



TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1684

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Update on the bidding process for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the resounding and unprecedented success of the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019, the FIFA President outlined a proposed five-point plan to expedite the growth of women's football. Key to this plan was the expansion of the FIFA Women's World Cup™ from 24 to 32 teams as of the 2023 edition.

In view of the fact that the bidding process for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 had already been initiated, I exceptionally took the step of writing to all FIFA Council members, providing them with the opportunity to approve the expansion of the competition prior to the bid submissions and the next FIFA Council meeting in October 2019.

I can confirm that the FIFA Council has now approved the expansion of the FIFA Women's World Cup to 32 teams and that this will be effective for the 2023 edition of the tournament.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to provide all member associations with an update on the bidding process for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 as follows:

1. Existing bidders

Any member association which has already submitted an expression of interest form and is currently bidding for this competition is not required to do so again. FIFA will communicate directly with the relevant member associations to reconfirm their interest in hosting the expanded competition.

2. Expression of interest form

Any eligible member association interested in joining the bidding process for the 32-team FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 is invited to declare its interest by completing and signing the enclosed expression of interest form.

Please note that any member association interested in participating in the bidding process as part of a joint bid should return an individually executed expression of interest form, whilst also naming the other member association(s) involved in the bid.

In order to join the bidding process, please complete and duly execute the attached expression of interest form and submit it to FIFA by **17:00 CET (Central European Time) on 16 August 2019**.

The form must be submitted to FIFA by email, marked for the attention of the FIFA Bidding Team, to the following address: 2023wwcbid@fifa.org.

After such deadline, and until bid submission, any member association wishing to join the bidding process will be permitted to submit a bid only as part of a joint bid in combination with a member association (or member associations) which have already submitted a bid registration in accordance with the deadlines set out in the bidding process.

3. Revised timeline

To allow sufficient time and enable both new and existing bidders to consider the updated requirements, the bidding process timeline has been duly revised as follows:

Key dates*

16 August 2019	Deadline to submit the completed expression of interest form to FIFA
19 August 2019	FIFA to dispatch the bidding registration and overview of the bidding process documents (including updated high-level hosting requirements)**
2 September 2019	Deadline for interested member associations to submit the completed bidding registration document to FIFA***
3 September 2019	FIFA to dispatch bidding and hosting documents (including updated detailed hosting requirements) to bidding member associations
13 December 2019	Submission of the bid book, the signed hosting agreement and all other hosting documents to FIFA
January/February 2020	Official inspection visits to take place
May 2020	Expected appointment date of the host(s) by FIFA

*Dates are subject to change as required.

** Current bidding MAs will not receive a new bidding registration document but will receive a revised overview of the bidding document

*** Current bidding MAs to reconfirm their respective bidding registration by this deadline.

4. Next steps

FIFA will dispatch the bidding registration and overview of the bidding process documents (including updated high-level hosting requirements) to the interested member associations on or before 19 August 2019.

Please note that all documents provided by FIFA to the member associations in relation to the bidding process will be in English. FIFA will not provide translations and will not accept the submission of any such documents in any other language unless otherwise stipulated in the terms and conditions of the bidding registration document.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the FIFA general secretariat.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Fatma Samoura
Secretary General

Encl. - Expression of interest form

cc: - FIFA Council
- Confederations

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

regarding the hosting and staging of the final competition of the

FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023™

By duly completing and executing this expression of interest form and submitting it to FIFA, we hereby confirm that

..... ***[insert name of member association]***
(the **“Member Association”**)

has an interest in participating in the bidding process for the right to host and stage the final competition of the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023™ and wishes to receive FIFA’s bidding registration.

The Member Association has an interest in submitting:

an individual bid

a joint bid together with:

.....
.....
[insert name(s) of the other member association(s) participating in the joint bid]

Duly authorised, for and on behalf of:

..... ***[insert name of member association]***

Signature: Signature:

Name: Name:

Title: Title:

Date: Date: