



Dear Chess Friends,

## **2014 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION**

On behalf of the Namibia Chess Federation (NCF) I wish to invite eligible players from all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the **2014 African Individual Chess Championships (AICC)** to be held at the **Safari Court Hotel & Conference Centre** from **December 12<sup>th</sup>** (arrival) to **December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014** (departure).

### **1. Invitation**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation the Namibia Chess Federation is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the African Individual Chess Championships. The Championships will be held in Windhoek, Namibia between **December 12<sup>th</sup>** (arrival) and **December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014** (departure).

### **2. Participation**

- 2.1 African players holding the title of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament.
- 2.2 Each National Federation can enter a **maximum of 3 players for the Open Championship and 3 for the Women's Championship**. This does not include the players qualifying under Clause 2.1.
- 2.3 The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate players.
- 2.4 All entries must be registered with the **Namibia Chess Federation**.

### **3. Tournament Regulations**

- 3.1 It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a **9 Round Swiss System** tournament.
- 3.2 Time control will be **90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1)**.

3.3 The games will be played using **DGT clocks**; and pairing will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com)

3.4 **Swiss Manager** will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.

3.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30<sup>th</sup> move.

#### 4 Tie-Break

In case of a tie for the over-all winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) By the results between the players involved in the tie;
- b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- d) Number of wins by black, the highest wins;
- e) The highest rating.

#### 5 Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below. The schedule can however be changed should need arise. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

Friday	December 12		Arrival of participants
		20h00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	December 13	10h00	Technical meeting
Saturday	December 13	15h00	1st Round
Sunday	December 14	15h00	2nd Round
Monday	December 15	15h00	3rd Round
Tuesday	December 16	15h00	4th Round
Wednesday	December 17	15h00	5th Round
Thursday	December 18		Rest Day
Friday	December 19	15h00	6th Round
Saturday	December 20	15h00	7th Round
Sunday	December 21	15h00	8th Round
Monday	December 22	11h00	9th Round
		19h00	Closing Ceremony
Thursday	December 23		Departure of participants

## 6 Titles Awards

6.1 The winner in the Open Section will be awarded the International Master (IM) title whilst the winner in the Women's Section will be awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title.

6.2 Other titles will be awarded depending in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

## 7 Main Prizes

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Women</u>
1st Prize	US\$ 6,000	US\$ 3,000
2nd Prize	US\$ 4,000	US\$ 2,000
3rd Prize	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 1,500
4th Prize	US\$ 2,000	US\$ 1,000
5th Prize	US\$ 1,500	US\$ 750
6th Prize	US\$ 1,000	US\$ 500
7th Prize	US\$ 750	
8th	US\$ 500	

The total cash prizes amount to USD 27,500

## 8 Qualification for 2015 FIDE African Grand Prix Circuit

8.1 The 2014 African Individual Chess Championships is also a qualification event for the **2015 African Chess Confederation Grand Prix Circuit**.

8.2 The top three placed players in each section will qualify for the **2015 African Chess Confederation Grand Prix Circuit**.

## 9 Chief Arbiter & Appeals Committee

9.1 The Chief Arbiter for the 2014 African Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

9.2 The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating Federations.

9.3 Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a US \$ 200 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

## 10 FIDE Fees

10.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry fee of **70 Euros** is required for each player.

10.2 Federations are expected to pay entry fees for all their players and the fees must be paid Directly to FIDE, failing which players whose fee has not been paid, will not be allowed to participate to the Events.

## **11 Registration Fees**

11. The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 Euros** and must be paid into account before **28<sup>th</sup> November 2014**.

11.2 Payments may be made also upon arrival, provided a request is made to the Organizers. If no payment is received before the start of the competitions, players whose fee will remain unpaid will not be allowed to participate to the competitions.

11.3 Only Federations can register players.

11.4 The Registration Fee for each official or accompanying person will be **100 Euros**.

11.5 No refunds will be made for any players, officials and accompanying persons who do not make it to the Tournament after paying Registration or FIDE Fees.

11.6 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them on or before **28<sup>th</sup> November 2014** and send them by e-mail to confirm entry.

11.7 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:-

a) Free Transfer (to and from) Hosea Kotako International Airport, Windhoek on arrival and departure.

b) Shuttle to various places in the city depending on the *Shuttle schedule*.

c) For players, free bottled water, coffee or tea and snacks during time of play.

d) Free wi-fi internet

## **12 Accommodation and Playing Venue**

12.1 All players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at the following rates, per person:

### **SAFARI COURT (FOUR STAR)**

Single Room EUR 100

Double Room (sharing) EUR 80

### **SAFARI HOTEL (THREE STAR)**

#### **Business Rooms**

Single Room EUR 100

Double Room (sharing) EUR 75

#### **Standard Rooms**

Single Room EUR 90

Double Room (sharing) EUR 70

Triple Room (sharing) EUR 65

Quadruple Room (sharing) EUR 60

Kindly note the cost also includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper).

12.2 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid before the **28<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival.

12.3 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **12<sup>th</sup> December 2014** or depart after **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014** will be expected to arrange their accommodation or pay for the additional days.

12.4 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging (in shared double rooms) for one player in each category.

12.5 All payments must be made to the Namibian Chess Federation account by **28<sup>th</sup> November 2014** or on arrival upon specific request to the Organizer. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the Continental championship.

12.6 The Namibian Chess Federation account details as follows;

**Bank: Standard Bank**

**Bank Account: 241767156**

**BANK ADDRESS : Independence Aneue, WINDHOEK**

**ACCOUNT NAME : Namibia Chess Federation**

**SWIFT CODE : SBNMNX**

12.7 Delegations opting to make their hotel payments upon arrival in Namibia should ensure that all payments are made in accordance with the indicated rates. All these payments should be in EUROS.

### **13 Visas**

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Namibia, these can be obtained from Namibian Embassies or Consulate Offices in your respective country. We will avail an official invitation to delegations that need a copy for VISA processing.

### **14 Organiser's Contacts**

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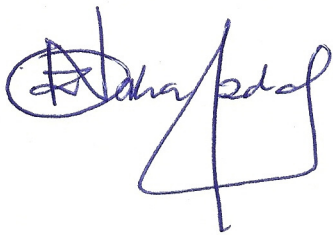
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## 15 African Countries affiliated to FIDE

1Algeria 2. Angola 3. Botswana 4. Burkina Faso 5. Burundi 6. Cameroon 7. Central African Republic 8. Comoros Islands 9. Congo 10. Cote d'Ivoire 11. Egypt 12. Ethiopia 13. Gabon 14. Gambia 15. Ghana 16. Kenya 17. Lesotho 18. Libya 19. Madagascar 20. Malawi 21. Mali 22. Mauritania 23. Mauritius 24. Morocco 25. Mozambique 26. Namibia 27. Nigeria 28. Rwanda 29. Sao Tome and Principe 30. Senegal 31. Seychelles 32. Sierra Leone 33. Somalia 34. South Africa 35. Sudan 36. Swaziland 37. Tanzania 38. Togo 39. Tunisia 40. Uganda 41. Zambia 42. Zimbabwe

On behalf of the Namibia Chess Federation I look forward to your valued presence at this premier Continental chess event.

Yours Sincerely,

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Otto Z. Nakapunda  
**PRESIDENT: NAMIBIA CHESS FEDERATION**

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