Shaping the future of athletics

For the very first time in our history, World Athletics is reaching out to the entire international athletics community to participate in a Global Conversation and contribute insights and feedback that will shape the future direction of the sport for the next decade.

This year World Athletics has committed to developing a World Plan for Athletics 2022-2030 in consultation with its Member Federations and other key interest groups, including athletes, coaches, officials, fans, schools, meeting directors, partners, media and agents.

The World Plan will be a key document for all involved in the sport, setting out a roadmap for the growth and development of athletics through to 2030.

Its purpose is to listen to the athletics community, to identify where the sport stands now throughout the world, and to establish a vision and direction for the period through to 2030, setting out how both World Athletics, its Member Federations and Area Associations, and other people involved in athletics can work together to develop and grow the sport across the world. The plan will contain clear roles and responsibilities, timelines, measurable outcomes and resource and budget implications.

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**World Athletics headline news**

**World Athletics launches the world’s first 3D virtual sports museum**

World Athletics has launched a 3D virtual museum of athletics, bringing a new level of innovation and creative technologies to the world of sport.

Known as MOWA, the Museum of World Athletics™ is the first sports museum to be established solely in the digital world. It offers visitors an interactive journey through the history of athletics and the sport’s flagship World Athletics Championships, highlighting many of the legends of the sport.

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**Featured news**

**World Athletics launches #WeGrowAthletics to take further strides towards greater gender equality in sport**

To coincide with International Women’s Day on 8 March 2021, World Athletics launched #WeGrowAthletics, a campaign designed to build on the strides the sport has taken towards greater gender equality.

**Twelve cities want to host the first World Athletics Road Running Championships**

Twelve cities from around the globe have expressed interest in hosting the inaugural World Athletics Road Running Championships in 2023, the World Athletics Council confirmed.

**One year to go - World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade22**

A unique countdown clock called ‘The World on the Track’ has been unveiled to mark the one year to go milestone ahead of the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade22.
The museum gives visitors a unique online experience, highlighting key athletics champions from each continent, and celebrating each edition of the World Athletics Championships, through realistic interactive content, including items donated by the athletes which help to tell the story of the sport.

Full story

Eugene’s USATF Grand Prix to kick off 2021 World Athletics Continental Tour Gold meeting series

The USATF Grand Prix, set to take place on 24 April as part of the Oregon Relays at Hayward Field in Eugene, will kick off the 2021 World Athletics Continental Tour Gold series.

Other news

- Timetables confirmed for Bathurst and Yangzhou
- World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade22 timetable and qualification system released
- Russian Athletics Federation reinstatement plan approved by World Athletics Council
- Authorised Neutral Athlete programme to be reinstated
- Richards-Ross and Dolan join the board of directors for World Athletics Championships Oregon22
- Trace Skopil joins Oregon22, LLC as chief financial officer

Action replay

Looking back on a memorable 2021 indoor season

Yang smashes world 20km race walk record with 1:23:49

ENDURANCE RUNNING MEDICINE WEBINARS

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LONG DISTANCE RUNNING

Saturday 24 April

Moderator: Alex Hutchinson
Speakers: Brian Krabak, William Roberts

Find out more
For the record

World record watch (as at 29 March 2021)

Pending ratification - performances achieved in 2020-2021

• U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.93 and 7.91 Grace Stark (USA) College Station 28-29 Feb 20
• women's half marathon (women-only): 1:05:16 Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Gdynia 17 Oct 20
• men's half marathon: 57:32 Kibiwott Kandie (KEN) Valencia 6 Dec 20
• men's indoor triple jump: 18.07m Hugues Fabrice Zango (BUR) Aubiere 16 Jan 21
• men's indoor shot put: 22.82m Ryan Crouser (USA) Fayetteville 24 Jan 21
• U20 women's indoor 800m: Keely Hodgkinson (GBR) Vienna 30 Jan 21
• women's indoor 1500m: Gudaf Tsegay (ETH) Lievin 9 Feb 21
• women's 5km: 14:43 Beatrice Chepkoech (KEN) Monaco 14 Feb 21
• U20 men's indoor heptathlon: 6062 Jente Hauttekeete (BEL) Frankfurt 14 Feb 21
• U20 women's indoor long jump: 6.91m Larissa lapichino (ITA) Ancona 20 Feb 21
• men's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.29 Grant Holloway (USA) Madrid 24 Feb 21
• U20 women's indoor 60m hurdles: 7.91 Ackera Nugent (JAM) Lubbock 26 Feb 21
• U20 women's indoor 800m: 1:58.40 Athing Mu (USA) Fayetteville 27 Feb 21
• women's 20km race walk: 1:23:49 Yang Jiayu (CHN) Huangshan 20 Mar 21

Rejected / unratifiable

• U20 women's indoor 400m: 50.52 Athing Mu (USA) College Station 6 Feb 21
(No doping control)

Athletes sanctioned for a doping offence

An up-to-date list is available on the Athletics Integrity Unit website.

New member federation officers – recent elections / appointments

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