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# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL MILESTONES



## 1991

### CONCACAF'S FIRST WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1991 CONCACAF Women's Championship determined the Confederation's single qualifier for the FIFA Women's World Cup China PR 1991. The CONCACAF tournament in which eight teams participated, took place in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in April 1991. United States won the competition.

(Courtesy: FIFA.com)

Caption: USA wins the first FIFA Women's World Cup - China PR 1991



# 1991

## THE FIRST FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

In November 1991 the first Women's World Championship was brought to life. The competition kicked off in the People's Republic of China with 12 nations competing.



# 1996

## FIRST PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Women's football made its Olympic debut in Atlanta in 1996. On this occasion, the United States earned a 2-1 victory over China, claiming the gold medal for the first time. Haiti in April 1991. United States won the competition.



# 1998

## THE 1998 CONCACAF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

In the final stage of the CONCACAF's qualifiers for the FIFA Women's World Cup USA 1999, Canada took the sole automatic qualifying place by finishing first. The runner-up, Mexico, qualified after defeating Argentina in a two-leg playoff in December 1998.

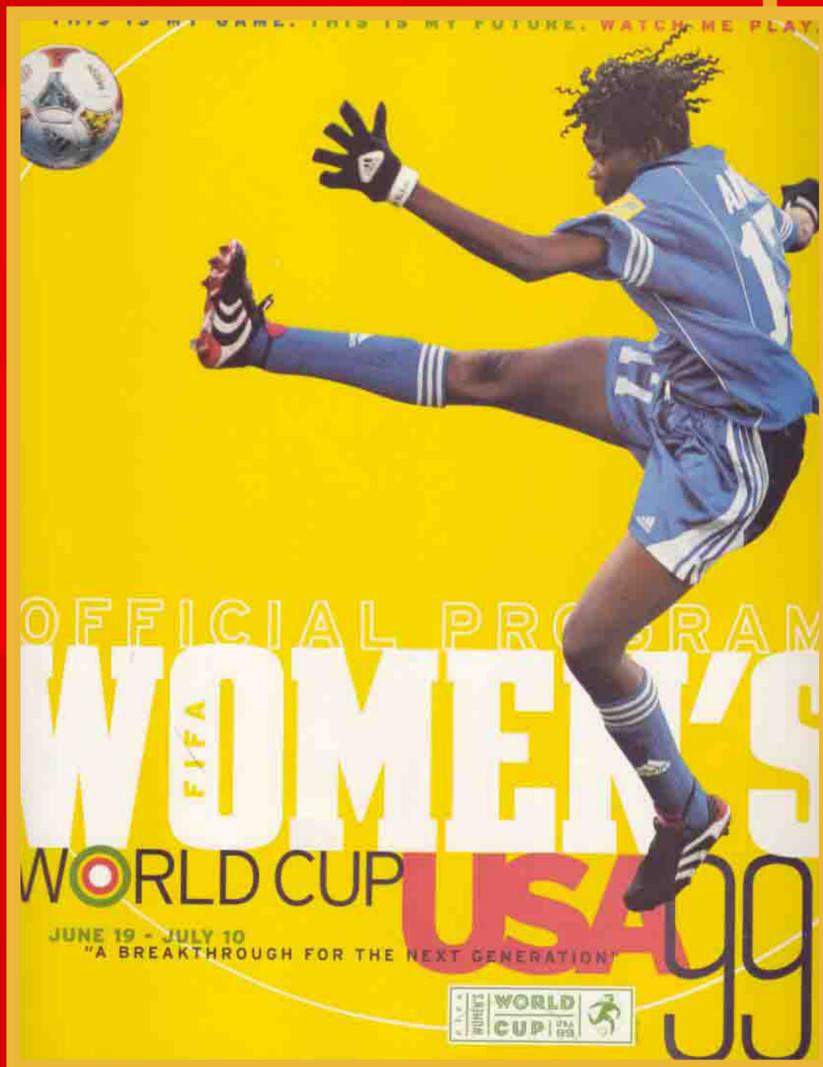


# 1999

## USA HOSTED THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

According to FIFA, the final of the Women's World Cup held in USA launched the beginning of a new era of success for women's football and was a milestone in the history of women's sports.

350 of the best female footballers in the world gathered across the United States for a tournament in which spectator figures topped 660,000. All 32 games were broadcast live on national television, and an estimated 40 million viewers in the U.S. alone watched the American hosts capture their second World Cup title.



# 2000

## FIRST WOMEN'S COMPETITION IN THE CARIBBEAN

The Caribbean Football Union Women's Caribbean Cup is an international tournament for the women's national teams of this region.

The 2000 edition doubled as the qualification campaign for the 2000 CONCACAF Women's

Gold Cup. In 2014, when the event was reintroduced, the tournament served as the Caribbean zone qualification competition for the 2014 CONCACAF Women's Championship.



# 2001

## THE GRANDIOSE MIA HAMM



U.S. Women's National Team star Mia Hamm was named the FIFA World Women's Player of the Year in Zurich, Switzerland. According to FIFA, she was the best-known player in the USA women's national team that dominated the global scene in the 1990s and her 275 caps are a testament to consistency, ability and stamina. She won the Women's World Cup in 1991 and 1999, and took Olympic medals in 1996, 2000 and 2004.

# 2002

## THE FIFA U-19 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CANADA 2002

The first ever women's under 19 world championship was awarded to Canada. The tournament in which 12 teams participated, was won by the United States 1-0 against Canada.

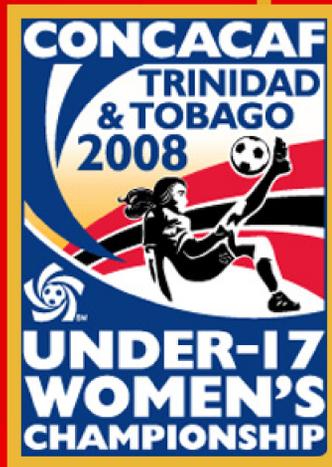
# 2003

## USA HOSTED THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

The United States was named host of the 2003 Women's World Cup after the tournament was moved from China because of the SARS epidemic (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). In the Final, Germany defeated Sweden 2-1.



# 2008



## CONCACAF ORGANIZED THE FIRST U-17 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The 2008 CONCACAF Under-17 Women's Championship was the first tournament of this type in the Confederation. Canada, Costa Rica and USA qualified for the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup held in New Zealand.

# 2010

## FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Scarborough, Port of Spain, Arima, Couva and Marabella were the host cities of the FIFA Women's World Cup held in Trinidad and Tobago from September 5–25, 2010. Sixteen teams, comprising representatives from all six confederations, took part in the competition. South Korea won the championship.



# 2012

## U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM EARNS FOURTH OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL

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## CANADA'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM EARNS FIRST MEDAL IN OLYMPIC HISTORY

Canadians beat France 1-0 to win the Olympic bronze medal in London.

# 2013

## **SONIA BIEN-AIME WAS VOTED INTO THE FIFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The General Secretary of the Turks and Caicos Football Association was welcomed into the highest ranks of FIFA at the 63rd Congress in Mauritius. In 2013, she was appointed a member of the CONCACAF Executive Committee.



