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## 11th FSKA World Championships

The 11th FSKA World Championships will be held in Sun City from September 4-6, 2009 with over 30 countries participating. Chief Instructor and President of The International Federation of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate South Africa (IFFSKSA), Shihan Eric Govender, said that it is a great honour for South Africa to be hosting this tournament as it will ex-

pose South African karate to the world and at the same time allow karatekas from other countries to show South Africans what they have to offer. He also added that this championship is a great marketing tool for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. IFFSKSA is fielding a team of 105 karatekas of all ages at the prestigious event. Sensei Malvin Govender, the team captain, will have his hands full as the team will be counting on him to bag a few medals for South Africa in kata and kumite.

Aveline Harielall, the female team captain who has already attained her Protea colours, is a strong contender to win the senior female division. Shrihara Pattundeen, a junior Protea who competed against Scotland in the Commonwealth Karate Tournament in 2008, Yastha Surjoo and Shiv-aan Ramdeen, also junior Proteas, are gearing up to rake in the medals in the junior section. In the children's division, Amber Grobelaar is expected to bring home the medals for South Africa. Coach, Sensei Roy Naidoo, and the team manager, Rusty Pillay, have been instilling discipline, team spirit and sportsmanship together with advanced karate skills into the eager karatekas. Shihan Eric Govender praised his team for their efforts and commitment in preparing the IFFSKSA Team South Africa for the 2009 World Championship.