

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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Bidding processes for the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™

Dear Sir or Madam,

Background

On 4 October 2023, the FIFA Council approved a consolidated proposal in relation to the bidding for, and hosting of, the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter collectively “Competitions” and individually “Competition”) whereby:

- The FIFA administration would launch the bidding processes for the Competitions and administer the bidding processes concurrently.
- A joint candidacy comprising Morocco, Portugal and Spain would participate in a single-candidate bidding process to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ (with the exception of the Centenary Celebration Matches).
- The 100-year anniversary of the first edition of the FIFA World Cup would be marked by a celebration ceremony in Uruguay and the hosting of three celebratory matches – one each to be played in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay respectively – featuring the respective national team of each country and taking place prior to the first matches in the host countries of the FIFA World Cup 2030™, but still forming an integral component of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ (“Centenary Celebration”).
- The bidding process for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ would involve the territories of the AFC and the OFC to ensure a full rotation and involvement of all confederations.

Declarations of interest

In line with this decision, FIFA is pleased to hereby invite the member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC to declare their interest in bidding for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

FIFA kindly requests that eligible member associations interested in bidding for the Competition complete and duly execute the declaration of interest form enclosed in this circular and submit it to FIFA by **17:00 CET (Central European Time) on 31 October 2023**.

The completed declaration of interest form must be submitted to FIFA, marked for the attention of Nicholas Rozenberg, Director of Business Affairs and Strategy, via email to fwc2034bid@fifa.org.

The form should be executed by the President and General Secretary of the relevant member association(s).

In relation to any joint bids, each member association interested in participating in the bid must return an individually executed declaration of interest form, naming the other member association(s) involved in the bid.

Bidding Regulations

In accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 (a) of the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA general secretariat shall establish a fair and transparent bidding process for the FIFA World Cup™ based on specific regulations to be issued by the FIFA Council.

On 4 October 2023, the FIFA Council also approved the Bidding Regulations for the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™. The document is enclosed for your reference.

Overview of the Bidding Processes

FIFA is pleased to share the Overview of the Bidding Processes for FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™, a document which aims to provide general information to all member associations regarding some key elements of the bidding processes, including:

- the timeline and selection process;
- the competition format;
- the content and key information required to prepare a bid;
- how the bids will be evaluated by FIFA; and
- the in-principle operational model for the delivery of the Competitions.

This document is also enclosed for your reference.

Overview of Hosting Requirements

FIFA is also pleased to share the Overview of Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2034™¹. The document contains important information to enable those member associations interested in hosting the Competition to understand:

- the infrastructure required to host the Competition (in particular in terms of key official sites/locations and capacities that form the tournament footprint);
- the legal framework that must be established to host the Competition (in particular in terms of government support and contractual hosting documentation); and
- the environmental and social outcomes that should be pursued to host the Competition.

¹ For reference, the [Overview of Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030™](#) were approved by the FIFA Council on 23 June 2023.

Timeline for the bidding processes

An overview of the foreseen key dates in the bidding processes is provided below:

Key dates*

31 October 2023	Deadline to submit the completed declaration of interest forms to FIFA
30 November 2023	Deadline to submit the completed Bidding Agreements to FIFA
4 December 2023	FIFA to dispatch bidding and hosting documents and content to the bidding member associations
July 2024	Deadline to submit bids to FIFA
Starting Q4 2024	Expected timing for the designation of bids by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and selection of hosts by the FIFA Congresses

*Dates are subject to change as required.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Rozenberg, Director of Business Affairs and Strategy, at the email address outlined above.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Mattias Grafström
Secretary General ad interim

Encl.

- FIFA World Cup 2034™ Declaration of Interest form
- Bidding Regulations for the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™
- Overview of the Bidding Processes for the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™
- Overview of Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2034™

Cc: FIFA Council
Confederations



DECLARATION OF INTEREST

regarding the hosting and staging of the final competition of the

FIFA World Cup 2034™

By duly completing and executing this declaration of interest form and submitting it to FIFA by the deadline of 31 October 2023, we hereby confirm that:

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

(hereinafter the “**Member Association**”)

has reviewed the Bidding Regulations of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter the “**Regulations**”) and formally expresses its interest in participating in the bidding process for the right to host and stage the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

The Member Association has an interest in submitting:

- an individual bid

- a joint bid together with the following member association(s):

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[insert name(s) of other member association(s) participating in joint bid, if relevant]



Duly authorised for and on behalf of:

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

Signature:

Signature:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

NB: this form should be executed by the President and General Secretary of the relevant member association.

DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊT

pour l'organisation de la compétition finale de la

Coupe du Monde de la FIFA 2034™

En complétant et en renvoyant à la FIFA le présent formulaire de déclaration d'intérêt dûment signé avant la date limite du 31 octobre 2023, nous confirmons que la :

.....
[insérer le nom complet de l'association membre]

(ci-après « l'association membre »)

a pris connaissance du Règlement de candidature pour la Coupe du Monde de la FIFA 2030™ et la Coupe du Monde de la FIFA 2034™ (ci-après : le « règlement ») et déclare formellement son intérêt à participer à la procédure de candidature en vue d'obtenir les droits d'organisation de la compétition finale de la Coupe du Monde de la FIFA 2034™.

L'association membre souhaite déposer :

- une candidature individuelle

- une candidature conjointe avec l'/les association(s) membre(s) suivante(s) :

.....

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[insérer le nom complet de toute autre association membre participant à la candidature conjointe, le cas échéant]

Dûment autorisé(e)s pour le compte de la :

.....
[insérer le nom complet de l'association membre]

Signature :

Signature :

Nom :

Nom :

Fonction :

Fonction :

Date :

Date :

Remarque : le présent formulaire doit être signé par le/la président(e) et le/la secrétaire général(e) de l'association membre concernée.

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FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™

Bidding Regulations

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1. Background

- i. Article 68 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes establishes some principles for how FIFA shall decide on the venue for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™, namely:
 - a) In deciding on the venue for the FIFA World Cup, the overriding objective is to secure the best possible hosting conditions in the host country/countries.
 - b) The FIFA Council shall issue specific regulations governing the bidding procedure for determining the host venue of the FIFA World Cup.
 - c) The FIFA general secretariat shall establish a fair and transparent bidding procedure in accordance with such regulations issued by the FIFA Council. The FIFA general secretariat will invite all qualified member association(s) to submit a bid to host the FIFA World Cup. It will also define in detail the requirements for the bidding and hosting of the FIFA World Cup, as well as the criteria for selecting the host venue.
 - d) The FIFA general secretariat shall submit to the FIFA Council a public report evaluating the compliance of all bids with the bidding procedure and the requirements for hosting the FIFA World Cup, taking into consideration the defined criteria for selecting the host(s).
 - e) The FIFA Council shall review the report and designate up to three bids to be submitted to the FIFA Congress.
 - f) The FIFA Congress shall decide the host venue of the FIFA World Cup from the bids designated by the FIFA Council.
- ii. On 4 October 2023, the FIFA Council approved the following consolidated proposal in relation to the bidding for, and hosting of, the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter collectively, “Competitions” and individually, “Competition”):
 - a) That the FIFA administration launch the bidding processes for the Competitions and administer the bidding processes concurrently.
 - b) In respect of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030:
 - That – in consultation with CONMEBOL – the 100-year anniversary of the first edition of the FIFA World Cup in 2030 be marked by a celebration ceremony in Uruguay and the hosting of three celebratory matches – one each to be played in Uruguay (in Montevideo), Argentina and Paraguay respectively – featuring the respective national team of each country and taking place prior to the first matches in the host countries of the FIFA World Cup 2030, but still forming an integral component of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 (hereinafter “Centenary Celebration Matches”);
 - That – in consultation with CAF and UEFA – a joint candidacy comprising Morocco, Portugal and Spain participate in a single-candidate bidding process to host the Competition (with the exception of the Centenary Celebration Matches referenced above);

- c) In respect of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034:
- That – in consultation with the AFC and OFC – FIFA member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC be eligible to bid to host the Competition.

2. Purpose of these Regulations

- i. These Bidding Regulations (hereinafter the “Regulations”) apply to:
- a) the bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 (with the exception of the Centenary Celebration Matches, as referenced in section 1 paragraph ii b) above) (hereinafter the “2030 Bidding Process”);
 - b) the bidding process for the Centenary Celebration Matches (hereinafter the “Centenary Celebration Matches Process”); and
 - c) the bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 (hereinafter the “2034 Bidding Process”)

(collectively, the “Bidding Processes” and individually, the “Bidding Process”), and set out the framework by which the FIFA general secretariat shall:

- ensure the Bidding Processes are fair, transparent and meet the highest standards of ethics and integrity;
- invite eligible member associations to participate in the Bidding Processes;
- explain to bidding member associations the requirements for participating in the Bidding Processes and the obligations required of the host association(s) in hosting the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034; and
- establish the criteria by which member associations participating in the Bidding Processes will be assessed, and the host association(s) ultimately selected, to host the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034.

3. Objective of Bidding Processes

In accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Statutes, the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes is to secure the best possible hosting conditions in the host country/countries for the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034.

4. Key principles

- i. In pursuit of achieving the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes, the FIFA general secretariat is committed to ensuring that all aspects of the Bidding Processes are conducted in accordance with the following principles:

a) Objectivity:

The evaluation of the bids is designed to treat each bidder fairly and equally. Bids are assessed by experts in each aspect of the Bidding Processes and measured against clear and objective criteria.

b) Transparency:

The bid books produced by the bidding member associations, as well as FIFA's evaluation report(s), will be published. When it comes to the shortlisting decisions by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and the subsequent host appointment decisions by the FIFA Congress, the result of each ballot and the related votes will be open and made public.

c) Integrity:

All of the stakeholders involved in the Bidding Processes – including the FIFA general secretariat, the decision-making bodies and the bidding member associations – are subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics. Additionally, an independent auditor and bid compliance and ethics officers are appointed to monitor the Bidding Processes.

d) Commitment to human rights and sustainable event management:

FIFA is fully committed to conducting its activities in connection with the bidding for and hosting of the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034 in accordance with sustainable event management standards and practices (in line with ISO 20121), safeguarding principles for the protection of children and adults at risk and to respecting internationally recognised human rights in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

5. Eligibility to participate

- i. Taking into account the fact that the hosting of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2026™ will take place in the territory of Concacaf, and in accordance with article 68 paragraph 4 of the FIFA Statutes and the decision of the FIFA Council on 4 October 2023, participation in the bidding processes for hosting the FIFA World Cup 2030 covers the territories of CAF, CONMEBOL and UEFA, and specifically those member associations affiliated with these confederations, as outlined in section 5 paragraphs (ii) and (iii) to follow.

- ii. For the 2030 Bidding Process, the Moroccan Football Association (FRMF), the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) are eligible to participate in the process on a joint basis as a single candidate.
- iii. For the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) are eligible to participate in the process on an individual basis in respect of a single Centenary Celebration Match.
- iv. For the 2034 Bidding Process, FIFA member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC are eligible to participate in the process.
- v. Any member association that is under temporary suspension by the FIFA Council or suspension or has been expelled by the FIFA Congress is not eligible to participate in the Bidding Processes.
- vi. If at any stage throughout the Bidding Processes, a member association is prohibited from bidding for the final competition(s) of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034 pursuant to applicable laws or pursuant to rules by which FIFA is bound (e.g. the World Anti-Doping Code), the member association shall not be eligible to participate in, or continue participating in, the relevant process.
- vii. Joint bids by eligible member associations are permitted for the Bidding Processes.

6. Bidding Processes – format

6.1. Overview

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process and the 2034 Bidding Process are separate processes that will be administered by FIFA concurrently.
- ii. The Bidding Processes will be conducted in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by the FIFA general secretariat and will consist of the following phases:
 - a) **Phase 1 – set-up:** scheduled to take place in the fourth quarter of 2023
 - b) **Phase 2 – bid preparation:** scheduled to commence during the fourth quarter of 2023 and conclude during the third quarter of 2024
 - c) **Phase 3 – bid evaluation:** scheduled to commence during the third quarter of 2024 and conclude during the fourth quarter of 2024
 - d) **Phase 4 – decision:** to take place in separate FIFA Congresses scheduled to commence from fourth quarter of 2024
- iii. Each of these phases is outlined in sections 6.2 to 6.5 of these Regulations.

6.2. Phase 1 – set-up

- i. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite the Moroccan Football Association (FRMF), the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) to confirm their interest in jointly hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030.
- ii. In relation to the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) to confirm their interest in individually hosting a Centenary Celebration Match.
- iii. In relation to the 2034 Bidding Process, the FIFA general secretariat will invite eligible member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC to express their interest in hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034.
- iv. The FIFA Council approved the Overview of the Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030 in June 2023, which provide an overview of the key requirements for hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030. These will be amended to extend to the Centenary Celebration Matches and the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034, as appropriate and applicable.
- v. Eligible member associations must declare their interest by submitting a declaration of interest in the manner and form prescribed by the FIFA general secretariat.
- vi. Member associations may withdraw or amend their declaration of interest at any time during the set-up phase.
- vii. In the event that a declaration of interest is received from any ineligible member association(s), the FIFA general secretariat will notify such member association(s) in writing of its/their ineligibility.
- viii. The FIFA general secretariat shall provide the relevant member association(s) with a template legal agreement, setting out the terms and conditions applicable to their participation in the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process (hereinafter the “Bidding Agreement”). In order to continue their participation in the respective Bidding Process, each interested member association will be required to execute a Bidding Agreement in the form and manner specified by the FIFA general secretariat.
- ix. By the conclusion of the set-up phase, the relevant member associations shall confirm their status as bidding member associations for the respective Bidding Process by submitting the executed Bidding Agreement.

6.3. Phase 2 – bid preparation

- i. The Bidding Agreement will provide the bidding member associations with instructions on all content to be submitted as part of their bids, including a bid book and template documents and agreements where relevant, as well as the corresponding format and deadlines for such content.

- ii. In order to support the bidding member associations in the preparation of their bids, the FIFA general secretariat may organise one or more workshops, observer programmes and working meetings with some or all bidding member associations in order to provide any relevant operational, legal and other information regarding the respective Bidding Process and the hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2030, a Centenary Celebration Match or the FIFA World Cup 2034, as well as to answer any related questions.
- iii. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, as these are single-candidate processes, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will establish a more regular and targeted dialogue with the candidates. This may include establishing an agenda of periodic meetings, workshops and other activities in order to manage and address all aspects of the bid delivery.
- iv. Bidding member associations may withdraw their bid (or in the case of the 2034 Bidding Process amend their bid composition (i.e. by adding additional eligible member association(s) to their individual or joint bid, merging with existing bidding member association(s) or splitting from other bidding member association(s) in a joint bid)) at any time during the bid preparation phase.
- v. At the conclusion of the bid preparation phase, bidding member associations will submit their bid for the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process in accordance with the terms of the Bidding Agreement.
- vi. Each bid book (a key part of the content submitted under each bid) will be made public by the FIFA general secretariat.