# 2014

## **CONCACAF HOSTED THE FIRST "LET'S DEVELOP WOMEN'S FOOTBALL SEMINAR"**

CONCACAF hosted the "Let's Develop Women's Football Seminar", a top-level conference focusing on development in women's football held in Philadelphia. The unique event was designed with three main goals in mind: educating stakeholders about the current status of women in football in the region and around the world; promoting the various opportunities that women's football offers; and inspiring stakeholders to continue to invest in and improve the women's game.

## **COSTA RICA HOSTED THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

Costa Rica became the first Central American country to host a FIFA World Cup. The tournament's 32 matches attracting a total of 284,320 spectators, a new attendance record for the competition.

## **CANADA HOSTED FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

In the final of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup between Nigeria and Germany, the Germans were crowned champions after beating Nigeria 1-0.



# 2015

## **CANADA HOSTED FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

More than 750 million television viewers watched the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015, as the FIFA's flagship women's competition delivered all-time record viewing figures.

Canada Soccer announced that the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 and the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2014 supported an impressive CAD 493.6 million in economic activity for Canada – exceeding preliminary projections made in February 2014 by 46 per cent.

## **CONCACAF CELEBRATED THE FIRST WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY**

The inaugural women's day held in 2015 was an unprecedented success.

38 of the 41 member associations within the Confederation united to create a significant opportunity for girls and women to play the game.

## **CONCACAF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP GROUP**

CONCACAF announced the formation of the Women's Football Leadership Group. The group consists of female leaders from within the region, with the aim of supporting the Confederation's efforts to further develop the women's game in addition to raising awareness about the opportunities that football offers women beyond the pitch.

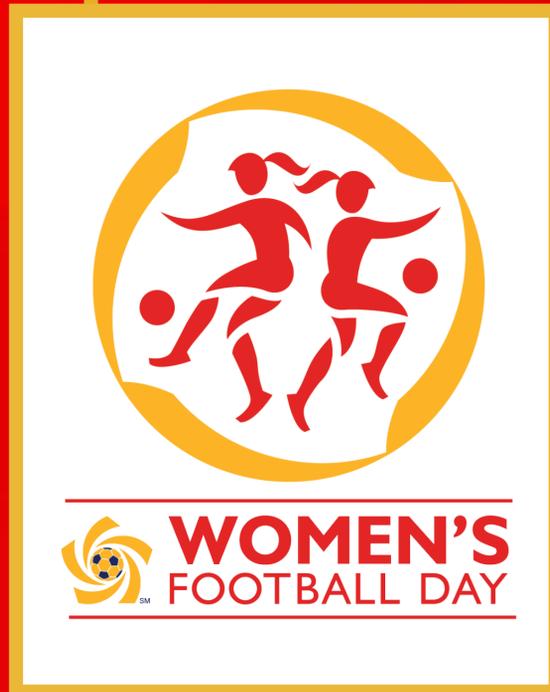


(Caption: Women's Football day celebration in Costa Rica)

# 2016

## **2016 - CONCACAF ANNOUNCED ITS SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY**

The Confederation celebrated its second Women's Football Day. 41 Member Associations united to create a significant opportunity for girls and women to play the game. This year's one-day event provided an even stronger platform to raise awareness for women's growing participation in soccer.





MONIQUE ANDRÉ:

## “FOOTBALL CAN AND WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S COMMISSION, FÉDÉRATION HAÏTIENNE DE FOOTBALL (HAÏTI)

### Tell us about the importance of women in football managerial positions

The football world has always been managed by men. Despite increasing numbers of female players, coaches and referees, it took a while for women to integrate club and federation management. For several years now, FIFA has made of women's integration one of its top development priorities by requiring the presence of at least one woman within Executive Committees; today, three women have a seat on the FIFA Executive Committee. Nevertheless, I think we still have a long way to go before securing more positions and acquiring more influence on the decision-making level. Women, as dynamic leaders, are a tremendous asset to the

football family. I am of the opinion that leadership is neither female nor male, and stands out preferably through qualities and abilities.

### What does football signify to you?

To me, football is part of my extended family. I got involved when I was very young, through several family members who were themselves club leaders. This passion for sport also dates back to my days as a young schoolgirl at the Collège Canado-Haïtien [a junior-senior high school], where I played volleyball. At that time, sport was mandatory at the academic level. A major turning point in my life was the moment when FIFA announced the beginning of women's football. I

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was lucky to be part of the team chosen to play the very first women's football match in Haiti. I had acquired a good level through training, and was chosen among the other players on the roster for the big event, which was held on December 19th 1971 at the Parc Ste Thérèse, with the Collège Canado-Haïtien facing off against Sacré Cœur in front of a huge crowd.

Many years of experience have allowed me to see that this sport is a force for bringing people together, a channel for educating youth which promotes harmonious coexistence and solidarity. Football is a very popular sport; this popularity deserves to be protected, and the sport deserves to be known by young people throughout the world.

### What was the biggest challenge you personally faced in your football career?

**Continuing to fight prejudices.** Prejudices against women's football were very strong when I played. The rumor that women playing football could never give birth scared my parents, and made them very reluctant to let me continue to play in a club.

**Advancing football.** One faces challenges every day, especially in my country where there are no proper sports facilities. We work as best as we can to advance Haitian football, and lead by example to show that the state of the country isn't written in stone; we want to show people that through work, passion, the positive feelings that the country inspires and football's popularity, we can change the country, and make it better through the game.

I am a woman and I proudly combine my business knowledge, my management abilities, and a constructive

outspokenness to push my Executive Committee colleagues to work towards excellence. The biggest challenge for a small federation with high demands and the ambition of excellence is its funding; I'm committed to taking up the challenge of finding the funds needed for us to carry out all of our projects.

### Being admitted in a misogynistic environment and being accepted by one's peers.

That's the biggest challenge; before me, no woman had ever been elected to the Executive Committee, or even as the head of a men's football club. When my name was proposed for the Executive Committee, our adversaries strongly opposed the idea. The group that I was part of was nevertheless unanimously elected by the Congress, probably because both the big and the small clubs knew of my selfless contributions to the game and my knowledge of the sport. I felt the need to be even closer, to help friends which were like brothers and with whom I shared football dreams and hardships. I don't regret it, even though it sacrificed my professional life and my family life; I was accepted as such because of my obsession to serve the right causes, which are my family and my country. It's all worth it – taking charge of almost 400 young talents (girls and boys) coming from different areas of the country, ensuring they receive academic and athletic training, bringing them to the highest international level, and ensuring their personal development as men and women useful to society. Competing with the CONCACAF greats with our youth and doing great things with little means is a source of great satisfaction.

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### How do you foresee women's football evolving within CONCACAF and the region?

This is another big challenge. Let's face it: though our region has major global players like Mexico, Canada and moreover the United States, the mindsets have often yet to change in many of its countries. Football is still in its infancy in most federations. Despite of a long tradition of women's football that goes back over 40 years, Haiti still lags behind. But thanks to an ambitious program backed by FIFA and towards which my federation is allocating a large part of its funds, we're quickly moving forward.

