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Monaco, 22 April 2026

To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS
Copy: Council Members
Executive Board Members
Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations
Dentsu Athletics

Re: Nationality Review Panel Application Process – Appointment of four members

Dear all,

The Nationality Review Panel ('NRP') operates under the Transfer of Allegiance Regulations. It is established by, and delegated authority from, the Council to consider and decide applications from Member Federations regarding athlete eligibility and transfers of allegiance.

The NRP consists of a pool of nine (9) members and is Chaired by Council Member, Donna Raynor. There is one vacant member position, and the terms of three members will end on 31 July 2026. The current composition of the NRP is set out in the position description appended to this circular.

To ensure the Panel continues to benefit from the necessary skills, expertise, and diversity – including gender and geographical representation - applicants from candidates in Africa, Asia, South America and Oceania are particularly encouraged.

World Athletics now invites applications for four (4) vacant positions on the NRP for appointment by the World Athletics Council in July 2026. The successful applicants will be appointed for a four-year term commencing on 1 August 2026.

The position description is included in the appendix and, along with the application details, can also be found for download from the [World Athletics website](#). Candidates should also be aware of recent changes made to the Eligibility Rules and Transfer of Allegiance Regulations. Information concerning the key amendments can be found in Circular M/17/26.

Shortlisted candidate's will be subject to vetting by the World Athletics Vetting Panel to confirm their eligibility in accordance with the Vetting Rules. Therefore, all applicants should also review the Vetting Rules, a copy of which is available [here](#) (See Book B3.2).

Key Actions and Dates

Please find listed below the **key actions** for prospective applicants which Member Federations and Area Associations should also be aware of:

- A **Cover Letter** detailing the applicant's suitability (against the criteria listed) outlining their skills and experience; how they will contribute to the Nationality Review Panel and the reasons for applying;
- A full **Curriculum Vitae** or a **competency statement** aligned with the role description (against the criteria listed);
- **Confidential contact details** email address and telephone numbers (including mobile);
- **Referees:** full contact details of three (3) referees; and
- **Endorsement:** if applicable, a written endorsement from the applicant's Member Federation or Area Association.



The **key dates** of the application process are set out in the position description in appendix.

All applications must be submitted by email to nominations.panel@worldathletics.org by no later than **23:59 (CEST) on Friday 22 May 2026**.

For any questions regarding the NRP appointment process, please contact the Nominations Panel at nominations.panel@worldathletics.org.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ridgeon'.

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix: Position Description & Application Information