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Liverpool legend John Barnes to grace Standard Chartered Trophy Tournament

- Barnes to conduct football clinics for local coaches and junior players
- 24 teams to fight for trip to Anfield
- Winners to visit Liverpool in April

Nairobi Monday 15th February 2016... Liverpool legend John Barnes arrives in the country next week to oversee this year's Standard Chartered Trophy tournament. Twenty four teams will fight for a chance to travel to Anfield, the home of Liverpool FC, when the Standard Chartered Trophy tournament kicks off at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani on 27th February 2016.

Disclosing this Lamin Manjang CEO Standard Chartered Bank said Barnes will be in the country for three days during which period he will take part in several football and charity events. "John will conduct a clinic for several youth team coaches and also have a training session for under-14 youth teams. We have selected majority of the children and coaches from our GOAL Corporate Social Responsibility programme which is designed to empower adolescent girls across the country," said Mr. Manjang.

Barnes had a highly successful career at Liverpool FC where he made 407 appearances scoring 108 goals. He earned 79 caps in the England national team. Among his career highlights include Player of the Year 1987-88 and 1989-90, top scorer 1989-90 and two premier league champion winners' medals.

This will be the fourth edition of the Standard Chartered Trophy tournament, a corporate 5-aside knockout challenge. The winners will travel to the United Kingdom in April for a fully paid 4-day trip to represent Kenya at the Standard Chartered Trophy Finals, which will be played at Anfield. In addition, the winning team will attend an English Premier League match at Anfield, and will benefit from a professional training session with Liverpool FC legends and coaches in preparation for the final tournament.

Last year Postal Corporation of Kenya won the ticket to represent the country where they finished second to South Korea. Other previous winners include Pan Africa Insurance and Standard Media Group who won the local event in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

The Standard Chartered Trophy is held in select countries across Africa, Europe and Asia as part of the partnership between the Bank and Liverpool FC. This follows the signing of a sponsorship deal between Standard Chartered Bank and Liverpool FC in September 2009, the largest commercial agreement in Liverpool's history. The agreement, which started in July 2010 has seen the Bank's name and logo appear on the Liverpool shirt.

Said Mr Manjang: "Through this ongoing partnership with Liverpool FC, we are able to offer exclusive and exciting opportunities. This is a once-in-a-life-time experience for any football fan and we are delighted to be giving our clients and the media the opportunity to visit Anfield."

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