We have to raise awareness among the associations that women's contribution to the game favors its development. Since most countries resemble Haiti, even when they have more funding, the Haitian experience should prove quite useful. We should also consider getting closer to the parents to gain their trust, and getting former players involved to develop the game in some areas of the region.

### Do you have a message to tell all girls/women who aspire to work in an administrative or political position in the sport?

I would say: you have chosen the most popular and most wonderful of all sports; whatever your height, race, body size – you can succeed in football. For all of us, whether from the rich countries or the poor countries which form part of the mosaic of the CONCACAF region, football can and will change your life so long as you practice with focus and passion. It will open many doors for us. Many of our girls, coming from distant provinces, with no hope, in a country where your origin condemns you to a certain type of life, have been able to make a name for themselves and to build a new life through football. Beyond what it will bring in terms of health, physical beauty, human relationships and beyond its many other advantages, football will change your life so long as you love it and serve it.

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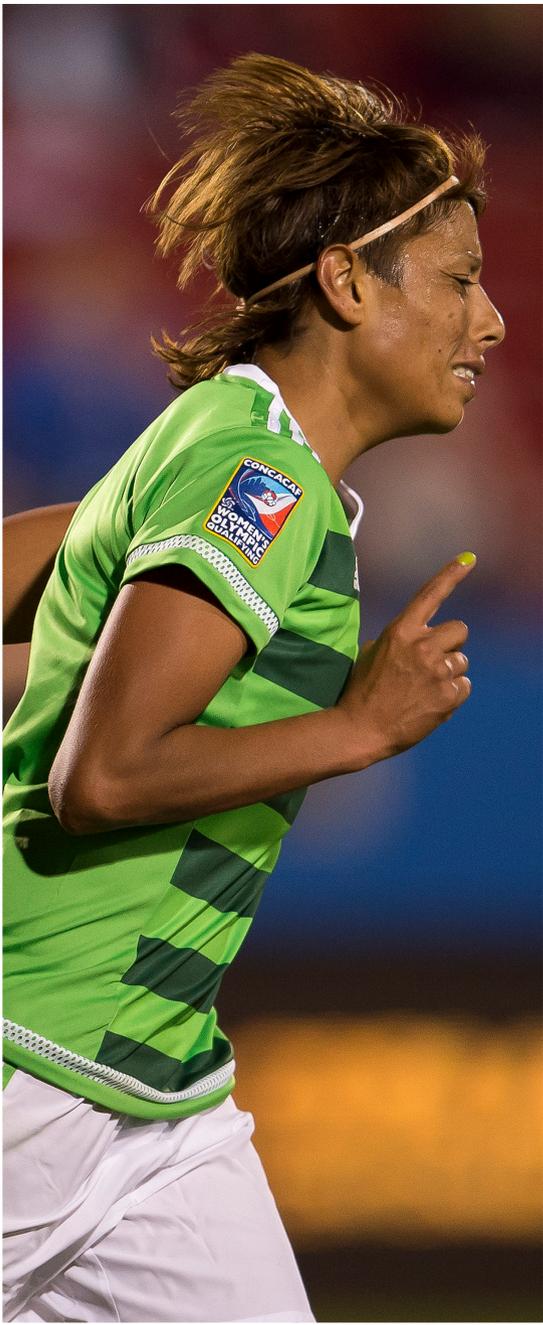
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# PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL



## MARIBEL DOMÍNGUEZ

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### - Tell us about your keys for achieving success.

The key is having objectives from the beginning of your career, and more so when you like what you do. In my case, I was drawn to football thanks to my family and my brothers, who played football. From the first moment I touched a ball, the magic grew within me, and from then on I focused on my work 100% and worked ceaselessly to be able to achieve what I have today.

### - What's the greatest satisfaction in achieving success?

It's simply a great satisfaction. I'm very happy, because everything is done with the heart.

### - To who do you owe your success?

Many people were there for me, side by side with my family. I originally didn't have the financial support to fulfill my dreams, but these individuals were always there for me, and I am very grateful to them. I'm also grateful to my family, and moreover to my mother, who's been a model for fighting on; this is what made me stronger and made me reach for my goals. I'm grateful as well to my coaches, who taught me the love of sport.

### - What is your take on women's football in Mexico?

It's grown quite a bit; I remember that I when I started, the girls that trained were the very same ones that went to the tournaments and formed the team. The situation improved a lot as time went by. We now have junior teams, the U-15 team, the U-20 team and the senior team; this is the foundation needed to be world-class contenders.

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### A message for all the girls who dream of playing football professionally:

That they believe in their goals and dreams, and that they continue working, because today sport goes hand in hand with studies and becoming an individual.

My advice to them is that they enjoy the sport as much as they can, and that they see my story as an example; in spite of all the obstacles, I managed to reach a goal. Finally, that things are maybe a bit less difficult today with the existing support system.

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# PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Both behind the scenes or on the pitch, each of these female representatives highlight the immense passion felt by women footballers throughout the CONCACAF region.

These leaders provide their perspective on their path through the game while speaking on the challenges faced on their specific trials through the game of football.



MARGARITA ECHEVERRIA:

“FOOTBALL AND MY CHILDREN ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN MY LIFE”

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS – COSTA RICAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

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## What's the importance of having women in administrative positions within football?

We –women- have two important skills, organization and planning. In football, among many other elements, these two skills are essential. The work in federations, in tournaments and matches, requires a lot of organization and planning, in order to achieve goals at a short, medium and long term; as well as successful events that meet the fans' expectations. In that sense, women can collaborate and be very useful for the achievement of those goals. With our management, we can be an innovating factor of change and improvement for all the structures that support the whole football mechanism.

## What football means for you?

Football has been for me an extraordinary experience, at both work and personal levels. I knew the football thanks to my father, who used to take me to the stadium when I was a little girl. Later on, I played football with my brothers and schoolmates, and I will never forget the feeling of adrenaline during a game, and not even mention converting a goal or stopping one. Now, as a professional lawyer, apparently laws don't have any main role in football, but they do have an increasing role. Football taught me new laws, which allowed me to collaborate in important topics such studies, regulations, players' transfers, conflicts resolution, competitions, disciplinary Affairs and many more. I spent 24 years of my life in this sport and I'm very thankful because of all the people and places that I had the opportunity

to meet and know through all these years; I could say that football has been, together with my children, the most important thing in my life.

## What was for you the main challenge, at a personal level?

Every day represents a big challenge, from the various football positions that I served to, and because of the “sui generis” type of the work, I have every day new challenges. And there is an additional daily challenge, which is proving that I have the ability and experience to face them. Being a part of the sport at a legal and administrative level, creates a unique passion and gratitude from the people who are involved in this sport. I'm very pleased of being a part of it and at the same time it drives me to continue my commitment with the daily challenges of this field.

## How you see the future of women football within the CONCACAF's region?

I see a big potential, with many opportunities of development in our whole region. Technically and tactically, the women football has improved a lot and we see it reflected in the growing quality of competitions. The stereotype that football is only played by men, has given ground in favor of women football, and this an inspiration for female players, officers and fans, who see the women football as another alternative within this loved sport.

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## A message for all the girls and women who aspire to fill administrative or political positions within the sport.

