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FREE STATE HOSTS MINISTER & MEC STRATEGIC MEETING AND NETBALL WORLD CUP 50 DAYS COUNTDOWN CEREMONY

The Free State Provincial Department of Sport, Arts, Culture, and Recreation in association with National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will this Thursday and Friday (8 – 9 June 2023) host Minister Zizi Kodwa's maiden Minister and Members of the Executive Councils (MECs) strategic meeting / workshop with the objective of fostering synergy and alignment in relation to championing all social cohesion and nation building Government programmes.

The strategic meeting which is scheduled for two days will enable provincial MECs in attendance to outline their strategic engagements and further engage with both Minister Zizi Kodwa and his Deputy Minister, Ms Nocawe Mafu, in relation to forging the way forward on sport, arts and culture strategic matters.

With South Africa being the proud host of the upcoming #2023 Netball World Cup, the scheduled Minister and MECs meeting (MINMEC) will on its second day, Friday the 9th of June, put some time aside and acknowledge the country hosting of the #2023 Netball World Cup with just under 50 days to go. The Minister as well as the MECs and Heads of Departments who will be attending the MINMEC will acknowledge the 2023 Netball World Cup 50 Days Countdown.

Members of the media are invited to join the countdown event where the Minister alongside the MECs in attendance will be embarking on hype of Netball activities in association with local netball teams.

The countdown celebration activities are scheduled to commence as follows:

Date: Friday, 9 June 2023

Time: 12:00

Venue: Premier Hotel, 85 Zastron Street, Bloemfontein

The MINMEC event which will be held in coincidence with the 50 Days Countdown ceremony will also serve as an opportunity for the media to be kept abreast of some of the deliberations and outcomes of the MINMEC.

The 50 days countdown will take place against the backdrop of South Africa hosting the 2023 Netball World Cup which will take place from the 28th of July to the 06th of August at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in the Western Cape.

As part of the build-up towards the Netball World Cup the Free State Province will roll out a programme of Netball World Cup Trophy tours across the different districts of the province. The programme will be announced in due course.

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