6.4. Phase 3 – bid evaluation

- i. The FIFA general secretariat will evaluate all submitted bids based on its best judgement and in accordance with a predefined evaluation model that is consistent with the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes, as set out in section 3 of these Regulations. A joint bid submitted by multiple member associations will be evaluated collectively as one bid.
- ii. The evaluation model will be comprised of the following three components:
 - a) **Risk assessment:** an assessment of the risks associated with certain criteria, applying a risk rating
 - b) **Technical evaluation:** an assessment of certain infrastructure and commercial criteria, applying a scoring system
 - c) **Description:** a summary of certain relevant information provided in the bid and highlighting potential issues (without a technical evaluation or risk assessment)

In some cases, an aspect of a bid may be assessed in accordance with more than one of the above components (e.g. it may be given a risk rating and a technical evaluation score).

- iii. The FIFA general secretariat will develop the scoring system for the technical evaluation referenced in paragraph (ii) (b) above. The scoring system will be shared with the bidding member associations and made public during the bid preparation phase.
- iv. As part of the evaluation of all bids, bidding member associations may be required to clarify and elaborate on their bids with additional information at the request of the FIFA general secretariat.
- v. The FIFA general secretariat will also conduct at least one inspection visit to each of the bidding countries. The FIFA general secretariat may organise further meetings with the bidding member associations, as deemed necessary in the evaluation of their bids.
- vi. In relation to the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, as these are single-candidate processes, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will establish a more regular and targeted evaluation of the candidates. This may include additional meetings, inspection visits and requests for clarification to manage and address all aspects of the bid evaluation.
- vii. At the conclusion of the bid evaluation phase, the FIFA general secretariat will submit to the FIFA Council a written report (or reports) outlining its evaluation of all submitted bids (with the exception of any withdrawn bids) (hereinafter the “Bid Evaluation Report(s)”). The Bid Evaluation Report(s) will be shared with the bidding member associations and made public.
- viii. In the event that, based on the results of the technical evaluation, a bid is assessed by the FIFA general secretariat as having failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030, a Centenary Celebration Match or the FIFA World Cup 2034 (as applicable to the respective Bidding Process), the bid will be excluded from the respective Bidding Process and will not be eligible for consideration by, nor presentation to, the FIFA Council or FIFA Congress.
- ix. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, should one or more of the eligible member associations not submit a bid for a Centenary Celebration Match or be assessed as having failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements for such match(es), such matches remain incorporated into the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and shall be hosted by the host(s) of the FIFA World Cup 2030.

6.5. Phase 4 – decision

6.5.1. Voting procedures

The decisions set out in section 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 of these Regulations (FIFA Council designation and FIFA Congress selection) shall each be decided by means of votes conducted in line with the FIFA Statutes and in accordance with voting procedures to be approved by the FIFA Council.

6.5.2. FIFA Council designation

In respect of the 2034 Bidding Process, in accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 c) of the FIFA Statutes, if necessary, the FIFA Council will review all bids presented to it and the Bid Evaluation Report

and designate, based on its best judgement (and taking into consideration the defined criteria for the selection decision referenced in section 6.5.4 below), and in an open ballot, a maximum of three bids for submission to the FIFA Congress for the final decision. The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Council shall be made public.

In respect of the 2030 Bidding Process and the Centenary Celebration Matches Process, the FIFA Council will not be required to designate bids for submission to the FIFA Congress.

6.5.3. FIFA Congress selection

In accordance with article 68 paragraph 2 d) of the FIFA Statutes, the respective FIFA Congress shall review all relevant bids presented to it and the relevant Bid Evaluation Report(s) and shall, taking into consideration the defined criteria for the selection decisions referenced in section 6.5.4 below, select the host association(s) of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, the Centenary Celebration Matches and the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 respectively. The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Congress shall be made public.

6.5.4. Selection criteria

In order to achieve the overriding objective of the Bidding Processes as defined in section 3 of these Regulations, the members of the FIFA Council and delegates of the FIFA Congress may consider the following criteria when selecting a host country (or countries):

- Vision and key metrics, in particular with respect to the overall vision and strategy for the event and its legacy, event timing and other key metrics
- Event infrastructure, in particular with respect to the proposed stadiums, team and referee facilities, International Broadcast Centre sites, FIFA Fan Festival™ sites and Competition-related event sites
- Event services, in particular with respect to accommodation, transport, safety and security, medical matters and IT&T
- Commercial potential, in particular with respect to forecast revenues and costs associated with organising the event in the host country/countries
- Legal and compliance, in particular with respect to legal and compliance risks associated with organising the event in the host country/countries
- Sustainability and human rights, in particular with respect to following sustainable event management principles and respecting internationally recognised human rights and environmental protection

6.5.5. Presentations

In advance of the respective votes on bids eligible for consideration by the FIFA Council and the respective FIFA Congress pursuant to the Bid Evaluation Report(s), the FIFA general secretariat will

inform the relevant bidding member associations whether they have the opportunity to present their bids to:

- a) the FIFA Council; and/or
- b) the FIFA Congress.

6.5.6. Conflicts of interest

- i. In the event that a member of the FIFA Council has a conflict of interest in relation to the vote on the designation of bids for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034 (should a designation decision be required), the member shall not perform their duties in connection with the vote. This includes participating in any debate or voting in connection with this agenda item. The member may remain in the room during the entire agenda item.
- ii. Members of the FIFA Council will, in particular, be considered to have a conflict of interest if they, in addition to their role as a FIFA Council member, hold a position (or have held a position since the bid submission deadline) at a member association whose bid is part of the vote.
- iii. Members of the FIFA Council who will not perform their duties owing to a conflict of interest shall notify the FIFA general secretariat immediately and no later than one week prior to the date of the vote.
- iv. In the event that a delegate of the FIFA Congress has a conflict of interest in relation to the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 and/or the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the Centenary Celebration Matches and/or the vote on the selection of the host association(s) to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034, the delegate will not perform their duties in connection with the vote(s). This includes participating in any debate or voting in connection with this agenda item(s).
- v. A member association (and its delegates) will be considered to have a conflict of interest if the member association has submitted a bid that is part of the respective vote.
- vi. Delegates of the FIFA Congress who will not perform their duties owing to a conflict of interest shall notify the FIFA general secretariat immediately and no later than one week prior to the date of the respective vote.

6.6. Variation

Without prejudice to the overriding objective set out in section 3 of these Regulations, the FIFA general secretariat shall be entitled to make amendments to any and all of the Bidding Processes at its discretion, including matters relating to procedure, timelines and to bid submission and evaluation requirements, unless any such amendment requires the approval of the FIFA Council, in which case the FIFA general secretariat shall be entitled to seek the approval of the FIFA Council to effect such amendment.

- In particular, in the event that at any stage during the 2034 Bidding Process there is only one bid participating in the process, it is anticipated that the FIFA general secretariat will restructure the process (in particular the bid preparation and bid evaluation phases) to align with the process set out in respect of the 2030 Bidding Process.

7. Integrity of the bidding process

7.1. Conduct rules

- i. In accordance with article 2 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Code of Ethics shall apply to all officials, including (but not limited to) members of the FIFA Council, delegates of the FIFA Congress, members of the FIFA general secretariat and representatives of all FIFA member associations.
- ii. In relation to the Bidding Processes, all persons bound by the FIFA Code of Ethics shall preserve the integrity of the Bidding Processes by adhering to the following rules (hereinafter the “Conduct Rules”):
 - a) **General conduct:** Such persons shall at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the basic ethical principles such as integrity, responsibility, trustworthiness and fairness.
 - b) **Undue influence:** Such persons shall reject any attempt to be influenced in relation to their function and obligations.
 - c) **Gifts:** Such persons shall not offer to, or accept any gifts from, bidding member associations (including their representatives), or from any of their bid consultants and/or nominees, unless such gift:
 - only has symbolic or trivial value;
 - is free of any influence over the execution or omission of an act that is related to their official activities or falls within their discretion;
 - is not contrary to their duties;
 - does not create any undue pecuniary or other advantage; and
 - does not create a conflict of interest.
 - d) **Unfair collaboration:** Such persons shall refrain from collaborating or colluding with any bidding member association, other member association or confederation or any other third party with a view to unfairly influencing the outcome of the Bidding Processes, in particular by entering into any kind of agreement with any bidding member association, other member association or confederation with regards to their behaviour during the Bidding Processes and other bidding processes organised by FIFA or any third party in a manner that may otherwise influence the Bidding Processes.

- e) **Development measures:** Such persons shall refrain from accepting any kind of support or development programme or further initiative containing any kind of financial or commercially beneficial contributions to single or multiple members of the football community which may unduly affect the integrity of the Bidding Processes.
- f) **Friendly matches:** Such persons shall refrain from organising and/or staging, or agreeing to commercial terms in relation to commercial rights to, friendly matches with the representative teams of any bidding member association or friendly matches with football clubs in a manner which may be considered as unduly influencing the Bidding Processes.
- iii. All persons bound by the FIFA Code of Ethics shall immediately disclose to FIFA any activities by the bidding member associations and/or any of their bid consultants and/or nominees in relation to the Bidding Processes that may adversely affect the fairness of the Bidding Processes and/or may cause any undue influence on the outcome of the Bidding Processes, including in connection with the Conduct Rules referenced above.
- iv. Notwithstanding the Conduct Rules outlined above, the FIFA Code of Ethics shall remain entirely in force and shall not be superseded or replaced by the provisions of this section 7.1 of these Regulations.
- v. With regard to the conduct and activities of bidding member associations (including their representatives) and any of their bid consultants and/or nominees, the Bidding Agreement will specify in detail additional rules governing their conduct in connection with the Bidding Processes, including (but not limited to) promotional activities, financial management and sponsorship, reporting obligations, statements concerning other bids, etc.

7.2. FIFA Ethics Committee

- i. The investigatory chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee is, on its own initiative and at its full and independent discretion, competent (i) to investigate as to whether any activity in connection with the Bidding Processes is of an unethical nature in violation of the FIFA Code of Ethics, these Regulations or other specific rules of conduct to be established by the FIFA general secretariat; and (ii) to impose sanctions as set forth in the FIFA Code of Ethics for any breaches of the FIFA Code of Ethics or of such other specific rules of conduct.
- ii. The FIFA Ethics Committee shall appoint one of its members to act on behalf of the FIFA Ethics Committee and as its first point of contact and main liaison with the member associations, other stakeholders and FIFA throughout the Bidding Processes in order to monitor whether any related activities are of an unethical nature or are in violation of any specific rules of conduct.
- iii. Upon request by the FIFA Ethics Committee, all relevant/involved parties (including the members of the FIFA Council as well as the delegates of the FIFA Congress) shall fully cooperate with and support any audit or inquiry conducted by the FIFA Ethics Committee in such a manner as required under article 41 of the FIFA Code of Ethics and shall, in particular, provide, in a timely manner, any information or document required to be disclosed.

7.3. Independent Auditor and bid compliance and ethics officers

- i. The FIFA general secretariat will appoint a high-profile, independent and internationally reputable audit company (hereafter the “Independent Auditor”) to monitor FIFA’s compliance with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes as set out in these Regulations, in particular the fair and equal treatment of all member associations participating in the Bidding Processes, the evaluation of the bids by the FIFA general secretariat, the designations of any bids by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and the decisions on the selection of the host country or host countries by the respective FIFA Congress.
- ii. In particular, the Independent Auditor shall:
 - a) observe the compliance by all relevant members of FIFA (e.g. FIFA general secretariat, FIFA Council members, FIFA Congress delegates, etc.) with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes in accordance with the terms of these Regulations;
 - b) intervene as required in case of any non-compliance by any of the above-mentioned members;
 - c) provide the following reports to the FIFA general secretariat:
 - In good time prior to the designation decisions by the FIFA Council (if necessary), a first written report on the Independent Auditor’s observations and findings in relation to the Bidding Processes. Such first written report shall be provided by the Independent Auditor to the members of the FIFA Council.
 - In good time prior to the selection decisions by the respective FIFA Congress, an updated version of the first written report providing updated observations and findings from the Independent Auditor in relation to the Bidding Processes based on an observation of the votes by the FIFA Council to designate bids to the FIFA Congress. Such updated version of the first written report shall be provided by the Independent Auditor to the delegates of the FIFA Congress. In the event that there are no FIFA Council designation decisions required, no updated first report would be required and the first written report shall be provided directly to the delegates of the FIFA Congress.
 - At the latest one month after the date of the selections of the host country or host countries of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, the Centenary Celebration Matches and the FIFA World Cup 2034 by the respective FIFA Congress, a second and final written report, including an executive summary of such report, on the Independent Auditor’s observations and findings in relation to the compliance by all involved members of FIFA with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes in accordance with these Regulations. The FIFA general secretariat will make public the second and final written report by the Independent Auditor.

- iii. Each bidding member association will appoint a Bid Compliance and Ethics Officer for the duration of their participation in the Bidding Processes to monitor their compliance with the principles and procedures of the Bidding Processes.
- iv. For the avoidance of doubt, the functions of the FIFA Ethics Committee pursuant to the FIFA Code of Ethics and as set out in these Regulations will remain unaffected by the activities conducted by, and functions of, the Independent Auditor and the bid compliance and ethics officers.

8. Final provisions

8.1. Non-compliance

In the event that the FIFA general secretariat determines that a member association is in breach of these Regulations or any other part of the 2030 Bidding Process, the Centenary Celebration Matches Process or the 2034 Bidding Process (as may apply), the member association may be disqualified from the respective Bidding Process and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code. The member association may also be prohibited from participating in future bidding processes for FIFA competitions.

8.2. No waiver

Any failure by the FIFA general secretariat to insist upon strict adherence to any provision of these Regulations, or of any document referred to in these Regulations, or of any other aspect of the Bidding Processes, on one or more occasions, shall not be considered to be a waiver of, or deprive the FIFA general secretariat of, the right to subsequently insist upon strict adherence to that provision.

8.3. Language and authoritative version

These Regulations exist in the required official FIFA languages of English, French and Spanish. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish texts of these Regulations, the English text will be authoritative.

8.4. Enforcement

These Regulations were approved by the FIFA Council at its meeting on 4 October 2023 and come into force with immediate effect.



