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To: **MEMBER FEDERATIONS**
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Re: **Invitation to host the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships**

Dear all,

As you may know, World Athletics assists the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA), the International Trail Running Association (ITRA) and the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) in organising the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships on a biennial basis.

Today, we are delighted to open for Expressions of Interest in the next edition of the **World Mountain and Trail Running Championships (WMTRC) taking place in 2023** – to be held before 15 June or after 15 September.

The WMTRC is where the world's best off-road runners are released into the wild. Held over three days, elite international athletes compete in a total of ten official world championships across four course formats, as well as other open or promotional mass participation races. The WMTRC celebrates the force of nature, capturing new frontiers or re-purposing off-season resorts.

A host opportunity summary offering more information about the WMTRC including the competition format, hosting requirements, hosting fee, hosting rights and the bid procedure timeline, is now available on our website (click [here](#)). The submission deadline for a written Expression of Interest is 1 November 2021.

For further information on hosting this event, please contact Mark Hurst at bitting@worldathletics.org.

Kind regards,

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer