PAGE 8 - JUNE 2023





## Coach Ellis names final Banyana Banyana World Cup squad

Banyana Banyana coach Desiree Ellis has announced her final 23-member squad to represent South Africa at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup to be co-hosted in Australia and New Zealand from 20 July – 20 August 2023. The SASOL-sponsored Women's Africa Cup of Nations champions are amongst the four African nations that will

anyana Banyana coach Desiree represent the continent at the global showpiece alongside Zambia, Morocco and Nigeria.

Ellis announced the squad at a glittering ceremony held at Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guest house in Tshwane on Friday (23 June 2023) in an event attended by Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture Zizi Kodwa, South African Football Association

President Dr Danny Jordaan, CEO Lydia Monyepao, Sasol Executive Vice President for Human Resources and Stakeholder Relations Charlotte Mokoena and several other ministers and dignitaries.

The Banyana Banyana coach thanked her staff and players for the enormous amount of work they have delivered in the last few days during the selection ad preparation camp. Ellis said the process has not been easy and taking the final decisions on the final team and the three standby players was tough. "It has been a tough week," she said. "It might have not been easy for you as players but it was also not easy for me as the coach. If I could, I would have taken every one but unfortunately I can only take 23 players.

"Thank you for the hard work that each and every one of you has put in, and this is not the end of it. It still needs to continue and it will get more challenging from here because the World Cup stage is a different ball game. "I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the whole group of 36 players (in the preliminary squad) for their enthusiasm, commitment and competitiveness during this time.

I would also like to thank the staff for always giving their best."

"We would like to congratulate all the Sasol-sponsored Banyana Banyana players who have been chosen to represent South Africa in the 2023 Women's World Cup. We want to thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout the selection camp. We worked hard in the past few months, and everyone has put their best foot forward to ensure that we are properly prepared for this adventure.

I would want to appeal to my fellow 60 million South Africans to continue sending messages of support, since these give the players encouragement to do their best at the Women's World Cup," said Mokoena.



"Affordable advertising rates that meets your budget" You can now Boost your Business & Advertise on our social Media platforms

(Website & Facebook-page)



puisanonews

Website: www.puisano-ditaba.co.za

Contact us at

## Email:

peoplesagenda@webmail.co.za leaowa@gmail.com news@puisano-ditaba.co.za SMS/WhatsApp/CALL:

079 185 0270

## Vitality Netball World Cup Trophy Tour concludes in Kroonstad



Vitality Netball World Cup Trophy Tour concludes its journey in the Free State with a remarkable arrival in Kroonstad. This tour in the Fezile Dabi district marks the successful culmination of the Trophy Tour program, which spanned across all districts of the Free State