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Looking forward to the IAAF/BTC World Relays, Bahamas 2015

The **IAAF/BTC World Relays**, **Bahamas 2015** takes place on 2 and 3 May in Nassau. Last year's inaugural IAAF World Relays excelled beyond our expectations. The IAAF's faith in this innovative event with a new presentation concept, and The Bahamas' ability to deliver a top global sports entertainment product, was richly rewarded in 2014.

Nassau's 15,000-seater Thomas A Robinson Stadium will again be the venue and 10 relay events will be staged. The best men's and women's teams in the world will compete in the 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x800m and, new for the second edition, the distance medley relay which replaces the 4x1500m.

Beijing, which will stage the IAAF World Championships from 22-30 August 2015, will play host to the 198th IAAF Council meeting on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April. A technical site visit concerning the **IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015** will take place the day before the Council meets. A general site visit to the China National Convention Centre, which will be the venue for IAAF Congress in August (18-20), will take place on Friday 17 April.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



MINISTER OF SPORT, MAYOR OF BEIJING, LIU AND KAMWOROR JOIN PRESIDENT DIACK TO LAUNCH ONLINE TICKET SALES FOR BEIJING

The Minister of the General Administration of Sport of China and Chairman of the Chinese Olympic Committee Liu Peng, Mayor of Beijing Wang Anshun and IAAF President Lamine Diack today met in the Golden Room of China's National Stadium, better known as the Bird's Nest, to unveil the design of the tickets and to open online sales for the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015 (22-30 Aug 2015).

Photo: Officials and guests kicked off the sales of the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015 tickets

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- IAAF President Lamine Diack receives special award from Africa International Sports Convention
- Guiyang passes the baton to Kampala
- 'One year to go' event showcases IAAF World Indoor Championships, Portland 2016
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- IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, Cardiff 2016 launched
- IAAF and World Marathon Majors anti-doping partnership
- Jackie Joyner-Kersee's Winning In Life programme expanding thanks to Athletics for a Better World
- IAAF makes an impact at 2015 SportsPro Live Conference
- IAAF World Lists 2014 now available
- IAAF Ambassador Powell promotes IAAF /
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World Relays set for sizeable increase in entries

There are just 50 days to go until the second edition of the IAAF World Relays, which will again be held in Nassau, the capital city of The Bahamas. Preliminary entries suggest that there will be a sizeable increase in athletes and teams heading to the Caribbean in just over a month's time.

New four-year term for CAA president Malboum

Cameroon's Hamad Kalkaba Malboum was unanimously re-elected for a fourth term of four years (2015-2019) as president of the Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) at the congress in Addis Ababa on 2-3 March.

IAAF / Nestlé Kids' Athletics workshop in Delhi suggests huge potential in India

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) conducted its first IAAF / Nestlé Kids' Athletics workshop on 26-27 February in New Delhi. Athletics coordinators from 20 states took part in the workshop conducted by IAAF senior development manager Gunter Lange.

Al Hamad will lead Asian Athletics until 2019

Dahlan Al Hamad will serve for another four years as president of the Asian Athletics Association (AAA). The Asian governing body will have the unanimous support of the 45 member federations within the continent to implement his plan to bring Asia to the centre stage of global athletics.

FOR THE RECORD

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