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National Olympic Sport Federation  
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## **IWG Global Summit on Gender Equality in Sport, (9–11 July 2026, Birmingham – UK)**

Dear Madam/ Sir,

1. We are pleased to inform that the IWG 2026 Women in Sport Mentorship Programme, linked to the IWG Global Summit on Gender Equality in Sport, will be held from 9 to 11 July 2026 in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

2. The IWG Global Summit is the world's leading forum on gender equality in sport, bringing together international leaders, policymakers, researchers, athletes, and practitioners. The programme includes keynote sessions, workshops, forums, research presentations, and networking, focusing on leadership, investment, participation, visibility, and innovation.

3. Selected candidates/NOCs will be required to participate in a six-month online mentoring programme (three months before and three months after the Summit), based on a peer-to-peer model aligned with IOC Gender Equality priority areas. Based on a gender equality maturity assessment conducted by the IOC Gender Equality & Inclusion team, NOCs may participate as mentors or mentees. All participating NOCs will be required to submit a Gender Equality Action Plan for approval and implementation.

4. The International Olympic Committee, through Olympic Solidarity's Olympic Values Programme, will offer a limited number of scholarships. Each NOC is eligible for one scholarship only, with priority given to NOCs from low- and middle-income countries, subject to an appropriate mentor–mentee ratio. The scholarship covers economy airfare, local transport, accommodation (8–12 July 2026), visa fees, and conference registration.

5. In this regard, National Sports Federations are invited to nominate one eligible candidate by 10 February 2026, along with the following documents:

- Olympic Solidarity Scholarship Form (**attached**)
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae, including educational background; courses/certifications; athletic achievements at national and/or international level; involvement in gender equality initiatives in sport; and any other notable achievements, managerial or leadership roles, and relevant professional experience.
- Copy of valid passport
- Passport-size digital photograph
- Letter of support from the National Federation
- Cover letter from the candidate

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- Departmental No Objection Certificate (if the candidate is employed by any service/department)
- Undertaking on stamp paper as mentioned in para 7 below.

6. Incomplete applications and/or nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews, and one candidate will be recommended to the President, Pakistan Olympic Association, for final approval.

7. The selected candidate shall be required to submit an undertaking on stamp paper, committing to complete the programme, fulfill all academic and mentoring requirements, and return to Pakistan upon completion the Summit scheduled at Birmingham, UK. In case of non-compliance, the candidate shall be liable to repay the full programme cost, duly certified by the nominating Federation/Organization.

For queries or assistance, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Zaigham Abbas, Manager OS Programs (+92 300 4003692).

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in strengthening gender equality and institutional capacity within Pakistan's sports sector.

Best regards,

**Muhammad Khalid Mahmood**

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### Copy to:

- Mr. Arif Saeed, President, Pakistan Olympic Association.
- Ms. Fatima Lakhani, Senior Vice President POA/ Chair POA Women Commission.
- Ms. Asma Akram, Secretary POA Women Commission for coordination and follow up.
- Mr. Muhammad Abubakar Ali, Manager M&M POA for uploading on POA Website.
- Secretaries/ Directors, Services and Departmental Organizations affiliated with POA for information.
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