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FIFA to make major announcement on June 16th related to FIFA World Cup 2026[™]

Live broadcast from New York City

(May 20, 2022) – On Thursday, June 16th, FIFA will make a major and highly anticipated announcement related to the staging of the FIFA World Cup 2026[™] across Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Twenty-two <u>candidate host cities</u> are currently vying for the right to stage matches for the 48team tournament hosted by three nations – both firsts for a FIFA World Cup. The current candidate host cities are:

Atlanta, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Edmonton, Guadalajara, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Monterrey, Nashville, New York/New Jersey, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver and Washington DC/Baltimore.

"In line with the previous stages of the FIFA World Cup 2026 selection process, any announcement will be made in the best interests of football, taking into consideration the needs of all stakeholders involved, as we aim to lay the foundations for the tournament to be delivered successfully across all three countries," said FIFA Vice-President and Concacaf President Victor Montagliani.

"We can only reiterate our appreciation to all the cities and the three member associations for their efforts and dedication to this process."

While stadiums represent an essential element of the selection process, FIFA is considering the overarching proposals presented by each candidate host city, which are broader in nature and also include ancillary events and venues, and key aspects such as sustainability, human rights, legacy, general infrastructure and financial impact.

"During the past months we have had open exchanges with the candidate host cities on a number of different topics. We are very thankful and impressed by how dedicated and innovative they all are," said FIFA's Chief Tournaments & Events Officer, Colin Smith.

"The host cities will be absolutely key to ensuring the successful delivery of the competition. We look forward to working with them to deliver what will undoubtably be the largest FIFA World Cup in history."

Additional details on the announcement on 16 June, including the live stream and media arrangements, will follow in due course.

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The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC), was established in 1994 under the umbrella of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, with the mission to ignite girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a program of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation. For more information, visit <u>WINforKC.org</u>. For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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