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# Looking forward to the IAAF/BTC World Relays Bahamas 2017

Just as one IAAF World Athletics Series event concludes, attention already turns to the next one.

There is less than a month to go until the **IAAF/BTC World Relays Bahamas 2017** when Nassau will once again welcome the world's top relay runners.

Nassau's 15,000-seater Thomas A Robinson Stadium will host the competition on 22-23 April and 10 relay events will be staged. The best men's and women's teams in the world will compete in the 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x800m and, new for the third edition, a mixed 4x400m which replaces the distance medley relay.

London, which will stage the IAAF World Championships from 4-13 August 2017, will play host to the 209th IAAF Council meeting on 12-13 April.

#### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



# IAAF WORLD RELAYS BAHAMAS 2017 SET TO BE BIGGEST ONE YET

With the deadline for preliminary entries now closed, the IAAF World Relays Bahamas 2017 is set to be the biggest edition of the event so far. **Full story** 

### **OTHER NEWS**

- Prezelj to replace Fredericks on IAAF Taskforce
- ITN Productions appointed by IAAF as host broadcaster for IAAF World Relays
- LOC website opens IAAF World U18 Championships Nairobi 2017
- Tergat launches legacy project during visit to Kampala
- Slew of world and Olympic champions to get 2017 IAAF Diamond League underway in Doha
- Oslo Bislett Games aims to become the most sustainable athletics meeting in the world

# **FEATURED NEWS**



### Bidding deadline approaching for 2020 World Athletics Series events

The deadline for the initial phase of the host city bidding process for four IAAF World Athletics Series events in 2020 is fast approaching.

#### BTC becomes title sponsor for IAAF World Relays Bahamas 2017

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) announced their title sponsorship of the IAAF/BTC World Relays Bahamas 2017, the global event's third edition, which will take place 22-23 April at The Thomas A Robinson National Stadium in the Bahamian capital Nassau.



## IAAF launches Athletics for a Better World project with Tegla Loroupe athlete refugees

The first phase of an Athletics for a Better World project organised in cooperation with the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation took place in Ngong, Kenya.

### Remaining tickets on sale for IAAF World Championships London 2017

Tickets for the IAAF World Championships London 2017 returned to sale on 8 March with availability once more within all sessions.

# FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

An up-to-date list can be downloaded **here**.

### NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS - RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

An up-to-date list can be downloaded here.

### **WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED**



### Women's 20km

1:01:40mx\* Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Ras Al-Khaimah 10 Feb 2017 Previous: 1:01:54mx\* Florence Kiplagat (KEN) Barcelona 15 Feb 2015 \*En route to half marathon

### Women's half marathon

1:05:06mx Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) Ras Al-Khaimah 10 Feb 2017 Previous: 1:05:09 mx Florence Kiplagat (KEN) Barcelona 15 Feb 2015

#### Men's indoor 1000m

2:14.20 Ayanleh Souleiman (DJI) Stockholm 17 Feb 2016 Previous: 2:14.96 Wilson Kipketer (DEN) Birmingham 20 Feb 2000

### Women's indoor mile

4:13.31 Genzebe Dibaba (ETH) Stockholm 17 Feb 2016 Previous: 4:17.14 Doina Melinte (ROU) East Rutherford 09 Feb 1990

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