The new FIFA's policies, that will be a mirror of the CONCACAF's ones, of giving to women a greater participation in decisions making, have to meet all women's expectations and the hope that our voice will be finally heard in the world of sport and particularly in football. We can dream now that our ideas could become in greater projects for the society, from our sport environment. That's why we have to be prepared to face the best as we can this great opportunity that this historic football and all sports moment offers us.

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LET'S DEVELOP

# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP GROUP

### CONCACAF ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP GROUP

**C**ONCACAF announced the formation of the Women's Football Leadership Group that will be composed by female leaders from within the region, with the aim of supporting the Confederation's efforts to further develop the women's game in addition to raising awareness about the opportunities that football offers women beyond the pitch.

**"The growth potential within the CONCACAF region represents an extraordinary opportunity for the Women's Football Leadership Group to exchange best practices and analyze strategic actions to help promote the sport's development,"** said CONCACAF Deputy General Secretary Ted Howard. **"We look forward to working closely with this task force, in order to create a strong foundation while increasing opportunities for women on and off the field."**

Ms. Sonia Bien-Aime is chairing the group. Bien-Aime, who serves as President of the Turks & Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) and a member of the CONCACAF Executive Committee, is one of three women on FIFA's Council.

"On the heels of the recent FIFA reforms to promote gender equality and empowerment of women worldwide, CONCACAF is already putting the wheels in motion by utilizing the knowledge, skills and expertise of this group of very talented women, all of whom are recent graduates of the FIFA Female Leadership Development Programme (FLDP), to assist the Confederation with growing the women's game in the region," said Bien-Aime. "It's no doubt a much needed and long awaited step of which I am very honored and excited to be a part of."



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### THE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP GROUP IS COMPOSED BY GRADUATES FROM FIFA FEMALE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FLDP). MEMBERS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

**MS. MONIQUE ANDRÉ**, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S COMMISSION, FÉDÉRATION HAÏTIENNE DE FOOTBALL (HAITI)

**MS. ELIETH ARTAVIA**, WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, FEDERACION COSTARRICENSE DE FÚTBOL (COSTA RICA)

**MS. CHANTEL BIRD**, WOMEN'S COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, U.S.V.I SOCCER FEDERATION (US VIRGIN ISLANDS)

**MS. LYNDELL HOYTE-SANCHEZ**, NATIONAL WOMEN TEAMS MANAGER, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)

**MS. ANA RABELL**, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COMMISSION, FEDERACIÓN PUERTORRIQUEÑA DE FÚTBOL (PUERTO RICO)

**MS. SHEQUITA PARSON**, CHAIRPERSON FOR SECURITY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, BERMUDA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (BERMUDA)

**MS. GWENDOLYN SALMON**, VICE PRESIDENT, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA)

**MS. MILDRED WEVER**, WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COORDINATOR, ARUBAANSE VOETBAL BOND (ARUBA)

**MS. MALAIKA CHURCH** (GRENADA)

The FLDP initiative is part of FIFA's Women's Football Development Programmes for 2015-2018 and is aimed at:

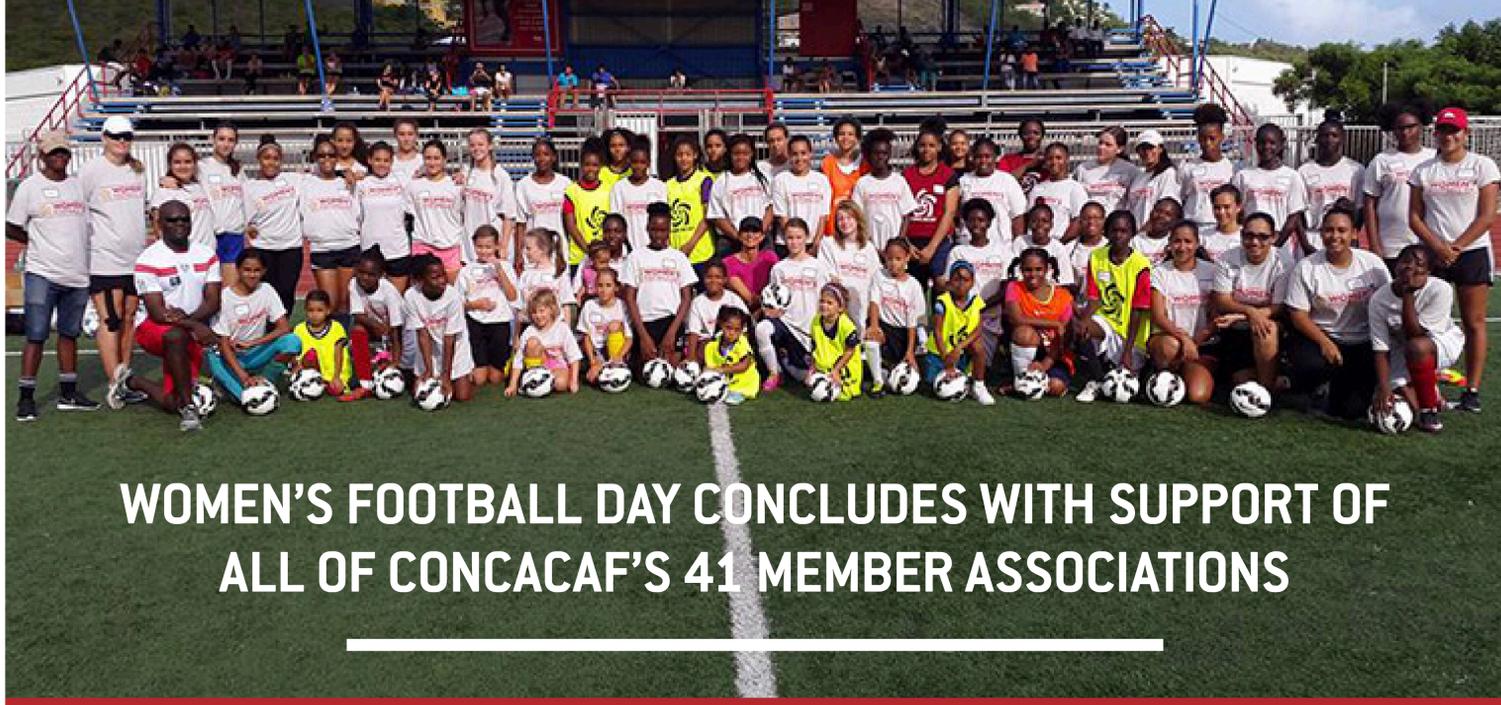
- Identifying, supporting and developing strong female leaders in football
- Providing opportunities for women to access senior decision-making levels in football

FIFA and CONCACAF are working together and enhancing their efforts towards women's football development. The creation of this group is a key action to ensure the vision of both organizations.

Further initiatives to promote the women's game include the launch of the campaign "It's Our Time", which is geared towards increasing awareness of women's football and promoting its benefits, while encouraging the continued investment in the sport.

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\ Our Growth \



# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY CONCLUDES WITH SUPPORT OF ALL OF CONCACAF'S 41 MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

CONCACAF's second Women's Football Day draws participants from all areas within the region to play the game, while improving their football skills

The participation of thousands of girls and women highlighted the immense success that is CONCACAF Women's Football Day. The second version of the yearly celebration was fully embraced by the Confederation and its' Member Associations, as all of the 41 nations, supported the key cause of increasing the participation of women in football and the sport's development.

The event offered girls, women, and all those willing to support the cause, an opportunity to celebrate the growth of the game, while highlighting key values such as leadership, inclusion, and gender equality.

The initiative was celebrated through the following formats:

- Girls Grassroots Festival
- 3 vs. 3 Tournaments
- 5 vs.5 Tournaments
- Football Skills Challenge

"As CONCACAF celebrates another Women's Football Day, I am excited and proud to be a part of this successful campaign. The participation of all 41 Members Associations is a true testament that we are well on our way to raising the profile of the women's game in our region," said FIFA and CONCACAF Council Member, Sonia Bien-Aime.

In addition, the Confederation successfully hosted the Forum: "Football: A Platform of Opportunities" with the support of the Costa Rican Football Federation (FEDEFUTBOL). The event was highlighted



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by the presentations of the National Female Team Head Coach, Amelia Valverde, the President of the Costa Rican Women's League, Victor Hugo Alfaro, and the Legal Director of FEDEFUTBOL, Margarita Echeverria. The session was moderated by FEDEFUTBOL Director of Women's Development and member of CONCACAF's Women's Football Leadership Group, Elieth Artavia.

"In the next four years our Confederation will experience significant changes in terms of women's football," said Artavia. "CONCACAF's support and the commitment from each of the Member Associations is crucial for the sport's growth. It is important to identify women and men, whose expertise can further assist in the advancement of the game."

CONCACAF is the leading Confederation in participating women footballers, displayed by the nearly three million registered female players. In 2014, the Confederation conducted the first-ever Under-15 tournament for girls in the Cayman Islands. Additionally, CONCACAF also hosted FIFA women's tournaments for youth players – the U-17 and U-20 Women's World Cups in Costa Rica and Canada.

There are currently 30 women's football leagues at the national association level, including three futsal and three beach soccer leagues. In total, there are 25 youth leagues (U13, U15 and U17), which demonstrate the current focus on women's youth development, as well as the potential for further growth.



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## FOCUSED ON REFORM, DEVELOPMENT, AND GROWTH

On May 12th, CONCACAF held its XXXI Ordinary Congress in Mexico City where elections were conducted for CONCACAF President and positions on the CONCACAF and FIFA Councils. The Confederation's membership also received updates from every CONCACAF Department, including a review of the organization's financial performance in 2015 and the proposed budget for 2016.



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All of the Confederation's 41 Member Associations participated in the elections for CONCACAF positions and with a majority of votes, Victor Montagliani, President of the Canadian Soccer Association, was elected as President of CONCACAF. Rodolfo Villalobos of Costa Rica was elected to the CONCACAF Council as a Vice-President. Additionally, the Confederation's 35 FIFA Members elected Luis Hernandez of Cuba, Pedro Chaluja of Panama, and Sonia Bien-Aime of Turks and Caicos to represent the Confederation on the FIFA Council. "This game has been part of my life from my early days and I'm proud to be a CONCACAF football man. I'm grateful for the support of our Member Associations and as President; I will serve the Confederation with a full time commitment," said Victor Montagliani, CONCACAF's

newly elected President. "There is a lot of work to do, but if we focus on good governance, plan strategically for competitions and commercialization, invest in development and infrastructure, and demonstrate strong leadership, we can achieve a brighter future for football in this region." pull quote

The newly elected President stated that after this Congress the process to normalize operations will be accelerated with the soon-to-be-hired General Secretary.

In a statement, the CONCACAF Council added: "Today, CONCACAF has demonstrated a new spirit of unity and confidence in the future of our game in the region. We love the game of football and together we have made important decisions to achieve the mission of developing the sport, while continuing the implementation of key reforms on governance, accountability and transparency."

The Congress, chaired by the CONCACAF Council Vice President Justino Compean of Mexico, also included an overview of the Confederation's operations, highlighting the progress and achievements made in 2015 and the path ahead in 2016, and beyond, as the Confederation will continue making improvements in all areas of its operations, including Competitions, Development, Refereeing, Sports Integrity, Finance, Legal, and Marketing and Communications.

### 2015 financial recap, and approval of the 2016 budget

The Confederation entered 2016 with stabilized finances by ending 2015 with positive cash reserves, despite the challenges that the world of football faced over the past year. The preliminary financial results that were presented to the Congress will be audited by BDO, an independent audit firm, and officially presented to CONCACAF Member Associations at the next Ordinary Congress.

CONCACAF undertook a new process to plan for 2016 and develop a budget that focuses on making strategic investments in the priority areas of competitions and development, including the prioritization of women's football, futsal, and beach soccer. The 2016 budget, which was approved by the Congress, includes increased investment in technical development and club licensing, referee development, and union and member services.

### Comprehensive legal update

Representatives from Sidley Austin LLP, CONCACAF's legal adviser, provided an update confirming that CONCACAF does not currently face material litigation matters that could affect the Confederation's business operations. Additionally, it was confirmed that CONCACAF passed an audit conducted by FIFA

that resulted in the unfreezing of funds owed to the Confederation. While additional steps must be taken to secure the funds, progress is being made as a result of new financial and compliance reforms. Finally, the process in which CONCACAF can potentially recover part of the assets seized by the United States Department of Justice in their investigations was reviewed with Member Associations.

### New investments to develop football in all CONCACAF countries

Over the past year, CONCACAF held over 47 development events, highlighting the importance of grassroots development, the growth of women's football, and coaching advancement through D-License certifications, among other Confederation priorities.

In 2016, CONCACAF will introduce several new development-focused initiatives to advance women's football, beach soccer, and futsal. These initiatives will help increase the number of advanced coaches in the region, progress grassroots football, and improve tournament preparation at the Member Association level.

For example, CONCACAF launched the first C-License in April with the support of the Barbados Football Association. This represented an important step in the implementation of the Confederation's coaching program, providing an official license focused on the development of youth players ages 13-19. Additionally, the new E-License will offer an opportunity for individuals to take the first step in getting involved in football at the local level.

Finally, new tournament preparation programs will increase the number of Member Associations that have the capacity and technical skills to host high-quality competitions.



### Focus on club football growth across the region

In 2015, 12 club licensing seminars were held in coordination with CONCACAF Member Associations. CONCACAF will continue to focus on club licensing as it is an effective way to grow club football in the region and develop premier competitions such as the Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League.

It was also announced that in 2016, all clubs must comply with two specific criterions. First, all clubs must have a girls youth team affiliation, and second, clubs must meet social responsibility standards

### Setting new standards for CONCACAF competitions in 2016

The Confederation continued delivering record-breaking, high-quality events in 2015, including the 2015 Gold Cup and CONCACAF Cup. Efforts in 2016 to-date have concentrated on delivering a successful Copa America Centenario USA 2016 from June 3-26.



### Refereeing Department restructured to maximize on-field performance

Earlier this year, CONCACAF hired a new Director of Refereeing and restructured the department. The Confederation's commitment to improve this area will continue throughout the year with new training courses and seminars for referees, assessors, instructors, and administrators. A new online system will also be implemented to manage referee profiles, make assignments, track assessments, and provide tools for additional education and training.

