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HON. TJONGARERO OPENS THE 3RD PENT SERIES IN WINDHOEK

WINDHOEK. Six southern African countries will be participating in this year 3rd Netball Pent Series, which will be taking place in Windhoek at the Patrick Iyambo Police College, during 01 – 05 November 2021. The countries involved are Namibia the host, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Uganda. The games are scheduled to take place between 12H00 – 16H00, except for Friday, when they are set to start at 09H00.

The Netball Pent Series are sanctioned by World Netball and has been taking place since 2017, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, had to be postponed in 2019 and 2020. The games also contribute to improved ranking amongst the countries participating, especially the three best placed teams. Namibia has Debmarine to thank for hosting the games, as they are the official sponsors, for a three year period.

In her official opening remarks, Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, highlighted Namibia's excitement in hosting the tournament. Hosting the tournament will accord Netball Namibia and the participating sister countries the opportunity to improve their world rankings. "We know that the qualifiers for the Netball World Cup, which will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2023 are around the corner; thus, the Pent Series and the upcoming Africa Cup, also to be held in Windhoek, from 09 to 16 November 2021, at the Police College, will serve as perfect preparatory matches."

The Honourable Minister urged the national netball team, the Desert Jewels, to display their skills and knowledge and represent the Land of the Brave with pride and joy. She furthermore, encouraged Namibians to attend, support and enjoy the games. Honourable Tjongarero wished all the participating countries the best and requested them to show great sportsmanship on and off the court. She also welcomed the visitors and asked them to enjoy the beautiful City of Windhoek.

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