FIFA World Cup 2030™ and FIFA World Cup 2034™

Overview of the Bidding Processes

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This document has been prepared by the FIFA administration to provide an overview of the bidding processes that will lead to the selection of the host member association(s) of the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup 2030™ and the FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter collectively the “**Competitions**” or individually the “**Competition**”).

This overview contains important information regarding key elements of the processes. It aims to ensure fair and transparent processes in which:

- member associations understand the processes, in particular the timeline and selection processes; and
- those member associations bidding for and hosting the Competitions understand:
 - what is involved in terms of preparing a bid to host the Competitions;
 - how the bids will be evaluated by FIFA; and
 - the “in-principle” operational model for the delivery of the Competitions.

1.2 Disclaimer/qualifications

This document is intended to provide an overview containing general information about the key elements of the bidding processes for the Competitions. FIFA reserves the right to make changes to the information contained herein at any time. This document in no way constitutes a set of regulations governing, nor does it constitute part of the legal framework of, the bidding processes. The legal framework of the bidding processes is principally governed by the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the bidding and hosting documents formally issued by FIFA, and any other such relevant documents and decisions issued.

2. Structure of the processes

2.1 Concurrent processes and hosting opportunities

Consultations with the FIFA confederations revealed that, aligned with the principle of confederation rotation, it is in the best interests of the FIFA World Cup™ and of securing the best possible hosting conditions for the tournaments that the bidding processes for both the 2030 and 2034 editions be run concurrently (i.e. at the same time). This would provide certainty and harmony while also allowing a full rotation and involvement of all confederations over an eight-year cycle, starting with Concacaf for 2026, proceeding to CAF, CONMEBOL and UEFA for 2030, and concluding with the AFC and the OFC for 2034.

The model of administering bidding processes for multiple editions is broadly consistent with that recently applied by other international governing bodies, all of which have pointed to the strategic, operational and financial benefits of adopting this approach.

Securing the hosts of future FIFA World Cup hosts across multiple editions and cycles would provide certainty and stability for FIFA's flagship men's football competition from a commercial, financial and operational perspective, which in turn helps position FIFA to best fulfil its key statutory objectives.

As such, the bidding processes for the FIFA World Cup 2030 and the FIFA World Cup 2034 will be conducted concurrently (although as separate, stand-alone processes in accordance with the FIFA Statutes).

2.2 Other key principles

The following principles have been applied to these bidding processes: objectivity, integrity, transparency and commitment to sustainability and human rights. These are summarised below.

Objectivity

The evaluation of the bids must be as precise and unbiased as possible. This includes a process for rating key aspects of each bid.

Integrity

All of the stakeholders involved in the bidding processes for the FIFA World Cup – including the FIFA administration, the decision-making bodies and the bidding member associations – are subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics. Additionally, an independent auditor and bid compliance and ethics officers are appointed to monitor the bidding processes.

Transparency

This document, read together with the Overview of the Hosting Requirements, contains a summary of the bid book content, timeline, the detailed high-level hosting requirements and the evaluation model. The bid books produced by the bidding member associations, as well as FIFA's evaluation report(s), will also be published. Regarding the shortlisting decisions by the FIFA Council (if necessary) and the subsequent host appointment decisions by the respective FIFA Congress, the result of each ballot and the related votes will be open and made public.

Commitment to sustainability and human rights

The FIFA World Cup must be organised following sustainable event management principles and respecting internationally recognised human rights. FIFA is fully committed to conducting its activities in connection with bidding for and hosting of the Competitions in accordance with sustainable event management standards and practices (in line with ISO 20121), safeguarding principles for the protection of children and adults at risk and respecting internationally recognised human rights in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

On this basis, FIFA also requires human rights and labour standards to be implemented by the bidding member associations, the government(s) and other entities involved in the organisation of the Competitions, such as those responsible for the construction and renovation of stadiums, training sites, hotels and airports.

2.3 Eligibility

All member associations eligible

In accordance with section 5 of the Bidding Regulations approved by the FIFA Council:

- the Moroccan Football Association (FRMF), the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) (jointly representing the confederations of CAF and UEFA) are eligible to participate in a single-candidate bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, into which the centenary celebration in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay (representing CONMEBOL) is integrated (see section 8 of this document for further information on the centenary celebration of the FIFA World Cup); and

- member associations affiliated to the AFC and OFC are eligible to participate in the bidding process for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034.

In accordance with article 68 of the FIFA Statutes and taking into account the member associations appointed to host the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2026™, member associations affiliated to Concacaf are not eligible to bid to host the Competitions.

Individual or joint bids permitted

Subject to the eligibility criteria above, a member association that registers to participate in the bidding processes may prepare and submit an individual or joint bid in collaboration with one or more member associations.

2.4 Timeline and key activities

Following the launch of the processes in early October 2023, member associations bidding to host the Competitions will have until 31 October 2023 to submit their confirmations of interest.

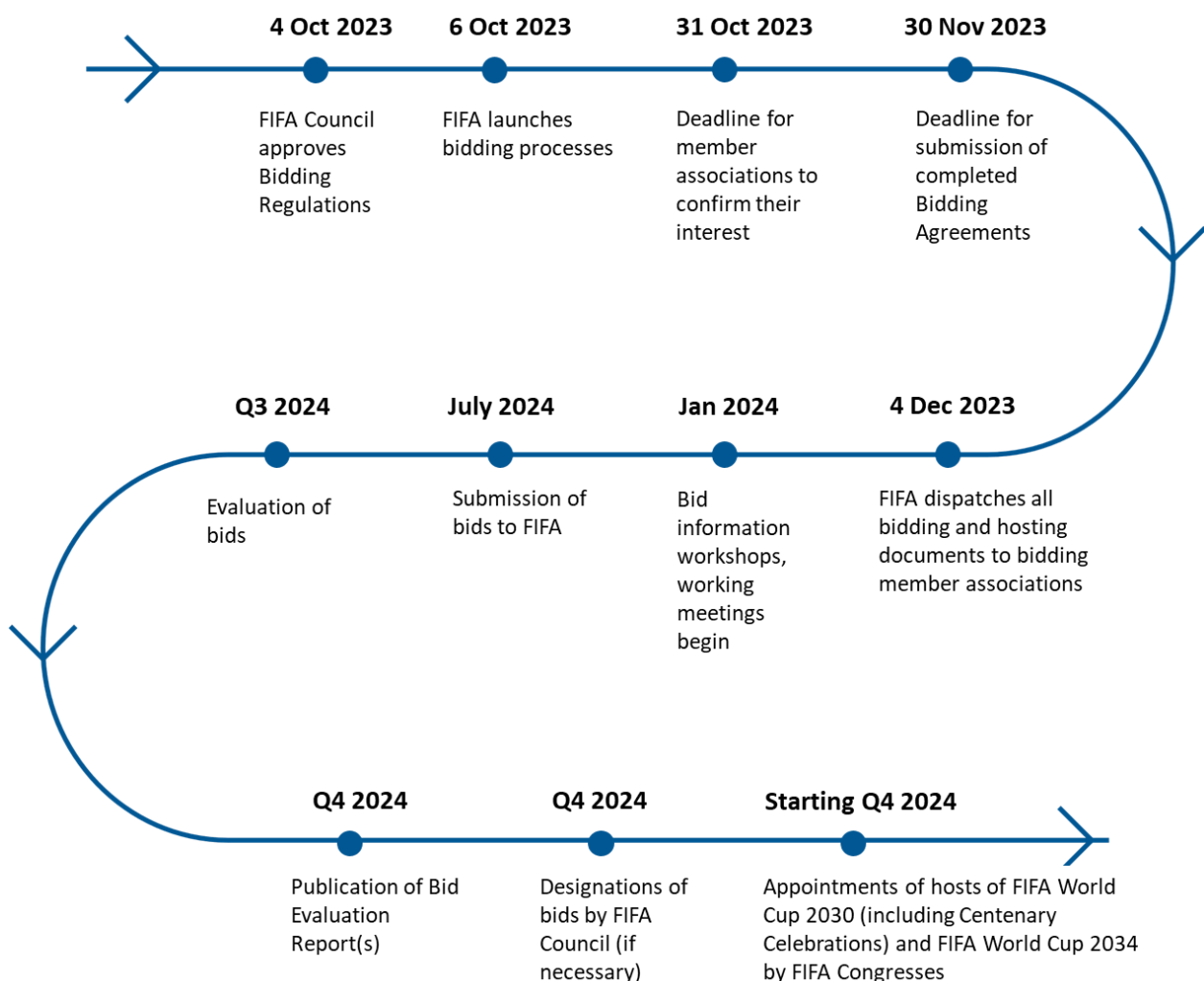
The bidding agreement – an agreement necessary to ensure that the key principles of the bidding process are observed – will be provided to the relevant member associations. This must be returned by 30 November 2023 and also serves as a confirmation to FIFA of the bidding member associations involved in the processes. FIFA will then make the full suite of bidding and hosting documents available to these bidding member associations.

In early 2024, FIFA will initiate a programme of workshops, working meetings and other activities in order to exchange information regarding requirements, bid content and initial concepts in order to support the development of each candidate's bid.

It is currently anticipated that candidates will be required to submit their bids to FIFA in July 2024. FIFA will then conduct a thorough evaluation process, including on-site inspection visits, before publishing its findings in its Bid Evaluation Report(s) in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Finally, the appointments of the host(s) of the Competitions is expected to take place in separate FIFA Congresses scheduled to commence from the fourth quarter of 2024.

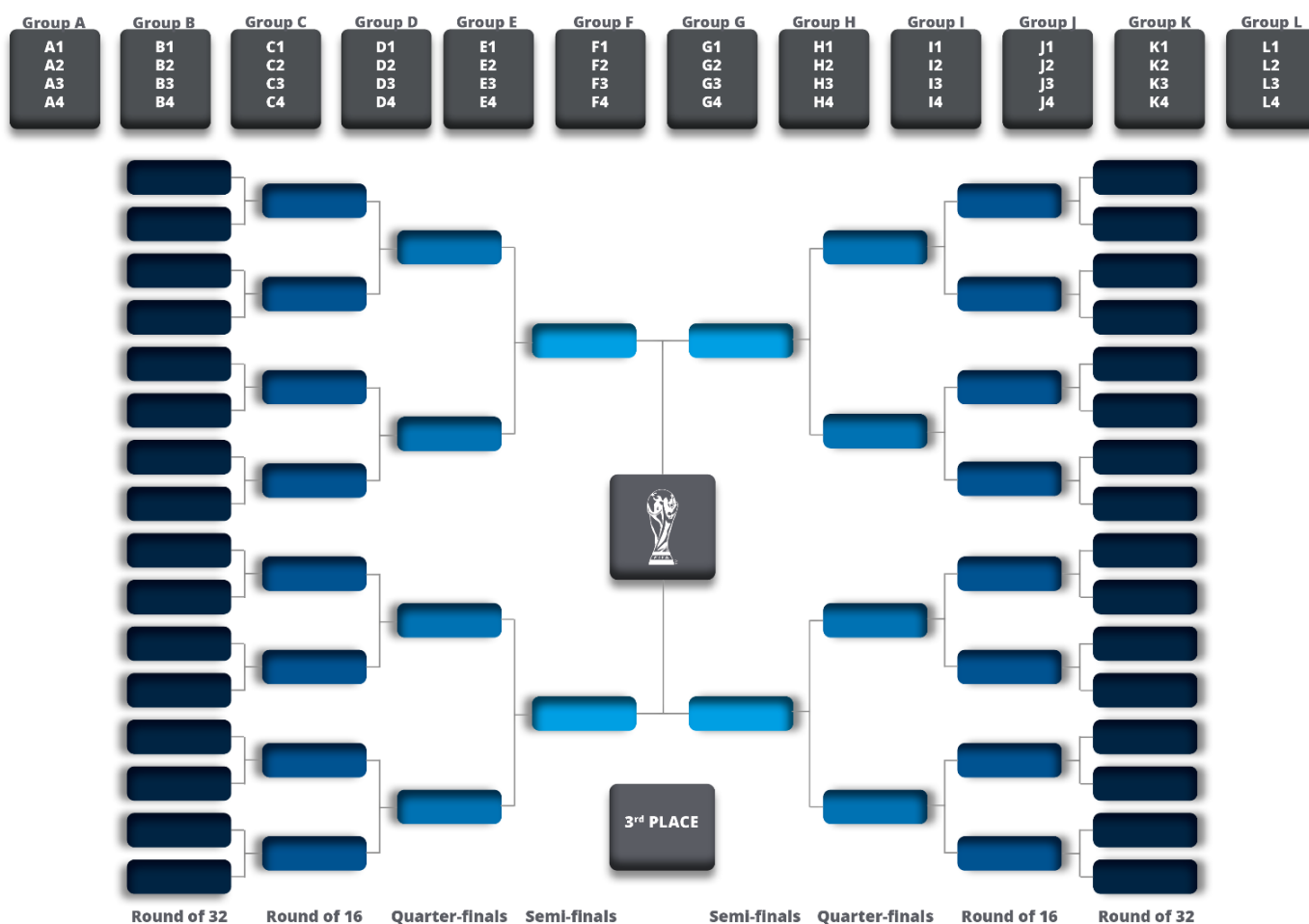
FIFA World Cup 2030 and 2034 – bidding processes timeline*



*Dates are subject to change.

3. Competition and format

The Competitions are currently expected to involve 48 teams, with a group stage involving twelve groups of four teams each, followed by a knockout stage commencing with the round of 32, making for a total of 104 matches. Under such a format, each team would play a minimum of three matches, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the round of 32. The eight best teams among those ranked third following the group stage would also qualify for the round of 32. The format is visually represented below:



4. High-level hosting requirements

In June 2023, the FIFA Council approved the Overview of the Hosting Requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2030. This document provides an overview of the key requirements for hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030 to enable those member associations interested in hosting the Competition to understand:

- the infrastructure required to host the Competition (in particular in terms of key official sites/locations and capacities that form the tournament footprint);
- the legal framework that must be established to host the Competition (in particular in terms of government support and contractual hosting documentation); and
- the environmental and social outcomes that should be pursued to host the Competition.

In accordance with the Bidding Regulations approved by the FIFA Council, these shall be extended to cover both Competitions, as appropriate and applicable.

It is important to note that each of the requirements laid out in this overview are considered as key hosting requirements. In the event that a bid is unable to demonstrate that it can meet any of these requirements, FIFA is entitled, and reserves the right, to determine that such bid has materially failed to meet the minimum requirements to host the Competition and that such bid is not eligible for consideration by, nor presentation to, the FIFA Council/FIFA Congress. These requirements also form an integral part of the legal framework for the hosting of the Competition and are fully binding obligations, with the consequence that any material breach could give grounds for the right of termination of hosting rights.

