

To the member associations

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Role and responsibilities of technical directors in member associations

Dear Sir or Madam,

Technical development is essential to building the football of the future. It is a long-term investment and focuses on increasing the number and level of players and expanding grassroots, youth and women's football, coach education and research and documentation. The results are assessed over a period of several years, which requires great determination, patience and the active support on the part of the member association at management level.

The technical director of a member association plays a key role in this by proposing a technical strategy over a number of years – as part of the association's strategy and the contract of agreed objectives of the FIFA Forward Programme – to the association's management in order to improve the level of the game in the country concerned and achieve identified targets both on and off the pitch.

The objective of this booklet is therefore to emphasise the importance of his (or her) role and responsibilities to the member association's management and it is of paramount importance that the latter give the technical director the necessary competences, resources and decision-making power to fulfil his/her tasks and to drive forward the technical development of football in the country.

We thank you for your cooperation and wish you the best of success for the future of football in your country.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA



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