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| Brief Explanation | St. Lucia’s review of the geography of the five netball regions in the world reveals that the current format for qualifying for participation in a WNC does not provide scope for lowly ranked countries like St. Lucia, with a WNR #20, to gain qualification.
St. Lucia is a member of the Americas region, which comprises 17 full members and 16 other netball nations – with the potential for 54 member countries in the long term. Of the five (5) WN Regions, the Americas is the most populated.
In actuality, St. Lucia is highly disadvantaged because of the disparity and consequent inequity in competitive advantage; arising from differences in relative size and geography of the WN regions.
In the current scenario, St. Lucia must compete with (potentially) 16 countries, in her bid to emerge as one of the 2 qualifying countries. In contrast, the least populated region currently has a ratio of 2 of 5 countries. In parallel, the other three region have ratios of 2 of 9, 2 of 10 and 2 of 11.
In order to leverage competitive advantage, St. Lucia is requesting that the WN give favourable consideration to the emergence of 3 rather than 2 qualifying countries from the Americas in the WNC2023 Qualifier to be held in Jamaica in October 2022. |
To compensate for the increase in number of qualifying countries from the most populated Americas region, the inequity gap can be bridged by allocating one rather than two qualifying countries to the least populated region. The ratio of 3/16 and 1/5 reflects parity - in contrast with the prevailing inequity of 2/16 for the Americas and 2/5 for the least populated region in the netball world. This adjustment will undoubtedly facilitate the elevation of the WNR of lowly ranked countries that are challenged by geography. Participation in World Netball events will provide the lowly ranked countries, like St. Lucia, with the opportunity to play the highly ranked countries that would not otherwise be available for international netball match engagements.

St. Lucia trusts that this request can be accommodated and looks forward to parity across WN regions, in respect of competitive advantage. In anticipation of the indulgence of WN.

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## GEOGRAPHY OF WORLD NETBALL REGIONS

### AFRICA Netball Region
- **Full Members**: 11
- **Associate Members**
  - Burundi
  - Cameroon
  - Congo
  - Central African Republic
  - Guinea
  - Liberia
  - Morocco
  - Nigeria
  - Seychelles
  - PLUS 8 Other Netball Nations
  - Burundi
  - Cameroon
  - Congo
  - Central African Republic
  - Guinea
  - Liberia
  - Morocco
  - Nigeria
  - Seychelles

### AMERICAS Netball Region
- **Full Members**: 17
- **Other Netball Nations**
  - Aruba
  - Bahamas
  - Bonaire
  - British Virgin Islands
  - Chile
  - Cuba
  - Curacao
  - Guyana
  - Haiti
  - St. Eustatius
  - Uruguay
  - US Virgin Islands
  - Tortola

### ASIA Netball Region
- **Full Members**: 12
- **Associate Members**
  - Bahrain
  - Bangladesh
  - Japan
  - Nepal
  - South Korea
  - Timor Leste
  - PLUS 7 Other Netball Nations

### EUROPE Netball Region
- **Full Members**: 11
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  - Sweden
  - No Associate Members

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### OCEANIA Netball Region
- **Full Members**: 6
- **Associate Members**
  - Solomon Islands
  - Norfolk Island
  - Tokelau
  - PLUS 1 Other Netball Nation: Niue

### COUNTRIES in RED are listed in the top 20 on the World Netball Rankings (WNR)