Notwithstanding, it is important to reiterate that this overview only provides a high-level description of the key hosting requirements, primarily with the objective of assisting member associations in assessing their capacity to host the Competitions. It does not provide a conclusive description of all hosting requirements. FIFA will provide member associations that have confirmed their interest in hosting the respective Competition with the initial version of the hosting requirements as part of the full suite of bidding and hosting documents. This initial version is based on the international technological, commercial and infrastructural standards existing at the time of the bidding process, and the requirements and obligations contained herein establish the minimum level of hosting obligations for the respective Competition. Moreover, FIFA may, from time to time, provide further detailed specifications in relation to the requirements and obligations for the respective Competition.

The final version of the hosting requirements for each Competition shall be issued by FIFA to the host association(s) at a later date.

5. Scope of content: bidding documentation

5.1 Bid book

The bid book's main purpose is to provide a comprehensive presentation of the bid to FIFA and its decision-making bodies in connection with the respective bidding process. It is to be produced in accordance with the requirements defined by FIFA regarding structure, content and format. These requirements will be provided during the respective bidding process.

In the interest of transparency, FIFA will publish the bid books in full on FIFA.com after their submission.

For reference purposes, an overview of the topics to be covered in the bid book is illustrated below, followed by a description of the content that FIFA expects to request in relation to each topic. This information is also contained in the Bidding Agreement.

Event vision and key metrics	Infrastructure	Services	Commercial	Sustainability and human rights
Vision and strategy	Stadiums	Accommodation	Commercial information	Sustainability and human rights
Legacy	Team and referee facilities	Transport		
Political support in the host country/countries	IBC site	Safety and security		
General information: host country/countries and host cities	FIFA Fan Festival sites	Health, medical and anti-doping		
Event timing	Competition-related event sites	IT&T		

Part A: Event vision and key metrics

1. Vision and strategy

The overall success of Competition in the host country/countries can be fostered by a bespoke, integrated vision and strategy.

The member association(s) must provide information on:

- (i) their vision and strategy for staging the FIFA World Cup as well as any related objectives; and
- (ii) an explanation as to how the above is aligned with FIFA's vision.

2. Legacy

The above-mentioned vision and strategy must, in particular, address the legacy effects envisaged. The legacy of the Competition is about making a lasting positive impact, with a focus on developing football in the host country/countries and the surrounding region(s).

The member association(s) must, in particular, provide information on:

- (i) the positive legacy impact aimed at developing professional football as well as the football ecosystem outside of the elite men's game (e.g. women's youth and grassroots football) both locally and regionally; and
- (ii) the sporting and other infrastructure planned to be developed in the host country/countries.

3. Support in host country/countries and host cities

The broad support of, and acceptance by, the main political parties, other stakeholders and bodies in each host country, and the host city authorities in each host city represent an important success factor for the FIFA World Cup. The member associations must provide information on:

- (i) the level of political support across the main political parties, other stakeholders and bodies in each host country; and
- (ii) the stakeholder engagement and communication strategy of each government, proposed host city and member association in relation to the vision and strategy throughout the bid preparation in order to retain the involvement and support of the general population and key local stakeholders.

4. General information: host country/countries and host cities

The member association(s) must provide an overview of the host country/countries. This includes general information on the host country/countries and the proposed host cities, as well as information on the political system and the economic situation in the host country/countries.

In particular, the member association(s) must provide:

- (i) an overview of the host country/countries and information about the proposed host cities (including the number of inhabitants, altitude, average temperatures, etc.);
- (ii) a description of the main public holidays in the host country/countries;
- (iii) an overview of tourism and the top five major sporting events in the host country/countries; and
- (iv) political information relating to the host country/countries, such as the overall territorial structure, the levels of government and the basic allocation of power amongst the different levels of government.

5. Event timing

The timing of the Competition is a matter that is formally approved after the appointment of the host member association(s).

This decision takes into account a number of considerations, including (but not limited to) the following:

- The FIFA International Match Calendar
- The climatic/weather conditions of the host country/countries
- The timing of other FIFA and confederation tournaments
- The local football calendar, as well as the sporting and events calendar, more generally
- Other considerations that may affect the exposure of and interest in the tournament and the availability of relevant sporting and non-sporting infrastructure, etc.

Part B: Infrastructure

6. Stadiums

As part of their bid, the member association(s) must propose a minimum of fourteen (14) suitable stadiums, of which at least seven (7) must be existing stadiums. However, to facilitate a selection process, FIFA would encourage a proposal of more than 14 stadiums, but no more

than 20 stadiums, if feasible and provided that such additional stadiums are suitable and available. Additionally, any member associations taking part in a joint bid must propose at least two stadiums per bidding country.

Furthermore, in relation to each proposed stadium, the member association(s) must provide:

- (i) key information on the stadium, including the orientation, roofing, seating capacity, pitches and dimensions, technical installations, spaces in and around the stadium (including parking), details of the owner(s)/operator(s)/main user(s) of the stadium and the immediate surroundings, and the location and accessibility of the stadium;
- (ii) information on the planned construction and/or renovation of each proposed stadium (if applicable), including an estimate of the financial resources planned to be used and an outline of the financing/investment structure envisaged and the extent to which such financing is based on public and/or private funding;
- (iii) an estimate of the financial resources planned to be used for the fulfilment and delivery of all FIFA World Cup-related requirements that may be necessary in addition to construction and/or renovation of each proposed stadium for its regular use, including any temporary facilities (e.g. temporary stands, temporary hospitality facilities, parking facilities, TV compounds, media facilities, fencing, IT, ground levelling, cleaning and waste management, access control and security and pitch upgrades) as well as an outline of the financing/investment structure envisaged and the extent to which such financing is based on public and/or private funding;
- (iv) information on the current use of each proposed stadium (if applicable) and the type of sporting events regularly hosted in the proposed host city and the proposed stadium, as well as average attendances at such sporting events throughout the last two years;
- (v) a description of the stage of the Competition for which each of the proposed stadiums may be used (i.e. group stage, round of 32, round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, etc.); and
- (vi) information on the envisaged legacy use of each proposed stadium after the Competition (if new build).

7. Team and referee facilities

An important element of hosting and staging the FIFA World Cup is the provision of training sites and accommodation for the teams and the referees. These sites must meet the competition requirements.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) proposals for Team Base Camp facilities, consisting of:

- a. a minimum of 72 Team Base Camp hotels; and
- b. a minimum of 72 Team Base Camp training sites;
- (ii) proposals for venue-specific team facilities, consisting of:
 - a. a minimum of four team hotels per proposed stadium; and
 - b. one training site for each of the proposed team hotels;
- (iii) proposals for referee HQ facilities, consisting of:
 - a. a minimum of two Referee Base Camp hotels; and
 - b. one training site for each of the proposed Referee Base Camp hotels.

Furthermore, in relation to each proposed hotel and training site, the member association(s) must provide the following:

For hotels: information such as the date of construction and ownership; location and distances from key sites; number of guest rooms, meeting rooms and function rooms; fitness and recovery facilities; kitchen facilities, etc.

For training sites: information such as the date of construction and ownership; location and distances from key sites; pitches and dimensions; dressing rooms; additional rooms and spaces; fitness and recovery facilities, etc.

8. IBC sites

Only a minority of fans have the opportunity to attend a FIFA World Cup match in person. The vast majority of fans from around the world rely on matches being covered in a comprehensive, secure and timely way in all forms of media. In order to achieve this, an International Broadcast Centre (**IBC**) is of the utmost importance.

The member association(s) must provide at least two proposals for the location of the IBC.

In relation to these proposed locations, the member association(s) must provide key information such as the date of construction and ownership; location and distances from key sites; size (e.g. indoor and outdoor spaces); infrastructure (e.g. power, connectivity and lighting); support facilities (e.g. catering, cleaning, waste management and parking), etc.

9. FIFA Fan Festival™ sites

The FIFA World Cup attracts millions of football fans in the host country/countries and across the host cities. Only a minority of the fans and the citizens in the host country/countries have the opportunity to watch matches inside a stadium. In order to welcome and host all football fans and citizens, since 2006, the FIFA Fan Festival™, a public screening of all matches combined with cultural entertainment in a safe environment, has formed an integral part of the FIFA

World Cup fan experience. The FIFA Fan Festival may be embedded in a wider programme consisting of a variety of cultural and other events or activities organised by the host cities creating a unique atmosphere.

In this section of the bid book, the member association(s) must provide:

- (i) one proposal for a central and iconic location in each of the proposed host cities suitable for the staging of the FIFA Fan Festival, including high-level information on the size, estimated capacity and key characteristics of the location, as well as past events staged at the location; and
- (ii) one proposal of a central and iconic location that could serve as an additional and/or alternative location for a public viewing.

10. Competition-related event sites

Apart from the preparation and organisation of the matches themselves, the Competition also involves the staging of certain Competition-related events (e.g. draws and workshops). Due to public awareness around these events, they represent an important opportunity to promote the Competition and the host country/countries around the world.

The member association(s) must provide one proposal for a location for the following Competition-related event sites, including high-level information on the ownership, size, estimated capacity and key characteristics of the location, as well as past events staged at the location:

- (iii) Preliminary draw (including the team seminar)
- (iv) Final draw (including the team seminar)
- (v) Team Workshop
- (vi) FIFA Congress (if organised in the host country of the Competition)

Part C: Services

11. Accommodation

Accommodation is a key component of successfully hosting and staging the Competition. FIFA aims to ensure that the principal purchasers of guest room inventory have appropriate access to high-quality accommodation on reasonable terms.

Please note that accommodation for teams and referees is covered under “Team and referee facilities” in Part B of this document.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) information on the total number of guest rooms available in each proposed host city, broken down by classification of hotels (3*, 4*, 5*) and other accommodation;
- (ii) proposals for two locations for the FIFA HQ hotel (in the host city of the opening match and/or final);
- (iii) a proposal for one FIFA venue hotel for each host city (excluding the host city/cities of the opening match and the final); and
- (iv) a proposal for one FIFA VIP hotel in each host city.

Furthermore, in relation to the hotels above, the member association(s) must provide key information such as the date of construction and ownership; location and distances from key sites; number of guest rooms, meeting rooms and function rooms; etc.

12. Transport

Transport and logistical operations are key challenges when it comes to organising an event like the FIFA World Cup, with requirements arising from the various needs of teams, fans and other stakeholders. Adequate and efficient public and private transport infrastructure and a strategy for movement in and between host cities are of great importance to the success of the Competition.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) a map of the host country/countries, indicating the main modes of transport and transport infrastructure;
- (ii) a proposal for an overall transport strategy and concept for spectators, accredited participants, guests and staff;
- (iii) information on the overall public transport infrastructure in each proposed host city;
- (iv) information on all airports contracted by the member association(s) for the Competition, including existing annual traffic, forecast annual traffic by 2030/2034 and the design capacity of each airport;
- (v) the proposed use of such airports for the Competition, in particular their allocation to the relevant host cities;
- (vi) information on the government's role and responsibilities to enable the collaboration of key stakeholders; and
- (vii) information on the existence, if any, of a country-wide or host city-wide intelligent transportation system to provide innovative services relating to different modes of transport and traffic management.

13. Safety and security

Guaranteeing safety and security is a core responsibility of the host country/countries and member association(s). Security operations in connection with the Competition are not limited to the stadiums but extend to any further locations used for the Competition across the host country/countries. In order to achieve the best possible security environment for the Competition, it is important to establish a security strategy and concept in close cooperation with the government(s) and other relevant local, regional or national government law enforcement authorities.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) information on the general safety and security situation in the host country/countries;
- (ii) information on the basic safety and security structures in the host country/countries;
- (iii) detailed information describing the security measures typically adopted at football matches and other events in the host country/countries; and
- (iv) a proposal for an overall safety and security strategy and concept, which is fully in line with the FIFA Stadium Safety & Security Regulations.

14. Health, medical and doping control

The host member association(s) is/are ultimately responsible for ensuring health and medical services for the Competition. Apart from the medical service operations at the Competition sites, the overall health situation and the standard of the medical system in the host country/countries and their key characteristics are also important considerations.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) an overview of the general health system in the host country/countries, including details of the private and public healthcare system and their role and any capacity limitations;
- (ii) health and vaccination recommendations for foreign visitors, including information on epidemics and current health risks (if any);
- (iii) information concerning potentially critical environmental conditions for the health of players and spectators;
- (iv) information on how foreign visitors may pay for medical expenses;
- (v) an overview of the standard medical services provided at national and international football matches as well as other major sporting events;
- (vi) an overview of hospitals for specialist treatment of sports-related injuries to elite players, including imaging facilities;

(vii) an overview of hospitals for specialist treatment of any conditions that may arise to delegation members; and

(viii) details of emergency services operating in each proposed host city.

Moreover, the member association(s) must confirm that, at the time of submitting their bid, the government(s) of the host country/countries have ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport and that each potential host country's National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee and National Anti-Doping Organisation comply with the current World Anti-Doping Code.

15. IT&T

The success of the tournament is dependent upon setting up a first-class information technology and telecommunications (**IT&T**) network.

The member association(s) must provide:

- (i) information on the fixed and mobile IT&T network and infrastructure in the host country/countries; and
- (ii) information on any expected modification, adaptation, expansion and/or development plans for the fixed and mobile network and infrastructure in the host country/countries.

Part D: Commercial

16. Commercial information

The FIFA World Cup is amongst the most popular and prestigious sporting events in the world. Through the hosting and staging of the FIFA World Cup, FIFA currently generates a significant proportion of its revenues which enables FIFA to fulfil its tasks pursuant to article 2 of the FIFA Statutes. The member association(s) must provide the following information:

- (i) an overview of major sports sponsorship activities in the host country/countries;
- (ii) a list of the major corporations that are investing in the sponsorship of football and other major sports in the host country/countries;
- (iii) an overview of major sports media rights exploitation activities in the host country/host countries;
- (iv) a list of the major media companies that are involved in football and other major sports in the host country/countries;
- (v) the manner in which the applicable news access legislation and regulations are customarily implemented in the host country/countries; and

- (vi) information on the ticketing market in the host country/countries, including average attendance at professional football matches in each of the proposed host cities, the average pricing for comparable domestic and international sports events, the average pricing for comparable entertainment events and any legal requirement existing in the host country/countries or certain proposed host cities imposing a mandatory discount and further sales restrictions.

