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World Netball Announces Fiona Harold as New Chief Executive Officer

World Netball (WN) is pleased to announce that Fiona Harold has been appointed as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), starting at the organisation in November.

Fiona will succeed interim CEO, Vicky Lowe, who joined WN in April 2024 following the end of Clare Briegal's 10-year tenure.

The new CEO will join from the Ladies European Tour (LET), a global professional golf tour involved in 30 tournaments in 20 countries across five continents, along with responsibility for the staging of Solheim Cup European editions, where she is currently Commercial Director.

Having also previously worked at IMG, Sport England, The Football Association and Barclays Bank Plc, Fiona brings with her skills and experience in driving investment, leading and creating strategic partnerships with a broad range of global stakeholders, as well as commercial strategy, broadcast production, media rights, sponsorship and event delivery.

She has also been involved in the development of the Performance Institute at the LET which aims to improve athlete services and wellbeing to enable them to perform at their very best.

Speaking on the excitement of joining WN, Fiona said: "I am thrilled to be joining World

Netball as their new CEO at a time when the organisation is in a key period of growth.

"I am looking forward to exploring new strategies to generate more commercial growth, building on the success of the most recent Netball World Cup 2023, and working with our Members and Regions to ensure we continue growing, playing and inspiring globally."

World Netball President, Dame Liz Nicholl DBE, added: "I look forward to welcoming Fiona to our World Netball team.

"She has an excellent mix of skills, and the experience needed to deliver the next phase of our ambitious strategy."

Fiona will work alongside the WN Board and the Secretariat team to initiate, develop and implement strategies and processes to help achieve sustainable and commercial success for WN and its Members.

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World Netball is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball affiliated to 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 84 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 implementation of World Netball policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

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