

MEDIA STATEMENT

NAMIBIA WINS EUNIC YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



YOUTH UNITE!

An Under-15 football team from Concordia College was on Saturday 30 September crowned champions of the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC) cluster in Namibia 2017 Youth Football Tournament. The team representing Namibia beat Germany 1-0 in the finals. Germany was represented by a team from Windhoek High School. Portugal, represented by a team from Jakob Marengo Secondary School, got third place.

Germany first beat Portugal 3-2 in penalties in the first semi-final after a 1-1 draw. Namibia beat Spain 2-0 in the second semi-final, while Portugal claimed third place when they knocked Spain out in a 1-0 victory.

Held at Windhoek International School in conjunction with the screening of films from Europe on football, the tournament under the theme 'Youth Unite' promoted cooperation, teamwork and fair-play, while bridging cultural gaps by bringing a diverse group of people together. The EUNIC cluster in Namibia every year holds an event under the values of the European Union that was amongst many established to foster cooperation within a diverse environment.

"Today's tournament shows what we have in common: players are all Namibian, from various cultural backgrounds who maybe even speak different languages and have different cultures, but you live together in one country in peace and unity and have again proven that you can establish friendships with others you did not know before. This is what Europe stands for: different peoples with different languages and different cultures but living together with unity in diversity," said Goethe-Institut Namibia Director and current President of EUNIC cluster in Namibia, Daniel Stoevesandt.

The top three teams, Namibia, Germany and Portugal, walked away with medals and the prizes of a rock climbing excursion, Go-Karting and a day of archery respectively. The other teams in ascending order of ranking, France – Jan Jonker Secondary School; Great Britain – Fidel Castro School; Finland - Marthi Ahtisaari Secondary School; European Union - St George's Diocesan School; and Spain – Physically Active Namibia received medals for participating.

The EUNIC cluster in Namibia comprises of Goethe-Institut Namibia, Franco Namibian Cultural Centre, Embassy of Finland, Instituto Camoes, British Council, Embassy of Portugal, Embassy of Spain and the European Union Delegation in Namibia. Each member selected a school for its representation.

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