Part E: Sustainability and human rights

17. Sustainability and human rights

FIFA is committed to organising the Competition following international sustainable event management standards and practices, safeguarding standards and practices and respecting internationally recognised human rights.

The member association(s) must abide by the same standards as FIFA in relation to their Competition-related activities and support FIFA in its efforts to make this edition the most sustainable FIFA World Cup possible.

The member association(s) must provide the following information:

- (i) Explicit public commitments to sustainability, human rights, sustainable procurement and climate action, stating that the Competition will be delivered in compliance with FIFA's sustainability requirements
- (ii) An explicit public commitment to involving local communities and carrying out stakeholder dialogue (in line with AA 1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard) in each of the host cities
- (iii) A summary of the human rights strategy, including a description of the key human rights risks identified in relation to the Competition (reflecting the results of the independent human rights context assessment), the plans to prevent and mitigate these risks, as well as the stakeholder engagement conducted in the process of developing the strategy
- (iv) A summary of the environmental and climate impact of hosting the Competition and the foreseen mitigation measures for the following key areas:
 - a. Transport of fans to and from matches
 - b. Accommodation for fans during their stay in the host country/countries
 - c. Energy consumption
 - d. Waste management
 - e. Stadiums/infrastructure (design, construction and operations)

5.2 Bid questionnaires

The bid questionnaires form part of the bid and contain, in a standardised manner, certain operational, technical and other detailed information to be submitted by the bidding member association(s). The main purpose of these is to facilitate the evaluation of the bids by FIFA and to enable FIFA to make use of such operational, technical and detailed information for the operational delivery of the Competition.

6. Selection process

6.1 Evaluation model

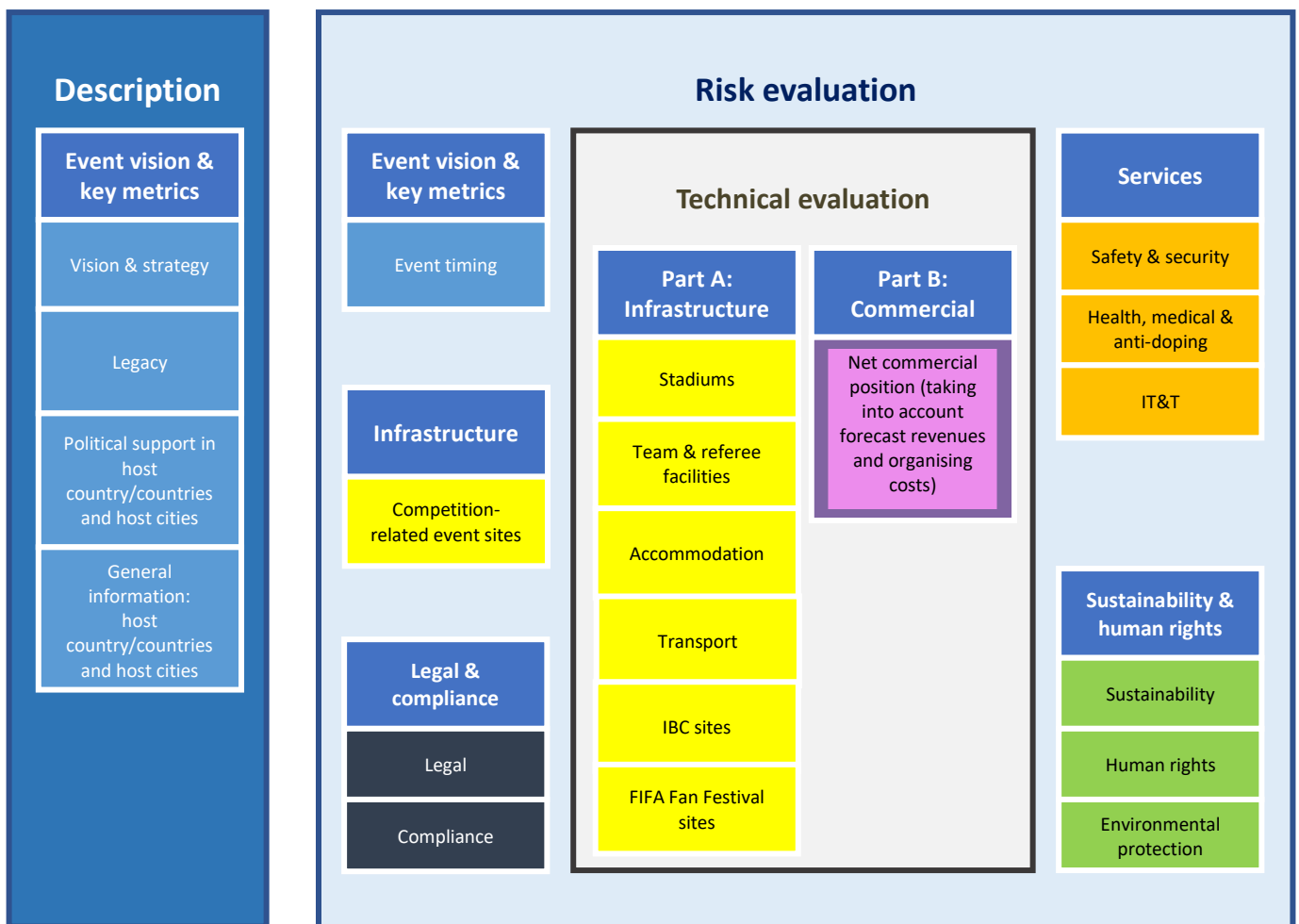
FIFA has developed an evaluation model for this bidding process that is fit for purpose for the Competition, using the highly successful FIFA World Cup 2026™ bidding process as a foundation and incorporating lessons learnt where relevant.

As outlined in section 5.1 above, an overview of the topics to be covered in the bid book is illustrated below.

Event vision and key metrics	Infrastructure	Services	Commercial	Sustainability and human rights
Vision and strategy	Stadiums	Accommodation	Commercial information	Sustainability and human rights
Legacy	Team and referee facilities	Transport		
Political support in the host country/countries	IBC site	Safety and security		
General information: host country/countries and host cities	FIFA Fan Festival sites	Health, medical and anti-doping		
Event timing	Competition-related event sites	IT&T		

The evaluation model comprises three key components:

- (i) **Risk assessment:** an assessment of the risks associated with certain criteria, applying a risk rating
- (ii) **Technical evaluation:** an assessment of certain infrastructure and commercial criteria, applying an evaluation system established by FIFA
- (iii) **Description:** a summary of certain relevant information provided in the bid and highlighting potential issues (without a technical evaluation or risk assessment)



The diagram on the previous page provides an indication of how the evaluation model will be applied. It is intended that:

- all infrastructure criteria, services criteria, commercial criteria and sustainability and human rights criteria, as well as the areas of legal, compliance and event timing be subject to a risk assessment;
- key infrastructure and commercial criteria be subject to a technical evaluation; and
- all event vision and key metrics criteria (with the exception of event timing) be summarised, highlighting any potential issues.

Risk assessment

If criteria of a bid are subject to a risk assessment, the criteria will be assessed by means of a risk rating. These criteria will receive one of the following three ratings:

- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

Technical evaluation

The key infrastructure and commercial criteria to be assessed under the technical evaluation system are set out below, together with their relative weightings:

Evaluation criteria	Weighting percentage
Infrastructure	70% in total
Stadiums	35%
Team & referee facilities	10%
Accommodation	7.5%
Transport	7.5%
FIFA Fan Festival sites	5%
IBC sites	5%

Commercial	30% in total
Net commercial position (taking into account forecast revenues and organising costs)	30%

In the technical evaluation, each criterion is scored in accordance with the following:

Score	Assessment
0.0-1.9	Does not meet minimum requirements
2.0-2.9	Satisfactory
3.0-3.9	Good
4.0-5.0	Very good

The scores received may have a bearing on whether or not the bid is eligible for consideration by, or presentation to, the FIFA Council. FIFA reserves the right to deem the bid ineligible on the basis that it has not achieved the minimum scores in relation to the following points:

- The overall score
- Each of the following specific criteria:
 - Stadiums
 - Team and referee facilities
 - Accommodation
 - Transport

Further details regarding the evaluation model are set out in the Bidding Agreement and may also be communicated during the course of the bidding process.

6.2 Decision-making process

Following the evaluation of all bids, the following selection process is foreseen:

- a) Any bid that is deemed to have failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements for the respective Competition will not be eligible for consideration by, or presentation to, the FIFA Council and respective FIFA Congress for its selection decision.

- b) If necessary, all eligible bids (not disqualified as a result of a) above) will be presented to the FIFA Council, who will designate up to three bids to the respective FIFA Congress, who will then select the hosts of the Competition(s).
- c) The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Council and FIFA Congress will be open and made public.

7. Operational model

In line with “FIFA 2.0: The Vision for the Future” and the new operational strategy approved by the FIFA Council in May 2017, FIFA has sought to optimise the structures of its tournaments and events. The advantages of such an endeavour include significant organisational efficiencies and cost savings (generated by maintaining continuity of FIFA expertise across tournaments and events, eliminating duplication of roles and streamlining policies, procedures and decision-making, thereby ensuring quality levels and greater cost and resource control, etc.), whilst also maintaining the benefits of fully involving the host member association(s) and key local stakeholders in a true partnership with FIFA.

To implement this new operational strategy, FIFA transformed its operational model for the Competitions, assuming greater responsibility over the tournament operations.

The hosting documents to be issued during the bidding processes will detail the framework for the Competition’s operational model. For indicative purposes, it is expected that FIFA will establish a legal entity in the host country (or one of the host countries) as the central entity for the delivery of the Competitions. In such case, the appointed host member association(s) will not be required to set up its/their own, fully staffed, special-purpose entity for the delivery of the Competitions. Based on the host country’s (or one of the host countries’) and the prevailing circumstances and business practices, country-specific adjustments to the initially envisaged structure and split of roles and responsibilities may be agreed between FIFA and the appointed host member association(s).

8. Centenary celebration of the FIFA World Cup

In October 2023, the FIFA Council approved a proposal to have the centenary celebration of the FIFA World Cup marked by the hosting of three games of the FIFA World Cup 2030 – one each in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay respectively¹ – as well as a unique celebration and ceremony in Montevideo, Uruguay, subject to the minimum hosting requirements of the tournament being met by all three countries with regard to the games in question.

This proposal was incorporated into the Bidding Regulations and these bidding processes.

In summary:

- The Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) will be invited to confirm their interest in hosting these three matches – otherwise known as centenary celebration matches.
- Should they confirm their interest in hosting the matches, they will be required to participate in the bidding process in order to demonstrate that the minimum hosting requirements for such matches can be met.
- The process will be simplified and bespoke, with the bidding and hosting requirements for the Competitions adjusted where appropriate in order to make them fit for purpose for a centenary celebration match rather than the full final competition of a FIFA World Cup.
- The FIFA administration will conduct an evaluation in order to confirm that the minimum requirements for hosting a centenary celebration match will be met.
- In accordance with article 68 of the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Congress will select the host(s) of such matches.
- In the event that the Uruguayan Football Association (AUF), the Argentinian Football Association (AFA) and the Paraguayan Football Association (APF) are confirmed to host the centenary celebration matches as part of the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2030, they will directly qualify for the Competition from CONMEBOL's allocation of 6.5 teams.

¹ Such matches would take place before the first matches in the host countries of the FIFA World Cup 2030, with a gap of several days between the celebratory matches and the first matches taking place in the host countries. Moreover, the match schedule of the FIFA World Cup 2030 would be optimised to provide additional and adequate days between matches for the teams involved in the celebratory games to travel, rest, adapt and prepare. The required adjustments to the match schedule can be achieved within the framework of the existing International Match Calendar, with the total release period remaining unchanged compared to the FIFA World Cup 2026.

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FIFA World Cup 2034™

Overview of Hosting Requirements

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This document has been prepared by the FIFA administration to provide an overview of the key requirements for hosting the final competition of the FIFA World Cup 2034™ (hereinafter the “**Competition**”).

This overview contains important information to enable those member associations interested in hosting the Competition to understand:

- the infrastructure required to host the Competition (in particular in terms of key official sites/locations and capacities that form the tournament footprint);
- the legal framework that must be established to host the Competition (in particular in terms of government support and contractual hosting documentation); and
- the environmental and social outcomes that should be pursued to host the Competition.

1.2 Consequences

It is important to emphasise that each of the requirements laid out in this document are considered as key hosting requirements. **In the event that a bid is unable to demonstrate that it can meet any of these requirements, FIFA is entitled, and reserves the right, to determine that such bid has materially failed to meet the minimum requirements to host the Competition and that such bid is not eligible for consideration by, nor presentation to, the FIFA Council/FIFA Congress.** These requirements also form an **integral part of the legal framework for the hosting of the Competition and are fully binding obligations, with the consequence that any material breach could give grounds for the right of termination of hosting rights.**

1.3 Disclaimer/qualifications

It is important to reiterate that this overview only provides a high-level description of the key hosting requirements, primarily with the objective of assisting member associations in assessing their capacity to host the Competition. It does not provide a conclusive description of all hosting requirements.

FIFA will provide member associations that have confirmed their interest in hosting the Competition with the initial version of the hosting requirements as part of the full suite of bidding and hosting documents. This initial version is based on the international technological, commercial and infrastructural standards existing at the time of the bidding process, and the requirements and obligations contained herein establish the minimum level of hosting obligations for the Competition. Moreover, FIFA may, from time to time, provide further detailed specifications in relation to the requirements and obligations for the Competition.

The final version of the hosting requirements for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ shall be issued by FIFA to the host association(s) at a later date.

2 Infrastructure

The Competition will be one of the biggest sport events in history. In order to successfully deliver an event of this nature, a suitable host must have sufficient sporting and general infrastructure of a world-class standard.

Set out below are some of the key infrastructural requirements to host the Competition.

STADIUMS	
Topic	Requirements
Minimum number of stadiums proposed	Any bid must propose a minimum of fourteen (14) suitable stadiums.
Minimum number of existing stadiums proposed	<p>Of the fourteen (14) suitable stadiums proposed, any bid must propose a minimum of four (4) existing stadiums.</p> <p>In this respect, an “existing stadium” is taken to mean a stadium which (i) is currently in existence or currently under construction (i.e. construction works having commenced); or (ii) requires renovation or reconstruction, whereby the main structural elements are preserved. All other cases are deemed to be “non-existing stadiums”. Such determination regarding “existing/non-existing stadiums” will be made by FIFA's technical experts based on the project documentation provided and any observations made during any official inspection visits.</p>
Seating capacities	<p>Each stadium must be an all-seater stadium with the following seating capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40,000 seats for group matches (except the opening match), round-of-32 matches, round-of-16 matches, quarter-final matches and the third-place play-off • 60,000 seats for the semi-final matches • 80,000 seats for the opening match and the final
Roof	<p>In principle, all stands within a stadium must be fully covered by a roof.</p> <p>If the stadium is equipped with a retractable roof, it must be ensured that the closing or opening of the roof is feasible during a pause in play of a match.</p>
Exclusive use period	Each stadium is subject to an exclusive use period. This period runs from 30 calendar days prior to the first match in the venue until seven calendar days after the last use in connection with the competition. During this period, the stadium shall not be used for purposes other than the tournament.

