



## Media Release: 200 Days to Go Until Netball World Cup 2023

**9 January 2023, Cape Town, South Africa** - Excitement is mounting around the world as South Africa prepares to host the Netball World Cup for the first time on African soil, in just 200 days.

The much-anticipated first centre pass for the global netball showpiece will commence on 28th July 2023 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), and what is expected to be a dramatic competition between the top 16 netball teams in the world will conclude with an action-packed final on the 6th August 2023.

Expressing her excitement for the event at this key milestone, Tournament Director (TD) Ms. Priscilla Masisi said: "The plans of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) are well underway with the momentum towards the event quickly gaining pace."

"The events over the last few months in South Africa have certainly confirmed our readiness to host the Netball World Cup 2023 (NWC2023) in the 'Mother City' (Cape Town) in 200 days."

So far, NWC2023 has unveiled the official mascot, 'Letsatsi', revealed the official Gilbert netball 'Kganya', and announced the tournament's premium sponsors, Telkom and SPAR.

Building on the excitement, and demonstrating that Mzansi (South Africa) is ready, the live team draw was then broadcasted internationally on 30th November 2022 as all 16 teams, including 4 from the African continent, were split into 4 pools ready for the competition.

The first phase of tournament tickets are now on sale via the NWC2023 website, with the second phase set to open on the 10th February 2023.

The second phase of ticket sales will include tickets for the semi-final and final matches, as well as more travel packages, all of which will be available on the NWC2023 website.

"We know that fans are eagerly anticipating purchasing these tickets and we urge them to be ready to do so as we are foreseeing a high demand!", said Ms. Masisi.



“We are fast approaching the event and all our efforts are focused on ensuring that the tournament is a huge success for all our stakeholders, including South Africans,” she concluded.

For more information about the event and ticket sales, please visit [www.nwc2023.org.za](http://www.nwc2023.org.za).

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### **Notes to the Editor**

World Netball:

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognised governing body for netball affiliated to GAISF, 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 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](http://www.worldnetball.sport)

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