### Continuing the fight against match manipulation

CONCACAF continues designing and implementing systems and processes to prevent, detect, investigate and sanction any integrity matter within the Confederation and its Member Associations, and continues implementation of prevention and education programs.

### Member Associations Department realigned to better serve the region

As CONCACAF enters a new phase of leadership and governance, the Member Association Department will prioritize providing support and guidance in achieving compliance with CONCACAF and FIFA reform principles in each Member Association's statutes based on individual needs.

### Member Associations Department continued to provide support to all Associations

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A professional headshot of Philippe Moggio, a middle-aged man with short brown hair and a friendly smile. He is wearing a dark grey suit jacket, a light blue patterned dress shirt, and a teal tie with a white geometric pattern. The background is a plain, light grey color.

# CONCACAF ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF PHILIPPE MOGGIO AS GENERAL SECRETARY

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## The new CONCACAF Council officially appoints the former NBA Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Latin America and the Caribbean after a rigorous global search process

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May 26, 2016

CONCACAF announced that Philippe Moggio has been appointed by the new CONCACAF Council as the Confederation's General Secretary, effective June 13th, 2016. Mr. Moggio previously served as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Latin America and the Caribbean at the National Basketball Association (NBA), where he directed the expansion of the organization's business, including media distribution, marketing partnerships, events, and licensed merchandise, as well as the development of basketball growth initiatives in the region.

In his role as General Secretary, Mr. Moggio will act as the chief executive officer of the Confederation, leading its daily business and operations. He succeeds the Confederation's Acting General Secretary, Ted Howard, who has served in this role since May 2015.

"As the Confederation continues reforming its corporate governance structure, the key appointment of Philippe Moggio as General Secretary, adds yet another layer of stability to our business operations, allowing us to better serve our Member Associations, partners and fans of the world's greatest game," said CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani. "Philippe is an outstanding leader who brings a broad vision, passion, creativity, and strong sports marketing experience that will enable the Confederation to continue developing football throughout the region."

"It's an honor to have been appointed by the CONCACAF Council as the Confederation's General Secretary. I am thrilled to have the unique opportunity to work with CONCACAF to continue establishing a path for the sustainable long-term growth of football in this region," said Mr. Moggio. "My focus is to continue implementing the reforms, while leading the front office in strengthening our business performance to further position CONCACAF as a leading sports organization."

During his time at the NBA, Mr. Moggio, a citizen from France and Colombia, oversaw unprecedented commercial and developmental success in Latin America and the Caribbean. Under his leadership the league expanded its content distribution across the region working closely with existing NBA partners like ESPN and DirecTV and

through a number of groundbreaking partnerships, including recent partnerships with Mexico's Televisa to show NBA games via free to air TV, Brazil's Globosat, as well as with Digicel SportsMax, which now offers fans live games and extensive NBA programming in approximately 30 Caribbean territories. Mr. Moggio also helped introduce new local marketing partners to the NBA including Bimbo, Coors Light, Digicel, and Antel, and build local success with existing NBA global partners including adidas, Cisco, Gatorade, and 2K.

Alongside the commercial success, Mr. Moggio has also spearheaded developing the growing popularity of basketball in the region, overseeing the introduction of preseason and regular-season games to Mexico and Brazil, implementing multiple grassroots and youth development initiatives across the region, and forming a groundbreaking partnership with the Liga Nacional de Basquete (LNB) in Brazil.

Prior to joining the NBA, Mr. Moggio worked for almost 10 years in investment banking covering the U.S. and Latin America, working at Banc of America Securities and ABN AMRO/ING Barings. An athletic standout, he played NCAA Division I tennis at Duke University, then went on to play professionally, from 1995-98, and represented Colombia in multiple Davis Cup appearances.

In March 2016, the CONCACAF Council engaged Korn Ferry, a preeminent global people and organizational advisory firm, to advise on key qualifications for the position and manage a public search before offering candidate recommendations to the CONCACAF Council. The international search delivered over 75 male and female candidates from across the globe and the CONCACAF region. Final candidates were interviewed in person by the entire CONCACAF Council.

This search marks the first time CONCACAF has partnered with an executive search team to fill the key leadership position. In addition to a passion for football, the Confederation focused on candidates with a proven track record in the sports industry as well as experience with multicultural constituents, managing a successful business, overseeing regional staff, organizing large-scale events, and managing broadcast, commercial, and digital media rights.

# CONCACAF ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GUILHERME CARVALHO

## — AS CHIEF LEGAL & CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER —

August 10, 2016

The Confederation has established this position in order to meet the compliance objectives stipulated in CONCACAF's Statutes and as part of the reform efforts to further enhance its business operations through improved governance and stronger controls.

In his new role, Mr. Carvalho will lead the legal

and compliance areas of CONCACAF, including managing the Confederation's legal affairs and overseeing the daily operations of CONCACAF's Compliance and Integrity programs.

"The appointment of Mr. Carvalho as CONCACAF's first Chief Legal and Chief Compliance Officer represents a fundamental step to ensure the implementation and sustainability of our

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**CONCACAF announced that Guilherme (Bill) Carvalho has been appointed by the CONCACAF Council as the Confederation's Chief Legal and Chief Compliance Officer, effective August 23, 2016.**

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governance reforms," said CONCACAF President, Victor Montagliani. "Mr. Carvalho has a proven track record and will play an integral role in establishing a culture of compliance at every level so that we serve our Member Associations and stakeholders with the highest standards of integrity."

Prior to joining CONCACAF, Bill served as Yahoo! Inc. Vice President and Associate General Counsel for the Americas and U.S. Hispanic markets since 2005. At Yahoo Inc., he was responsible



for all legal affairs and public policy matters for a wide range of the company's businesses and subsidiaries throughout the region.

*"I am excited to join CONCACAF as Chief Legal and Chief Compliance Officer. This is a significant opportunity to continue strengthening the Confederation's corporate governance structure, while further improving the legal and compliance function," said Mr. Carvalho. "I look forward to taking on this new statutory responsibility and help CONCACAF comply with the strictest ethical standards in order to fully achieve its mission of developing football in the region."*

Mr. Carvalho, who speaks fluent English, Spanish and Portuguese, holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles.



## **DEAR FANS,**

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We are pleased to present you with the 15th edition of CONCACAF's fully interactive magazine, FREEKICK. This version of FREEKICK offers an innovative platform which displays the growth of football within the region, allowing our fans, sponsors, media and the football community to learn and follow the story of our game.

As the Confederation continues its path to reform, CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani and General Secretary Philippe Moggio are focused on the constant evolution of the Confederation as a whole. With the new leadership on board, CONCACAF is working towards achieving its mission of further developing the game in all areas, with integrity and transparency.

This version focuses on the commemoration of CONMEBOL's monumental hundred year celebration of Copa America, held for the first time within the CONCACAF region. The historic championship saw ten South American national teams joined by six CONCACAF countries competing to become the first ever united America's Champion.