Clean site	Each stadium must be provided free and clear of any advertising, marketing, promotion, merchandising and brand identification, as well as of any third-party rights to conduct any commercial activity in the stadium.
Pitch dimensions	<p>The field of play must comply with the following dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length: 105m • Width: 68m <p>A total pitch area of a minimum of 125m (touchline) x 85m (goal line) must be provided, which incorporates the field of play, an additional grassed area of 5m around the field of play to allow for safe run-off, and an auxiliary area beyond the grassed area to accommodate circulation for operational purposes.</p>
Pitch surface specifications	The pitch must feature a natural-grass playing surface incorporating hybrid reinforcement. It must also be equipped with a functional heating, vacuum and ventilation system to guarantee removal of surface water immediately prior to or during the match.
Commercial and Affiliates Hospitality	<p>Each stadium must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality seats: 8% of the total number of stadium seats (gross capacity) or 4,000 seats (whichever is higher) for any group match involving the home team, the quarter-finals and the third place match; 8% of the total number of stadium seats (gross capacity) or 5,400 seats (whichever is higher) for semi-final matches; 8% of the total number of stadium seats (gross capacity) or 7,000 seats (whichever is higher) for the opening and final matches; and 5% of the total number of stadium seats (gross capacity) or 2,250 seats (whichever is higher) for all other matches • appropriate locations at or near the stadium that may serve as locations for hospitality, including hospitality boxes (at least 30% of the hospitality seats within a stadium shall be allocated to hospitality boxes) • an outdoor hospitality village (FIFA Affiliates hospitality villages and commercial hospitality villages) as an exclusive area within the stadium outer perimeter, located no more than 300m from the centre of the stadium.
VIP Tribune	<p>Each stadium must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in terms of seating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ at least 2000 seats for the opening match and final ○ at least 1300 seats for semi-final matches ○ at least 800 seats for quarter-final matches (+100 if HQ venue) ○ at least 700 seats for all other matches (+200 if HQ venue) • all such seats should have a minimum seat width of 0.6m. • a lounge, providing a minimum of 1.8m² of space per guest, situated at the back of VIP Tribune.
VVIP Tribune	<p>Each stadium must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in terms of seating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ at least 300 seats for the opening match and final ○ at least 200 seats for semi-final matches ○ at least 100 seats for quarter-final matches (+100 if HQ venue)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ at least 75 seats for all other matches (+125 if HQ venue) • all such seats should have a minimum seat width of 0.6m and a row depth of at least 1m. • a lounge, providing a minimum of 2.0m² of space per guest, situated at the back of VVIP Tribune.
Broadcast and media	<p>Each stadium must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a media tribune situated in a central, elevated position on the same side of the stadium as the main television camera positions • a mixed zone of at least 600m² with the required technical facilities and equipment (e.g. internet access/W-LAN). • a press conference room, TV studios and presentation platforms inside the stadium. In relation to each, as a general indication, the following is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a press conference room of a size of 600m²/300 seats for the final, and 400m²/200 seats for all other match categories (ii) a minimum of four TV studios for the group matches and round of 32, a minimum of six TV studios for the round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals and a minimum of eight for the opening match and final. (iii) a minimum of four presentation platforms. • a minimum suitable and useable area for a secure broadcast compound of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4000m² for group matches (except the opening match), round- of-32, round-of-16 matches, quarter-final matches and the third-place play-off - 6000m² for semi-final matches, the opening match and the final
Parking	<p>Each stadium must be equipped with sufficient parking facilities in the inner and outer stadium perimeters, as well as outside of the outer stadium perimeter.</p>
Power, floodlights and video screens	<p>Each stadium must provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two sources of power supply, completely independent of each other, with independent broadcast power to the broadcast compound and any other broadcast facilities • one main set of floodlights which meets or exceeds all performance elements of FIFA Standard A (see FIFA Lighting Guide). • Two giant video screens of at least 200m²
Stadium precinct	<p>Each stadium must have sufficient space available outside the stadium building to facilitate the erection of temporary infrastructure (where existing facilities do not suffice) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure outer perimeter with pedestrian and vehicle screening areas, access clearing points and ticket clearing points • Secure broadcast compound of 4000m² (6000m² for semi-final matches, the opening match and the final) • Accreditation centre of 550m² (1,000m² for opening match and final) • Volunteer centre of 1,000m² (1,500m² for opening match and final)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stadium ticketing centre of 225m² (300m² for quarter final and semi-final/ 500m² for opening match and final)
Sustainability	<p>The stadium must obtain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sustainable design, build and operations certifications for newly built and renovated Stadiums; and sustainable operations certifications for an existing stadium. <p>The level of certification shall be internationally recognised and subject to FIFA's approval.</p>

TRAINING SITES	
Topic	Requirements
Minimum number of training site proposals	<p>Any bid must propose a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72 suitable Team Base Camp Training Site options (paired with a hotel) four (4) suitable Venue-Specific Training Site options per stadium (paired with a hotel) a minimum of two (2) suitable Referee Base Camp Training Site options (paired with a hotel)
Maximum distance from paired team hotel	<p>Each training site must be located within a 20 minutes' drive from the respective team hotel it is paired with. Distance and infrastructure suitability must be considered when pairing team hotels and training sites.</p>
Number of pitches and playing surface	<p>For Venue-Specific Training Sites, each training site must contain at least one pitch. For Team Base Camp Training Sites, each training site must contain at least two pitches.</p> <p>In terms of playing surface, the pitches at the Training Site must perform similarly to the pitches in the Stadiums. For Venue-specific Training Sites, the grass type should be the same as that in the relevant Stadium.</p> <p>Training sites used by the referees must contain at least four pitches. One pitch should have a running track or hardstand around it to accommodate the scaffolding towers for VAR cameras.</p>
Dimensions	<p>The field of play dimensions must be the same as for stadiums, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length (touchline): 105m Width (goal line): 68m <p>There must be an additional 3m area around the field of play area to allow for safe run-off.</p>

<p>Exclusive use period and use of pitches</p>	<p>Each training site is subject to an exclusive use period. During this period, the training site may not be used for purposes other than the tournament.</p> <p>For Venue-Specific Training Sites, this period runs from 14 calendar days prior to the first match at the venue until one calendar day after the last match at the venue.</p> <p>For Team Base Camp Training Sites, this period runs from 14 calendar days prior to the opening match until one calendar day after the last match of the team that selects and uses it during the Competition.</p> <p>Moreover, in order to protect the pitch quality, pitches at training sites may not be used from 28 calendar days before the opening match, unless FIFA has approved their use.</p>
<p>Clean site</p>	<p>Each training site must be provided free and clear of any and all advertising, marketing, promotion, merchandising, licensing, signage, brand identification or commercial identification of any kind. The site is also required to be free and clear of any third-party rights to conduct any commercial activity at the training site during the exclusive use period.</p>
<p>Security and Privacy</p>	<p>Each training site must have a minimum 2.5m high outer security perimeter to ensure security and privacy. If it does not exist, a temporary fence would need to be erected.</p>
<p>Floodlights</p>	<p>Each training site must be equipped with a main set of floodlights compliant with FIFA Lighting Standards for Training Pitches Grade 1. Please refer to the FIFA Lighting Guide.</p>
<p>Team Dressing rooms</p>	<p>Each training site must provide two dressing rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team dressing room: a minimum of 23 individual seats (or a fixed bench for 23 people), a minimum of four toilets and eight showers • Coaches' dressing room: a minimum of four individual seats (or a fixed bench for four people), a minimum of one toilet and one shower <p>Dressing rooms should be well ventilated, heated (if required) and offer sufficient cooling (air conditioning/fan) and electrical power access.</p>
<p>Media</p>	<p>In principle, each training site must contain a tribune/seats with a part dedicated to the media. It is expected that such stands can accommodate up to approximately 500 people. It should not interfere with the flow of the teams. Preferably, it should be situated on the opposite side of the training site to the team dressing room.</p> <p>Each training site must provide one press conference room for media, with the necessary Wi-Fi and power capabilities. The minimum capacity should be for 50 people.</p>

	Each training site must also have a dedicated entrance and parking area for the media, separate from the entrance and parking area for the teams.
Parking spaces and access points	Each training site must have sufficient car parking spaces available, with dedicated access for team buses. The team bus drop-off point should be as close to the training site entrance as possible and separated from other stakeholders such as the media.

IBC SITE	
Topic	Requirements
Minimum number of IBC site proposals	Any bid must propose a minimum of two (2) suitable sites for the location of the IBC.
Size	<p>The IBC site must have a minimum indoor space of 45,000m², and outdoor space of 8,000m². The following allocation of space and floor weight-bearing capacity shall be provided for the raw indoor space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% with a free height of no less than 10m – minimum floor supporting load 2,000kg/m² • 50% with a free height of not less than 8m – minimum floor supporting load 2,000kg/m² • 35% with a free height of not less than 5m – minimum floor supporting load 1,500kg/m²
Accessibility	The IBC site must ideally be accessible by public transport or foot within 30 minutes from accommodation options. There must be parking options for cars and minibuses, with 24-hour accessibility, as well as accessibility for large trucks to deliver heavy material.
Infrastructure	The IBC site must be a covered, secure area with outdoor space and a clear view of the sky for satellites. There must be loading bays for large truck deliveries, ventilation and air conditioning and/or authorisation to install a dedicated technical compound to provide such supplies, as well as day-to-day access for working persons.
Support facilities	The IBC site must have support facilities with lighting, toilets and waste disposal. There shall be food and beverage options on the premises and further restaurant options nearby available for the duration of use. Fully redundant domestic and technical power, international broadcast fibre connectivity as well as telecom connectivity and infrastructure are also required.
Exclusive use period	The IBC site is subject to an exclusive use period. This period runs from approximately seven months prior to the opening match until eight weeks after the final (the exact timeline will be dependent upon the build time and de-rig schedule). During this period, the IBC site shall be accessible 24 hours per day.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL SITES	
Topic	Requirements
Minimum number of FIFA Fan Festival site proposals	Any bid must propose a minimum of two (2) suitable sites per host city for the location of the FIFA Fan Festival.
Principles	The FIFA Fan Festival site should be located in an iconic location, ideally in the city centre, capable of receiving a high volume of foot traffic and be easily accessible through different transport means (e.g., by public transport, bicycle, foot, etc.) by as many people as possible. It should offer a safe, secure and festive environment for fans to watch live broadcast feeds of every match of the FIFA World Cup™.
Size	For all match categories except the final, the minimum occupancy (expected number of people) is 15,000. For the city hosting the final, the minimum occupancy is 40,000.
Exclusive use period	Each FIFA Fan Festival site is subject to an exclusive use period. The period runs from one month prior to the Competition until one calendar day after the final.

COMPETITION-RELATED EVENT SITES	
Topic	Requirements
Minimum number of competition-related event site proposals	Any bid must propose a minimum of one (1) suitable site each for the locations of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Draw (including Team Seminar) • Final Draw (including Team Seminar) • FWC Team Workshop • FIFA Congress (if organised in the host country of the Competition)
Draw site	The venue used for each draw is expected to have an occupancy capacity (in terms of expected number of people) of around 2000. Separate spaces will be required for use during the event, such as a stage, offices, meeting rooms, broadcast compounds, commercial spaces, media centres, accreditation centres, the draw dinner location, etc. The minimum area required is 5,000m ² .

FIFA Congress site	The venue used for the FIFA Congress is expected to have an occupancy capacity (in terms of expected number of people) of between 1,200 and 1,300 people and the auditorium should have 2,500 to 3,200m ² of useable space.
Team Workshop / Seminar site	The venue used for the team workshop & team seminar is expected to have an occupancy capacity (in terms of expected number of people) of approximately 600 people with a plenary session room of 1,500m ² .

ACCOMMODATION	
Topic	Requirements
FIFA constituent group accommodation	
Principles	<p>It is necessary to demonstrate sufficient hotel inventory for, as well as provide proposals for the allocation of hotels to, FIFA's constituent groups in each host city. Such inventory must also be of a suitable standard and meet any other relevant requirements relating to that particular constituent group.</p> <p>FIFA's constituent groups are expected to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA • Host member association(s) • Teams • Referees • VIP/VVIPs • Commercial Affiliates • Hospitality programme participants • Host broadcaster • Media and Media Rights Licensees • IBC staff
Capacities	<p>For reference purposes, capacity requirements for each host city in relation to the FIFA constituent group accommodation include (but are not limited to) the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA HQ hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one or more hotels in the host city of the opening match and/or the final ○ 4*-5* standard ○ capacity of 700 guest rooms ○ modern additional facilities, including suites, function rooms meeting rooms, storage rooms, restaurant(s), gymnasium and/or pool, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc. • FIFA venue hotels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one hotel per host city ○ 4*-5* standard

- minimum capacity of 100-450 guest rooms each, increasing according to match category
- modern additional facilities, including function rooms, meeting rooms, restaurant(s), gymnasium, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc.
- Team hotels:
 - 4*-5* standard
 - minimum capacity of 80 guest rooms each
 - modern additional facilities, including suites, function rooms, meeting rooms, restaurant/kitchen(s), gymnasium, pool, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc.
- Referee HQ hotel:
 - one hotel in the same city as the FIFA HQ Hotel
 - 4*-5* standard
 - minimum capacity of 300 guest rooms
 - modern additional facilities, including function rooms, meeting rooms, restaurant(s), gymnasium, pool, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc.
- FIFA VIP hotels
 - one hotel per host city
 - 5* standard
 - capacity of 50 guest rooms, increasing according to match category with a maximum number of 300 guest rooms required for the city hosting the final
 - modern additional facilities, including suites, function rooms, meeting rooms, restaurant(s), gymnasium and/or pools, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc.
- Draw Hotels
 - a combination of hotels in the host city where the draw is taking place to cover a minimum capacity of 1900 guest rooms
 - 3*-5* standard
- FIFA Congress hotels
 - a combination of four hotels in the host city of the Opening Match and close to the site of the FIFA Congress to cover a minimum capacity of 800 guest rooms
 - 4*-5*standard
- IBC hotels
 - a combination of hotels and other suitable means of accommodation (i.e. serviced apartments, Airbnb properties, etc.) in the host city of the IBC location to cover 4000 guest rooms
 - 3*-4* standard
- Other (Commercial Affiliate hotels, hospitality hotels, host broadcaster hotels, media and Media Rights Licensee hotels)
 - a combination of enough hotels per host city to cover a minimum capacity of 1400 guest rooms, increasing according to the match category with a

	<p>maximum number of 6500 guest rooms required for the city hosting the final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3*-5* standard ○ modern additional facilities, including function rooms, meeting rooms, restaurant(s), gymnasium and/or pools, high-quality Wi-Fi connectivity, etc.
General accommodation	
Principles	<p>It is also necessary to demonstrate sufficient hotel inventory for the general public in each host city. Likewise, such inventory must also be of a suitable standard – 3*-5* hotel rooms.</p> <p>In the event that there is insufficient suitable hotel inventory in a host city, other suitable means of accommodation must be presented and may be taken into consideration (e.g. hostels, B&Bs, Airbnb, etc.).</p>
Peak requirements	<p>For reference purposes, the peak requirement for each host city in relation to accommodation for the general public represents 20% of the stadium capacity. This number is then divided by two, based on the assumption that, on average, there will be double occupancy of guest rooms.</p> <p>Accordingly, the approximate minimum number of guest rooms required during peak time in each host city in relation to general accommodation is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8000 guest rooms for host cities hosting the opening match and the final • 6000 guest rooms for host cities hosting semi-final matches • 4000 guest rooms for host cities hosting all other matches

3 Legal framework

It is a key requirement that member association(s) submit various documents which are critical to establishing the legal framework for organising the Competition and managing the various relationships across the key stakeholders. An overview of these documents is set out below.

