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## **Johannesburg to host VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship**

Marking the first time a Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship will be staged on the African continent, Johannesburg has today been named as host for this year's Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship.

The compelling bid submitted by the Tenpin Bowling Association of South Africa, supported by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee, promises warm South African hospitality and a truly memorable event for bowlers, officials and supporters alike.

Taking into account the busy schedule of international tournaments this year, the VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship and CTBF Congress will be held from 19 to 27 November 2016 and is expected to attract participants from up to 20 Commonwealth nations.

Announcing the successful bid CTBF President, Julian Pace-Bonello noted that South Africa has been the host country for many prestigious international sporting tournaments and will be hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

In terms of bowling, South Africa hosted the 2011 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup to widespread acclaim. Northcliff Bowling Centre in Johannesburg was rebuilt in 2011 especially for this renowned event and features QubicaAMF equipped 24 lanes, pins and lane-oiling technology, a fully operational Pro-Shop and extensive ball-storage facilities. A choice of accommodation options will be offered including a five-star award winning hotel chain which includes restaurants, bars, a health spa and gym.

Full details of the Championship schedule, host centre, local transport/accommodation arrangements and links to the Championship website and social media platforms will be included in the first of a series of Bulletins that will be published shortly.

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## **Note to Editors:**

*The primary objective of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation - which represents the interests of Federations from Commonwealth nations - is to develop, promote and support the sport of Tenpin Bowling throughout the Commonwealth.*

*Following the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship held in Stirling, Scotland in 2002 this association of national Federations was formed with the specific goal of staging biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games programme. Since then, further Championships have been staged in Paphos, Cyprus; Melbourne, Australia; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Auckland, New Zealand.*



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