Furthermore, the publication highlights the success of our second annual Women's Football Day, in which all 41 Member Associations united to raise awareness and increase participation by women within the sport. Moreover, it covers the accolades accomplished by women's football in our Confederation, displaying the path laid by players and the major victories and advancement achieved in the female game across CONCACAF.

In addition, to further emphasize the continuous rise of club competitions, the magazine emphasizes the excitement provided by the 2015/2016 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League, while detailing the key information on the 2016/17 season, providing the tournament's schedule, upcoming matchups and much more.

As the Confederation continues focusing on implementing strategic development initiatives and hosting major competitions, we would like to thank our fans, sponsors, Member Associations and the football community for the endless passion dedicated to the game.

**CONCACAF**

**FREEKICK CARTOON  
ISSUE 15**



**Girls prefer football and no dolls...**

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There are currently 30 women's football leagues at the national association level within CONCACAF.

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# SPOTLIGHT: COSTA RICAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

@FEDEFUTBOL

## Costa Rica officially joins FIFA in 1927

From the creation of the Costa Rican Football League, the sport was centralized at the administrative and competitive level.

Originally referred to as the "Sports Federation" in 1931 the Federation changed its name to Costa Rica's National Football Federation and the sixties evolved into the Costa Rican Football Federation.

The uniqueness of the Costa Rica's football spans from its unique history, as the world's sport was originally supported by church and state, allowing football to develop quickly, while rapidly becoming Costa Rica's favorite sport.

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FOUNDATION YEAR:

1921

AFFILIATED SINCE:

1927

NATIONAL TEAM COACH MEN: RAMIREZ OSCAR

NATIONAL TEAM COACH WOMEN: VALVERDE AMELIA

FIFA WORLD CUP™ APPEARANCES- FOUR

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TRIUMPHED OVER ELITE TEAMS SUCH AS ITALY AND GREECE.

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SOURCE: FIFA.COM

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## CONCACAF FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## COSTA RICA 2016



COSTA RICA LIFTS TROPHY AFTER DEFEATING PANAMA 4-0 IN THE 2016 CONCACAF FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP (CFC)

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## FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2014

Costa Rica was the first Central American country to host a World Cup, and can take pride from what it has achieved, with the tournament's 32 matches attracting a total of 284,320 spectators, a new attendance record for the competition. Japan took the honors at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. The 21-day competition that proved to be one big party for the host nation.

EDITION	TEAMS	MATCHES PLAYED	GOALS SCORED	AVERAGE GOALS	AVG. ATTENDANCE
FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2014	16	32	113	3.5	8,894
FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AZERBAIJAN 2012	16	32	119	3.7	8,052
FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2010	16	32	125	3.9	4,567
FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2008	16	32	113	3.5	4,422

SOURCE: FIFA.COM

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# THE ATTRIBUTES OF AN ELITE CONCACAF REFEREE

The road to become a referee within CONCACAF requires hard work, sacrifice, a developed skill set, and the mentality of a leader.

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**Eyes of an Eagle:**  
Their vision has to be able to detect the slightest of movements

**Ears of a Rabbit:**  
They have to be attentive to all noise in their vicinity

**Cold-Bloodedness of a Lizard:**  
They have to be firm with their actions and calls

**Caring/Compassion of a Dog:** They have to be able to use their power with compassion and understanding.

**Sprint/Movement of Horse:**  
Their body has to be nimble and responsive



# THE PASSION FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

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Club America secured its second straight Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League title, earning a 2-1 win over Tigres on April 27 in the second leg of the final at the Estadio Azteca (Mexico) to capture the series 4-1 on aggregate.

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As a result of the triumph, Club America booked a place in the 2016 FIFA Club World Cup, moved ahead of Cruz Azul for the most CONCACAF club titles with seven and equaled Monterrey for the longest unbeaten streak in tournament history at 13 games.

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## Total Attendance



2015/16 - 816,394



2014/15 - 762,226



2013/14 - 489,231

## TV RATINGS

### FINALS GAMES IN AGGREGATE

SCCL has demonstrated the immense passion that fans have for the game, highlighted by the 2,245,000 viewers who tuned in to watch both legs of the SCCL Final.

In the history of the tournament, the final match between Tigres de UANL and Club America was the most viewed.





## THE ICONIC SCCL TROPHY TOURED THROUGH MEXICO

The famous SCCL Trophy, designed by the same manufacturers as the Oscars' awards, made its presence known throughout the finals. The iconic trophy toured through Monterrey and Mexico City, visiting monuments, fans, media and all those willing to take a photo with the tournament's prized possession.



## AWARD WINNERS



**Scotiabank CCL Golden Ball winner**  
**Rubens Sambueza, Club America (MEX)**

- 2011/12: Oribe Peralta, Santos
- 2012/13: Aldo de Nigris, Monterrey
- 2013/14: Mariano Pavone, Cruz Azul
- 2014/15: Dario Benedetto, Club America
- 2015/16: Rubens Sambueza, Club America



**Jarritos Golden Boot award**  
**Emanuel Alejandro Villa, Querétaro (MEX)**

**Top Scorers by Year**

- 2008/09: Javier Orozco, Cruz Azul (7 goals)
- 2009/10: Ulises Mendivil, Pachuca (9)
- 2010/11: Javier Orozco, Cruz Azul (11)
- 2011/12: Oribe Peralta, Santos & Humberto Suazo, Monterrey (7)

- 2012/13: Nicolas Muñoz, Isidro Metapan & Carlos Darwin Quintero, Santos (6)
- 2013/14: Raul Nava, Toluca (7)
- 2014/15: Dario Benedetto, Club America & Oribe Peralta, Club America (7)
- 2015/16: Emanuel Villa, Queretaro (6)



**2015/16 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League's Golden Glove award-**  
**Hugo Gonzalez, America (MEX)**

**Golden Glove winners**

- 2012/13: Oswaldo Sanchez, Santos
- 2013/14: Alfredo Talavera, Toluca
- 2014/15: Evan Bush, Impact de Montreal
- 2015/16: Hugo Gonzalez, Club America



**Scotiabank Best Young Player**  
**Alberth Elis from Club Olimpia (HON) was named the Scotiabank Best Young Player.**



**The Fair Play Award was presented to Club Queretaro, for fair play on the field and excellent collaboration off of it during the course of the tournament.**



# SCCL: A PLATFORM TO PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE



For the first time ever, the Confederation hosted a series of social initiatives and football clinics, in a joint effort with the Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League (SCCL) quarterfinalists and ahead of the tournament final with Club America and Tigres.

Participating children and youth from the Special Olympics and the Ejercito Salvacion in Mexico were able to attend the SCCL matches, while experiencing the opportunity of holding a competition's flag surrounded by passionate crowds.

The initiative aims to raise awareness through football about the importance of understanding and respecting diversity, while encouraging younger generations to adopt healthy habits.