3.1 Contractual hosting documents

These documents refer to the binding and underlying legal framework between FIFA and the relevant stakeholders (member association(s), Government, authorities of host cities, stadiums and training sites) in connection with hosting the Competition, and define in detail the respective rights and obligations of the parties involved.

Specifically, any bid must submit the following documents executed by the relevant contractual party (or parties):

- Hosting Agreement
- Host City Agreements for each proposed host city
- Stadium Agreements for each proposed stadium
- Training Site Agreements for each proposed training site
- Airport Agreements for each proposed airport in connection with a proposed host city
- IBC Agreements for each proposed IBC site
- Hotel Agreements for each hotel proposed to be assigned to a FIFA constituent group
- Legal Opinion(s), to be provided by independent legal advisor(s)

FIFA will dispatch template documents for these contractual hosting documents which must be submitted to FIFA signed and in unaltered form as part of any bid.

3.2 Government support documents

As a condition for their appointment to host the Competition, member associations are required to secure the full support of the governmental authorities at federal, state and municipal level in their respective countries. This covers, for example, the issuance of government guarantees with respect to the provision of operational, fiscal and administrative support.

To that end, any bid must submit a number of government support documents, which are documents executed by the governments or other competent local, regional or national governmental authorities of the respective countries. These include the following documents:

- Government Declaration, to be issued by the head of the highest national executive governmental authority
- Government Guarantees, to be issued by the head of state, the competent federal government minister and/or other competent authority at federal, state and municipal level
- Government Legal Statement, to be provided by the minister of justice of the federal government

In relation to the Government Guarantees, FIFA requires that guarantees be provided in respect of the following subject matters:

- Government Guarantee #1: visas, permits, immigration, check-in procedures
- Government Guarantee #2: work permits and labour law
- Government Guarantee #3: tax exemption and foreign exchange undertakings
- Government Guarantee #4: safety and security
- Government Guarantee #5: protection and exploitation of commercial rights
- Government Guarantee #6: IT&T
- Government Guarantee #7: waiver, indemnification and other legal issues

Set out below is a description of the guarantees and declaration requested from governments.

FIFA will dispatch template documents for these governmental documents which must be submitted to FIFA signed and in unaltered form as part of any bid.

3.2.1 Purpose and importance of Government Guarantees and Government Declaration

Due to the scale and importance of the FIFA World Cup™, the issuance of specific government guarantees by the government(s) is essential to establish a legal framework that will enable FIFA, its entities and the host association(s) to successfully host the FIFA World Cup™ in the host country/host countries.

Existing and generic laws and regulations in the host country/host countries generally do not provide a sufficient legal framework in this regard. To ensure the implementation, performance and enforcement of such specific government guarantees, if and to the extent necessary, a government is requested to take any steps necessary to conduct legislative proceedings for the enactment of any and all requisite special laws, regulations and ordinances.

Operational support

FIFA, its entities and the host association(s) require the provision of public services in connection with the Competition. This includes support in areas such as security, immigration, the issuance of visas and work permits, and customs services, as well as the availability of public transport and other event infrastructure.

Administrative support

A host association is required to ensure a sufficient level of administrative support from all involved governmental authorities in the respective host country for the overall coordination of all government matters, including all appropriate measures for the implementation of this support.

Fiscal support

Among FIFA's main statutory objectives are the development of football and the hosting of football-related events. It is only possible to fulfil these statutory objectives by putting in place the administration necessary for their organisation and operation, which is financed through the global generation of revenues. As such, FIFA qualifies as a not-for-profit association, although all profits generated by FIFA globally remain subject to the ordinary taxation regime for associations in Switzerland.

The FIFA World Cup™ is unique in character and has a very specific organisational and legal structure due to the long period required for preparation compared to a short competition period of only a few weeks. Based on these specifics, the preparation, operation and winding-up of the FIFA World Cup™ requires enduring fiscal support from the government and the host city authorities to limit taxation outside of Switzerland and facilitate fiscal procedures in the host country/host countries.

Further matters

A host association is required to collect from the government and the host city authorities in all proposed host cities in the respective host country statements documenting their commitment to fully support FIFA, its entities and the host association in their efforts to ensure that the hosting of the Competition does not involve adverse impacts on internationally recognised human rights, including labour rights.

3.2.2 Government Guarantee #1: Visas, permits, immigration, check-in procedures

Due to the fact that the FIFA World Cup™ is a sporting event of global scale in which the teams of all 211 FIFA member associations may participate and which involves large organisational challenges, it is expected that a significant number of individuals will enter and exit the host country/host countries. This comprises:

- a) Individuals involved in the preparation and organisation of the Competition throughout the entire preparation phase;
- b) Individuals involved in the preparation of the stay of the teams participating in the Competition in the year prior to the Competition; and
- c) Individuals entering, and travelling throughout, the host country/host countries during the Competition.

In order to cover the needs of the respective groups of individuals, the government is requested to generally establish a visa-free environment or facilitate existing visa procedures for them. Regardless, any visa procedures must be applied in a non-discriminatory manner.

With respect to individuals entering, and travelling throughout, the host country/host countries during the Competition, the success of the Competition and the reputation of the host country/host countries achieved through the hosting of the Competition will mainly depend on the ease with which fans and other individuals may visit the host country/host countries (also at short notice) in connection with the Competition. However, it is understood that such ease of access must by no means adversely affect the national immigration and security standards in the host country/host countries.

Furthermore, in order to support the preparation, organisation, hosting and staging of the Competition and Competition-related events, the Government must ensure that certain individuals are provided with facilitated immigration/entry, exit and check-in procedures, such as fast-track lanes and other dedicated services. In particular, the individuals involved in the preparation and organisation of the Competition must be enabled to carry out their duties in an efficient manner.

3.2.3 Government Guarantee #2: Entitlement to work permits & labour law exemptions and procedures

The preparation and organisation of a FIFA World Cup™, in particular during the Competition, requires a legal environment that allows FIFA and other relevant entities to source employees and other personnel (in particular, experts in all relevant areas) on a temporary basis from all over the world. Therefore, the government is requested to guarantee the issuance of valid work permits unconditionally and without any restriction or discrimination of any kind.

Furthermore, it is necessary to ensure that all individuals involved in the operational activities of the Competition and/or a Competition-related event are able to fulfil their tasks in an effective and flexible manner as and when needed. For operational reasons (in particular during the period of the Competition), it will not be possible for all individuals involved in the preparation, organisation and staging of the Competition and/or a Competition-related event to fully adhere to all applicable regulations under labour law and other related legislation in the host country/host countries. Therefore, the government is requested to grant accordant exemptions from labour law and other legislation. Such exemptions must:

- a) not undermine or compromise the government's commitment to respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights in connection with the hosting and staging of the Competition, with particular attention to labour rights (including those of migrant workers), the rights of children, gender equality, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and protecting all individuals from all forms of discrimination;
- b) only apply to companies and personnel directly involved in the preparation, organisation, hosting and staging of the Competition and/or a Competition-related event during the times described above; and
- c) not apply to any other companies and personnel, in particular companies or workers involved in connection with the construction and operation of general infrastructure (e.g. airports or train stations), the construction of stadiums and further Competition sites or the construction and operation of hotels.

In order to manage and implement such work permit processes and other labour law-related issues efficiently, the government is further requested to adopt an appropriate fee system for the issuance of work permits and to provide appropriate administrative assistance.

3.2.4 Government Guarantee #3: Tax exemptions and foreign exchange undertakings

Tax exemptions

FIFA is an association under Swiss law and the world governing body of association football. Under Swiss law, an association is prevented from paying dividends or similar profit participations to its members. All profits must be used for, and be in line with, the statutory objectives of the association.

FIFA assembles members from 211 countries and conducts its statutory activities across the globe. Among FIFA's main statutory objectives are the development of football and the hosting and staging of football-related events. It is only possible to fulfil these statutory objectives by putting in place the administration necessary for their organisation and operation, which is financed through the global generation of revenues. As such FIFA qualifies as a not-for-profit association.

Notwithstanding this status, any and all revenues globally generated by FIFA through its activities – among others through the hosting of the FIFA World Cup™, including all revenues generated in the host country/host countries – remain subject to the ordinary taxation regime for associations in Switzerland. This taxation regime duly considers the specific situation of FIFA as an association with a four-year accounting cycle.

Furthermore, the FIFA World Cup™ contributes to the financing of FIFA's activities. This includes the promotion and improvement of the game of football globally through development programmes, the promotion of integrity, ethics and fair play in the game of football and the organisation of its other international football competitions. Any tax costs imposed onto FIFA and its entities in relation to the organisation of the Competition may affect FIFA's financing in connection with the organisation and administration of its statutory activities.

The FIFA World Cup™ is a major sporting event that attracts global attention to the host country/host countries and provides the opportunity for significant financial investment in sporting and public infrastructure. Such global attention and investment may contribute to significant mid- and long-term socio-economic benefits for the host country/host countries, as well as economic growth. As such, the FIFA World Cup™ represents an event of national importance and public interest, which justifies the granting of a tax exemption in connection with the Competition.

To avoid indirect taxation costs for FIFA, Government Guarantee #3 also requires the Government to provide a limited tax exemption to certain third parties involved in the hosting of the Competition and Competition-related events. This includes the host association(s), the continental football confederations, the FIFA member associations, the Host Broadcaster, FIFA's service providers, FIFA contractors and certain designated individuals. The scope and extent of such a limited tax exemption relates to the nature and form of involvement of entities and individuals in the hosting and staging of and participation in the Competition and Competition-related events. Government Guarantee #3 is not intended to provide any tax benefits for activities not related to the Competition and Competition-related events, or any tax profit advantages for commercially-oriented entities or full tax exemptions for individuals on their ordinary salaries.

Furthermore, the legal effect of all tax exemptions required under Government Guarantee #3 is limited to certain periods during which Competition-related activities are envisaged. The only exception for the limitation in time are payments (if any) relating to the FIFA World Cup™ legacy programme remaining in the host country/host countries after the FIFA World Cup™. To implement Government Guarantee #3, the Government is requested to provide simple administration procedures and prioritised administrative support from the competent authorities.

Foreign exchange undertakings

The FIFA World Cup™ is a sporting event on a global scale in which the teams of all 211 FIFA member associations may participate and business transactions involving various entities and individuals from all over the world will be executed in connection with the Competition and Competition-related events. Therefore, the government is requested to ensure during specific periods that the unrestricted import and export of all foreign currencies to and from the host country/host countries by means of bank transfer, as well as the unrestricted exchange and conversion of all foreign currencies into local currency, US dollars, Euros or Swiss francs, is unrestricted, not subject to any taxes in the host country, and in line with the conditions prevailing on the international foreign exchange market.

This guarantee aims to facilitate the financial transactions by bank transfers in connection to the Competition and will by no means limit or restrict the applicability of laws and regulations in the host country/host countries to prevent money laundering.

Simplified administrative procedures

It is also a key requirement that FIFA and all designated beneficiaries of this guarantee benefit from simplified administration procedures and prioritised administrative support from the competent authorities. Any applications, filing and documentation or communications must be permitted in English.

3.2.5 Government Guarantee #4: Safety and security

As the FIFA World Cup™ is a sporting event with a global public interest and which attracts hundreds of thousands of national and international spectators to attend matches in the stadiums and visit the host cities, safety and security is an essential part of the Competition operations.

Security operations for the Competition are not limited to the stadiums but extend to any other locations used for the Competition throughout the host country/host countries, such as training sites, official hotels, accreditation centres, media and other event centres, the international broadcast centre, airports, train and bus stations and other transport hubs. In order to achieve the best possible security environment for the Competition, the government is requested – at its own cost – to assume full responsibility for safety and security at the Competition and Competition-related events. This includes developing a security strategy and concept (in close cooperation with further state, regional and municipal government law enforcement and security authorities in the respective host country), implementing the necessary security measures and assuming liability for safety and security incidents.

With respect to the safety and security at certain sites and locations used for the Competition, FIFA will also develop concepts fully integrated in the overall framework concept for safety and security at the Competition.

3.2.6 Government Guarantee #5: Promotion and exploitation of commercial rights

In order for FIFA to meet its objectives pursuant to article 2 of the FIFA Statutes, such as the promotion and improvement of the game of football globally through development programs, the promotion of integrity, ethics and fair play in the game of football and the organisation of its own competitions, it is very important that FIFA is in the position to fully and freely exploit and exercise its commercial rights, and that those rights are protected to the fullest extent possible in the host country/host countries.

As such, the government is requested to acknowledge FIFA's unrestricted and inclusive ownership of any commercial rights in relation to the Competition and to support the protection of FIFA's unrestricted and inclusive ownership.

