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To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS
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Dentsu Athletics

Re: Invitation to host the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships 2029

Dear all,

We wish to inform you that we are launching the hosting process for the **World Mountain and Trail Running Championships 2029**.

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

The WMTRC is held over four days with around 1,300 runners from circa 80 national teams competing in 10 official world championship races across four course formats. Media interest in this Championship is growing exponentially with 265 accredited media representatives on site, over 1 million broadcast viewers and a total YouTube live reach of 1.73 million at the Canfranc WMTRC 2025. This Championship is on the rise, and it presents an increasingly appealing opportunity for destination marketing with burgeoning reach and engagement.

A WMTRC 2029 bid summary is available on our website (click [here](#)) with more information about the competition format, hosting rights, hosting requirements, hosting fee, prize money and the bid procedure timeline. The submission deadline for a formal expression of interest to host the WMTRC 2029 is on **1 October 2026**.

For further information about this hosting opportunity, please contact Mark Hurst at bidding@worldathletics.org.

Best wishes,

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer