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## **World Netball Announces Further Evolution of its Governance Structure**

World Netball has today announced significant changes to its Articles of Association, enabling the appointment of two new director positions to the World Netball Board.

The changes demonstrate how World Netball is further strengthening its governance structure, and the progress made towards achieving its [Strategic Plan](#) which includes 'Govern' as a core strategic pillar.

In a ground-breaking move the Membership of World Netball has voted to add an Athlete Director to its Board. The Membership was overwhelmingly in favour of the move with 96% of respondents voting positively for the change, indicating the positive impact the [Voice of the Athlete Working Group](#) has had since its launch in 2021.

The addition of an Athlete Director to the World Netball Board will:

- Address World Netball's strategic aim to ensure the Voice of the Athlete is at the heart of strategic discussions and decision-making.
- Provide an invaluable perspective representing our athlete stakeholders.
- Give athletes a voice at the highest-level of World Netball demonstrating a commitment to valuing and supporting them and providing opportunities to develop our future leaders.

In addition, the Membership voted to increase the number of Independent Directors on the Board by converting the elected Finance Director role to that of Independent Finance Director. Adding a further Independent Director to the Board following the appointment of our first Independent Director in January 2022 will:

- Bring a broader perspective, impartiality and objectivity whilst maintaining the responsibility as a Director to act in the best interests of World Netball and its Members.
- Provide valuable independent advice and oversight on operations, governance and strategy.

The recruitment process for these new Board roles is now underway and details of each role and how to apply can be found, [here](#).

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**Notes to Editors:**

**World Netball:**

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball affiliated to GAISF, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

World Netball creates a better world through netball, inspiring netballers to embrace opportunities and achieve their potential. Netball is played in more than 100 countries around the world with 79 National Netball Associations affiliated to World Netball. The associations are grouped into five Regions – Africa Netball, Americas Netball, Asia Netball, Europe Netball and Oceania Netball – each with a respective Regional Federation. Regional Federations are an integral part of the global governance structure and assist in the development and implementation of World Netball's Strategy To Grow, To Play, To Inspire, policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

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