There must be no legal restrictions or prohibitions in the host country/host countries to impede the exploitation and exercise of any commercial rights in relation to the Competition. In particular, no legal restrictions or prohibitions should apply to the advertising and consumption of goods and services in the stadiums and other sites used for the Competition.

Moreover, without the financial contributions made by FIFA's commercial affiliates, FIFA would not be able to prepare for, host and stage the Competition. FIFA must also benefit from the necessary facilitated administrative procedural measures to register and protect its commercial rights in the host country/host countries through competition marks and intellectual property rights.

Finally, the Competition must benefit from a special protected status or other administrative and legal measures effectively protecting FIFA against any unauthorised association with, or undue exploitation of, the Competition or other ambush marketing activities. For instance, FIFA needs full legal and administrative support in relation to the sale and use of match tickets in order to make available as many tickets as possible to football fans at affordable prices determined by FIFA below the real market price. Consumers intending to visit the host country/host countries to attend the Competition must be protected to the fullest possible extent against any detrimental interference caused by consumer fraud and further black-market activities, through the prohibition of the secondary ticket market in relation to the Competition.

3.2.7 Government Guarantee #6: IT&T

The operations of the FIFA World Cup™ and, in particular, the related technical solutions that are implemented, must meet the highest international standard. Specifically, this is required to ensure the uninterrupted worldwide media transmission of all matches, meeting the highest quality standards by any technical means and on all platforms.

The scope of Government Guarantee #6 encompasses the relevant elements of the telecommunications and IT infrastructure, product and service requirements throughout the preparation, hosting and staging of the Competition. It may foster the positive legacy effect of the FIFA World Cup™ in the host country/host countries, as the implemented telecommunications and IT infrastructure and related expertise will remain in the host country/host countries and its industry long after the conclusion of the Competition.

Government Guarantee #6 must be issued regardless of whether the government or any privately owned third party is responsible for the telecommunications and IT infrastructure in the host country. In the latter

case, the government must issue Government Guarantee #6 and secure the corresponding undertakings and guarantees from the relevant third parties as applicable.

3.2.8 Government Guarantee #7: Waiver, indemnification and other legal issues

As the FIFA World Cup™ requires the broad support of the relevant government authorities in the host country/host countries to be organised successfully, FIFA and its entities must obtain the broadest level of legal protection and certainty related to the issuance and implementation of the Government Guarantees.

In particular, FIFA and its entities must not be factually or legally prevented from, or limited to, exercising any of their contractual rights under the hosting agreement with the host association(s) or any other contractual agreements with other stakeholders by virtue of the Government Guarantees, particularly any claims against, or any other legal exposure of, FIFA and its entities or other related stakeholders.

3.2.9 Government Declaration

The Government Declaration should be issued by the head of the highest national executive government authority of the host country/each of the host countries, demonstrating the respective host country's support for the bid by the member association(s) and for the hosting of the Competition in the host country/host countries.

As part of the Government Declaration, each of the involved governments is requested to express its commitment to respecting, protecting and upholding human rights, including workers' labour rights, in connection with the hosting and staging of the Competition and any legacy and related post-event activities, with particular attention to the provision of security, potential resettlement and eviction, workers' labour rights (including those of migrant workers), the rights of children, gender equality, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and protecting all individuals from all forms of discrimination. Each of the involved governments is requested to express its commitment to ensuring that access to effective remedies is available where such rights violations occur, including judicial and non-judicial complaint mechanisms with the power to investigate, punish and redress human rights violations.

3.2.10 Government Legal Statement

The member association(s) shall secure a government legal statement to be issued by the Minister of Justice of the respective Host Country, containing in particular (i) a high-level summary of the legal framework in the respective host country; (ii) a confirmation on how the governmental support documents as provided to FIFA are, and will remain, subsequent to its issuance, valid, fully legally binding and enforceable with respect to the Competition; and (iii) a list of all special laws, regulations and ordinances which are to be enacted .by the government and/or another competent local, regional or national governmental authority in the respective host country, including the proposed procedure and timing of enactment within the deadlines set out in the respective governmental support document.

4 Environmental and social outcomes

FIFA is committed to organising the Competition following international sustainable event management standards and practices, safeguarding standards and practices and respecting internationally recognised human rights. It is FIFA's expectation that any bid also commits to follow these standards in relation to the delivery of the Competition and to support FIFA in its efforts to make the Competition as sustainable as possible.

It is important to emphasise that FIFA will take into consideration not only a bid's adherence to core requirements but also its commitment to drive positive environmental and social change over the medium- to long-term horizon, with an understanding that all aspects cannot be applied or examined in a standardised manner but also depend on the prevailing context of the host country/host countries.

In addition to the commitments sought through the Government Declaration and Government Guarantees (see section 3 above), any bid must commit to the requirements set out below (see general and topic-specific requirements).

Moreover, any bid must provide the following information, signalling its strategies and plans in relation to these topics:

- Explicit public commitments to sustainability, human rights, sustainable procurement and climate action, stating that the Competition will be delivered in compliance with FIFA's sustainability requirements
- An explicit public commitment to involving local communities and carrying out stakeholder dialogue (in line with AA 1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard) in each of the Host Cities
- A summary of the human rights strategy, including a description of the key human rights risks identified in relation to the Competition (reflecting the results of the independent human rights context assessment), the plans to prevent and mitigate these risks, as well as the stakeholder engagement conducted in the process of developing the strategy
- A summary of the environmental and climate impact of hosting the Competition and the mitigation measures foreseen for the following key areas:
 - Transport of fans to and from matches
 - Accommodation for fans during their stay in the host country/host countries
 - Energy consumption
 - Waste management

General requirements

Requirements	Host Association	Host Country / Host City Authority ¹	Stadium Authority	Training Site Authority	Airport Authority	Accommodation Authority
1.1	Sustainable event management					
1.1.1	Work with FIFA to develop the Sustainability Strategy for the Competition, which shall be aligned with ISO 20121					
1.1.2	Support FIFA with the implementation of the Sustainable Event Management ("SEM") System for the Competition by establishing appropriate governance arrangements in line with ISO 20121					
1.1.3	Support FIFA in implementing the Sustainability Strategy for the Competition, which may include aspects linked to the SEM System					
1.1.4	Comply with, and if requested by FIFA, be able to demonstrate to a third-party auditor appointed by FIFA that it complies with the SEM System for all Competition-related activities					
1.1.5	Support FIFA, in such manner requested by FIFA, in relation to any publications issued by FIFA that are designed to inform the public about the Sustainability Strategy for the Competition					
1.2	Key standards and principles					
1.2.1	In addition to complying with any applicable domestic laws, regulations and directives, conduct activities in connection with the Competition in accordance with international SEM standards and practices, safeguarding standards and principles for the protection of children and adults at risk, while respecting all internationally recognised human rights					
1.2.2	Implement FIFA policies and procedures					
1.3	Stakeholder engagement					
1.3.1	Work with FIFA to coordinate the Competition stakeholders within the relevant host country and ensure that these stakeholders understand and deliver their respective sustainability obligations to the required standards					

¹ The responsibility may depend upon the political system of the host country and the associated distribution of authority at national, regional and city levels.

1.3.2	Ensure that FIFA is able to meet and meaningfully engage with the relevant individuals in positions of responsibility to share information and facilitate decision-making on sustainability matters across the relevant host country, including individuals from local, state/provincial and national governmental authorities as well as from each Host City Authority, Stadium Authority, Training Site Authority, Airport Authority and Accommodation Authority and other local stakeholders, including community groups and local residents						
1.3.3	Provide senior-level representatives to discuss sustainability matters with FIFA						
1.4	Sustainable procurement and supply chain						
1.4.1	Comply with all requirements detailed in the FIFA Sustainable Sourcing Code (as may be updated from by FIFA from time to time) and any additional Competition-specific sourcing requirements that may be developed by FIFA to manage the sustainability impact of any products or services procured in connection with the Competition						
1.4.2	Ensure that it has robust processes in place to assess risks, to conduct supplier due diligence and to monitor compliance across their supply chains linked to the Competition. Report on its efforts to comply with these requirements following FIFA's reasonable request at any time and allow FIFA to conduct monitoring activities, including through the inspection of its premises and those of its suppliers						
1.5	Grievance mechanisms						
1.5.1	In collaboration with any other relevant governmental authorities in the relevant host country, ensure that access to effective remedies is available where the rights of people are adversely impacted in relation to the Competition, including judicial and non-judicial complaint mechanisms with the power to investigate, punish and redress human rights violations						
1.5.2	Implement and operate adequate internal grievance mechanisms to effectively address any adverse human rights impacts they have caused or contributed to,						

	including in relation to cases of discrimination, harassment, abuse and exploitation, in connection the Competition						
1.5.3	Support and cooperate with any grievance mechanisms or any other remediation processes, as determined by FIFA, for any individuals and communities that may be adversely impacted in connection with the Competition						
1.6	Reporting and knowledge transfer						
1.6.1	Establish reporting mechanisms in order to collect and provide information and data pertaining to sustainability issues						
1.6.2	Share with FIFA, on a regular basis, any relevant information, data and documents pertaining to sustainability and human rights that may be required by FIFA for reporting purposes, or that may be useful for stakeholders, including in connection with future editions of the Competition						

Topic-specific requirements

Requirements	Host Association	Host Country / Host City Authority	Stadium Authority	Training Site Authority	Airport Authority	Accommodation Authority
2.1	Labour rights					
2.1.1	Ensure that effective protections are in place for workers involved in the preparation and delivery of the Competition, whether employed by them or by companies with which they have business relations, in accordance with applicable laws and the standards set out in the FIFA Sustainable Sourcing Code					
2.1.2	In collaboration with other relevant governmental authorities, ensure decent working conditions for workers associated in any way with the delivery of the Competition, including through the passing and enforcement of appropriate legislation in line with the relevant host country's obligations under international labour standards					
2.2	Diversity and anti-discrimination					
2.2.1	Work together, and with FIFA, to promote a discrimination-free environment during the Competition					
2.2.2	Without limiting any obligations under applicable domestic laws, regulations and directives, strive to ensure that there are inclusive and equal opportunity recruitment practices in their own operations, including but not limited to the inclusion of disabled people and the promotion of sexual and gender diversity, age diversity, social diversity and ethnic diversity of staff, volunteers and contractors involved in the Competition					
2.2.3	Support FIFA in creating opportunities for vulnerable groups to attend Competition matches					
2.3	Accessibility					
2.3.1	Ensure that Sites within their jurisdiction are accessible for all, including disabled people and people with limited mobility. This includes infrastructure, overlay and services, as well as any design, planning and construction elements of these Sites					
2.3.2	Work with, support and					

Requirements		Host Association	Host Country / Host City Authority	Stadium Authority	Training Site Authority	Airport Authority	Accommodation Authority
	encourage all relevant stakeholders to provide accessible infrastructure and services throughout the relevant Host City, including with respect to accommodation, airports and public transportation						
2.3.3	Comply with any detailed accessibility requirements in relation to disabled people and people with limited mobility, which FIFA may provide from time to time						
2.3.4	Make efforts and support FIFA, where relevant, to ensure inclusive and equal opportunities for all, including disabled people, people with limited mobility and beneficiaries of good access						
2.4	Safeguarding						
2.4.1	Collaborate with FIFA to engage relevant local authorities and agencies with statutory responsibilities for the protection and well-being of all, with a specific focus on children and adults at risk						
2.4.2	Support and cooperate with FIFA to ensure that there is an appropriate response and action taken if safeguarding concerns arise in connection with Competition-related activities						
2.4.3	<p>If not existing at the time of submission of the bid, develop and implement, before the start of the Competition, an organisational Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (or similar, such as an Anti-Trafficking or Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Policy) and associated procedures, including codes of conduct, in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the local legal and socio-cultural context; ii. the FIFA Guardians Child Safeguarding Toolkit for Member Associations; and iii. other international safeguarding in sport standards, including the IOC Framework for safeguarding athletes and other participants from harassment and abuse in sport (Games 						

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<p>time period) and the International Safeguards for Children in Sport, and for the Airport Authority and Accommodation Authority the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism</p> <p>The policy and procedures referred to above shall cover, at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> preventative mechanisms, such as safeguarding risk assessments, education on safeguarding, safeguarding codes of conduct, and safe recruitment to help ensure that the relevant Authority and its contractors take appropriate measures to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse by its employees or any other persons engaged by its contractors to perform any services; internal grievance-reporting mechanisms to effectively address adverse human rights impacts that the relevant Authority has caused or contributed to, including in relation to cases of discrimination, harassment, abuse and exploitation, ensuring a trauma-informed response; and details of support organisations that affected individuals can contact for cases of discrimination, harassment, abuse and exploitation 						
2.5	Security and human rights					
2.5.1	Ensure that any security forces, including both law enforcement officials and private security staff, deployed for activities associated with the Competition will be mandated and trained to comply with relevant international standards including, but not					

Requirements	Host Association	Host Country / Host City Authority	Stadium Authority	Training Site Authority	Airport Authority	Accommodation Authority
<p>limited to, the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials, the UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers. In particular, they shall be trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. exercise restraint in the use of force where it is necessary, and only in proportion to the seriousness of the offence; ii. minimise damage and injury when using force; iii. respect and preserve human life; and iv. ensure that assistance and medical aid are rendered to any injured and affected person(s) at the earliest possible moment 						
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Requirements		Host Association	Host Country / Host City Authority	Stadium Authority	Training Site Authority	Airport Authority	Accommodation Authority
2.8	Climate action						
2.8.1	Show leadership in climate action, including using best efforts to engage in the process of becoming a signatory of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Sports for Climate Action Framework within a reasonable timeframe and as agreed with FIFA						
2.8.2	Have a plan of action to reduce emissions in line with the Paris Climate Agreement and/or their country's climate action plans						
2.9	Low-carbon transport						
2.9.1	Work with the relevant host country entities to encourage the availability of low-carbon transport infrastructure, such as public transportation and vehicles that run on renewable energy, for attendees to travel within and between Sites						
2.10	Waste management and circular economy						
2.10.1	Support FIFA in its efforts to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle Competition-related waste						
2.10.2	Provide waste compounds that are sufficiently large to allow for waste segregation, including the manual segregation of waste, at their respective Sites						
2.10.3	Provide recycling and composting services for waste generated at Sites						
2.11	Sustainable building certification						
2.11.1	Present a valid sustainable building certification for the design and construction of new or renovated infrastructure, and for operations for all buildings used in relation to the Competition. The sustainable building certification shall be from FIFA-approved standards that are specifically designed for buildings and their performance, set minimum standards, allow for comparability and assess the level of achievement across social and environmental issues						