



President of Free State Volleyball - Anthony Mokoena; HOD of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation - Advocate Tsoarelo Malakoane; Candy Smith from Vodacom; MEC for SACR - Mathabo Leeto; Secretary-General of Volleyball South Africa - Mr Kriba Reddy and GM: Communications - Qondile Khedama at the tournament's media launch.

Mangaung hosts International Beach Volleyball tournament

Mangaung Metro will play host to the 2014 FIVB Mangaung Open Beach Volleyball World Series event at the Loch Logan Rose Garden from Tuesday, 09 December until Sunday, 14 December. Thirty-two (32) teams of men and women will compete for the \$150 000 cash prize.

The tournament will see some of the best beach volleyball players in the world battle it out over the course of six days, starting with qualifications on the 09th. It is hosted by Volleyball South Africa in partnership with the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality and the Free State Department of Sports, Arts and Culture.

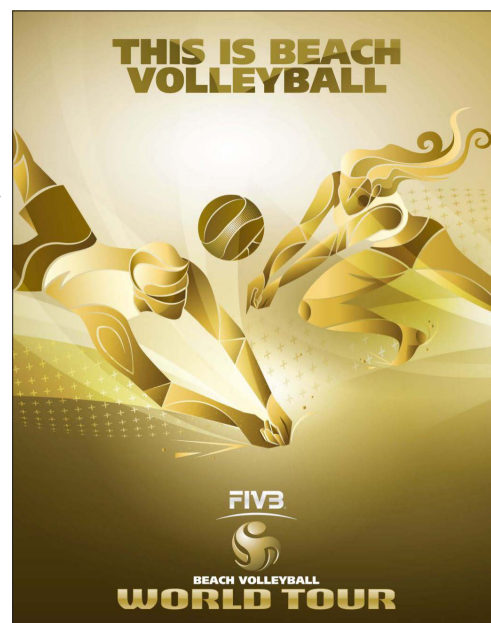
The tournament will be broadcast live over 182 countries across the world by

35 international broadcasters, including *Supersport*. It is estimated that it will reach an audience of 697 million.

“This tournament will assist in developing the sport in Mangaung and the province in general. Amongst other things, our hosting of these games also reaffirms that Mangaung is well on its way to becoming a sporting mecca in South Africa,” said the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Thabo Manyoni.

With over 40 countries being represented in the competition, this will both put the city on the world map and also contribute towards local economic development.

The tournament will start at 8AM daily until 6PM. Entrance to the games is free.



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