implementation of World Netball's Strategy To Grow, To Play, To Inspire, policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

























The Netball World Cup (NWC), previously known as the World Netball Championships is netball's flagship event owned by World Netball, and it brings together the top 16 teams in the world every four years. The hosts of the NWC automatically qualify for the competition, as well as the top five teams in the World Netball World Rankings on the date of qualification.

The remaining 10 teams are decided through qualifiers in World Netball's 5 regions, as the top two teams from each qualifier will be invited by World Netball to compete at the NWC. The NWC, which first started in 1963, showcases netball around the world through a range of broadcast partners introducing Netball to a whole new audience.

World Netball Congress is also held alongside the event providing a global forum for Netball nations to come together, innovate, share ideas and celebrate women in sport. The Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from the 28th July to the 6th August 2023 at the International Convention Centre.

For more information visit www.worldnetball.sport

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