

CONGRESS 2023

Cape Town, South Africa

26th & 27th July 2023

Item 1: Opening and Welcome

The President will open the Congress and welcome all delegates, observers and Service Award holders.

Item 2: Roll Call

The CEO will undertake a roll call of Members present at Congress and the voting strength, including proxies.

Apologies will be noted.

Item 3: Honouring the Departed

Those members of the international netball family who have passed away since Congress 2019 will be honoured.

Members are asked to notify the secretariat of any individuals by 7th July 2023.

Item 4: Voting Procedure & Election of the Independent Scrutineer

Congress will be advised of the voting procedures and introduced to the independent scrutineer who will observe the electronic voting and ensure that election and voting rules are followed.

Item 5: Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Congress held virtually in January 2022

Draft minutes are attached.

Members to advise the Secretariat of any amendments by 7th July 2023.

Item 6: Matters Arising

Any matters arising from the 2021 Congress which are not otherwise covered elsewhere on the agenda may be raised at this point in the agenda.

Summary of Actions taken attached.

Item 7: President's Address

The President will inform Members of the progress of the Federation.

Item 8: Board Report

The CEO will present the activities of World Netball.

Please refer to the 2021 and 2022 Annual Reports. (The 2022 Report will be forwarded to Members prior to Congress).

Item 9: Financial Report

The Finance Director will present an overview of the finances of the Federation.

Please refer to the 2021 and 2022 Annual Financial Statements (attached).

The Finance Director will inform Congress of the process for appointing the Auditors.

Item 10: Proposed Rules Changes

The Rules Advisory Panel will present the principles underpinning the proposed rules changes (see papers attached).

Item 11: Business from Members for which due notice was given.

Items from St Lucia and Zimbabwe will be addressed by the World Netball representatives (papers attached).

Item 12: Applications for Membership

An application for Full Membership of World Netball has been received from Netball Guadeloupe. World Netball Secretariat confirms that Netball Guadeloupe has fulfilled all the compliance requirements associated with a Full Member Application. Guadeloupe is situated in the Southern Caribbean Sea and is a Member of Americas Netball (Membership application attached).

Item 13: Election of Officers

Elizabeth (Liz) Nicholl is the only candidate nominated for President by the due date. Nominated by Wales and seconded by Hong Kong (Nomination form and CV is attached). Congress will be requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Liz Nicholl for a further four-year term of office as President.

Regional Directors have been elected by their Regional Federations to serve on the World Netball Board for a four-year term commencing 7th August as follows:

Americas – Dr Bridgette Adams

Asia – Victoria Lakshmi

Europe – Lyn Carpenter

Oceania – Wainikiti (Kiti) Bogidrau

Africa – Cecilia Molokwane will remain as the Regional Director for Africa until the 2023 Africa Netball AGM.

CVs for the recently elected Regional Directors are attached.

Item 14: Appointment of Officers

Following a comprehensive recruitment process Stacey Francis-Bayman is proposed by the World Netball Board for the role of Athlete Director. Congress is requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Stacey for a four-year term of office as Athlete Director (CV and personal statement attached).

In a separate but equally rigorous process Suri Bartlett is proposed by the World Netball Board for the role of Independent Finance Director. Congress is requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Suri for a four-year term of office as Independent Finance Director (CV and personal statement attached).

Item 15: Election of Committee Member Representative

Catherine Lewis is the only candidate nominated for the role of Member representative on the World Netball Nominations Committee by the due date. Nominated by England and seconded by Switzerland (CV is attached). Congress will be requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Catherine for a further four-year term of office as Member representative on the World Netball Nominations Committee.

Item 16: Election and Appointment of Officers - Results

The CEO will announce the results of the election and appointment votes.

Item 17: Presentation of WN Service Awards

The President will announce the recipients of the World Netball Service Awards for 2023.

DAY TWO**Item 18: Welcome and introductory remarks**

The President will open day two and welcome all delegates, observers and Service Award holders.

Item 19: Netball World Cup 2023

NWC2023 to present.

Item 20: Netball World Youth Cup 2025

NWYC2025 to present.

Item 21: Netball World Cup 2027

NWC2027 to present.

Item 22: Bidding Process for NWYC2029 and NWC2031

The CEO will outline the process and timetable for the bidding process for NWYC2029 and NWC2031.

Item 23: Keynote Speakers – The Unstoppable Rise of Women’s Sport

Eminent speakers will discuss the topic and highlight the opportunities and risks and what this means for World Netball’s growth ambitions.

Item 24: Any Other Business

AOB will be considered at the discretion of the President.

Item 25: Date and Location of Congress 2025

The President will confirm the date and location of Congress 2025.