# 2016-2017 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## GROUP A



W CONNECTION (TRI)



HONDURAS PROGRESO (HON)



PUMAS (MEX)

## GROUP B



CD DRAGÓN (SLV)



SAPRISSA (CRC)



TIMBERS (USA)

## GROUP C



CENTRAL FC (TRI)



WHITECAPS (CAN)



SPORTING KC (USA)

## GROUP D



DON BOSCO FC (HAI)



ÁRABE UNIDO (PAN)



MONTERREY (MEX)

## GROUP E



POLICE UNITED FC (BLZ)



OLIMPIA (HON)



PACHUCA (MEX)

## GROUP F



ALIANZA (SLV)



ANTIGUA GFC (GUA)



RED BULLS (USA)

## GROUP G



PLAZA AMADOR (PAN)



HEREDIANO (CRC)



TIGRES (MEX)

## GROUP H



REAL ESTELÍ (NCA)



CD SUCHITEPÉQUEZ (GUA)



FC DALLAS (USA)



\* ORDER OF MATCHES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## GROUP STAGE

	DATE	EASTERN TIME	LOCAL TIME	GROUP	MATCH NO.	TEAMS		
WEEK 1	TUESDAY AUG 02, 2016	20:00	20:00	C	01	CENTRAL FC	vs	WHITECAPS
		22:00	21:00	E	02	PACHUCA	vs	OLIMPIA
	WEDNESDAY AUG 03, 2016	20:00	20:00	A	03	W CONNECTION	vs	PUMAS
		20:00	20:00	F	04	RED BULLS	vs	ANTIGUA GFC
		22:00	19:00	B	05	TIMBERS	vs	CD DRAGÓN
		22:00	21:00	D	06	DON BOSCO FC	vs	MONTERREY
	THURSDAY AUG 04, 2016	20:00	19:00	H	07	FC DALLAS	vs	REAL ESTELÍ
		22:00	21:00	G	08	PLAZA AMADOR	vs	HEREDIANO
WEEK 2	TUESDAY AUG 16, 2016	20:00	20:00	C	09	CENTRAL FC	vs	SPORTING KC
		22:00	20:00	F	10	ALIANZA	vs	RED BULLS
		22:00	20:00	E	11	OLIMPIA	vs	POLICE UNITED FC
	WEDNESDAY AUG 17, 2016	20:00	19:00	D	12	MONTERREY	vs	ÁRABE UNIDO
		22:00	20:00	G	13	HEREDIANO	vs	TIGRES
	THURSDAY AUG 18, 2016	20:00	18:00	H	14	CD SUCHITEPÉQUEZ	vs	REAL ESTELÍ
		22:00	21:00	A	15	PUMAS	vs	HONDURAS PROGRESO
		22:00	20:00	B	16	SAPRISSA	vs	CD DRAGÓN
	WEEK 3	TUESDAY AUG 23, 2016	20:00	18:00	F	17	ALIANZA	vs
22:00			19:00	C	18	WHITECAPS	vs	SPORTING KC
22:00			21:00	E	19	PACHUCA	vs	POLICE UNITED FC
WEDNESDAY AUG 24, 2016		20:00	19:00	D	20	DON BOSCO FC	vs	ÁRABE UNIDO
		22:00	21:00	G	21	TIGRES	vs	PLAZA AMADOR
		22:00	20:00	H	22	REAL ESTELÍ	vs	FC DALLAS
THURSDAY AUG 25, 2016		20:00	20:00	A	23	W CONNECTION	vs	HONDURAS PROGRESO
		22:00	20:00	B	24	CD DRAGÓN	vs	SAPRISSA



\* ORDER OF MATCHES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

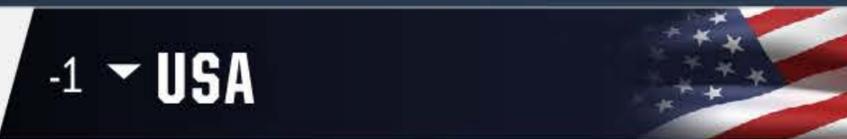
## GROUP STAGE

	DATE	EASTERN TIME	LOCAL TIME	GROUP	MATCH NO.	TEAMS		
WEEK 4	TUESDAY SEP 13, 2016	20:00	19:00	C	25	SPORTING KC	vs	WHITECAPS
		22:00	20:00	H	26	REAL ESTELÍ	vs	CD SUCHITEPÉQUEZ
		22:00	20:00	E	27	POLICE UNITED FC	vs	PACHUCA
	WEDNESDAY SEP 14, 2016	20:00	19:00	D	28	ÁRABE UNIDO	vs	MONTERREY
		22:00	20:00	B	29	SAPRISSA	vs	TIMBERS
	THURSDAY SEP 15, 2016	20:00	20:00	F	30	RED BULLS	vs	ALIANZA
		22:00	20:00	G	31	HEREDIANO	vs	PLAZA AMADOR
		22:00	20:00	A	32	HONDURAS PROGRESO	vs	PUMAS
	WEEK 5	TUESDAY SEP 27, 2016	20:00	18:00	F	33	ANTIGUA GFC	vs
22:00			20:00	B	34	CD DRAGÓN	vs	TIMBERS
WEDNESDAY SEP 28, 2016		20:00	19:00	H	35	FC DALLAS	vs	CD SUCHITEPÉQUEZ
		20:00	19:00	G	36	PLAZA AMADOR	vs	TIGRES
		22:00	19:00	C	37	WHITECAPS	vs	CENTRAL FC
		22:00	21:00	D	38	MONTERREY	vs	DON BOSCO FC
THURSDAY SEP 29, 2016		20:00	18:00	E	39	POLICE UNITED FC	vs	OLIMPIA
		22:00	20:00	A	40	HONDURAS PROGRESO	vs	W CONNECTION
WEEK 6		TUESDAY OCT 18, 2016	20:00	19:00	D	41	ÁRABE UNIDO	vs
	22:00		21:00	G	42	TIGRES	vs	HEREDIANO
	22:00		20:00	F	43	ANTIGUA GFC	vs	ALIANZA
	WEDNESDAY OCT 19, 2016	20:00	19:00	C	44	SPORTING KC	vs	CENTRAL FC
		22:00	19:00	B	45	TIMBERS	vs	SAPRISSA
		22:00	20:00	E	46	OLIMPIA	vs	PACHUCA
	THURSDAY OCT 20, 2016	20:00	18:00	H	47	CD SUCHITEPÉQUEZ	vs	FC DALLAS
		22:00	21:00	A	48	PUMAS	vs	W CONNECTION



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## RANKINGS

<b>14</b>	0 ◀▶	<b>MEXICO</b>	
<b>21</b>	6 ▲	<b>COSTA RICA</b>	
<b>26</b>	-1 ▼	<b>USA</b>	
<b>68</b>	-10 ▼	<b>TRINIDAD &amp; TOBAGO</b>	
<b>69</b>	-18 ▼	<b>PANAMA</b>	
<b>71</b>	-16 ▼	<b>JAMAICA</b>	
<b>81</b>	-1 ▼	<b>ST. KITTS &amp; NEVIS</b>	
<b>82</b>	8 ▲	<b>GUATEMALA</b>	
<b>83</b>	0 ◀▶	<b>ANTIGUA &amp; BARBUDA</b>	
<b>84</b>	-2 ▼	<b>HONDURAS</b>	

### LEGEND

**Large Numbers** –  
FIFA Ranking

**Small Number** –  
Position in FIFA  
Ranking vs  
previous week

**Arrow**  
Differential

OFFICIAL RANKINGS

FIFA RANKINGS AS OF 08/23/16