



# 2026 World Aquatics Continental Support Programme

Guidelines

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With the 8th edition of the Continental Support Programme, we are proud to present an overview of our continued commitment to strengthening Aquatic sports development worldwide.

Through close collaboration with Continental Organisations, the programme drives sustainable, long-term growth across six Aquatic sports.

Each Continental Organisation receives dedicated support through four key initiatives:

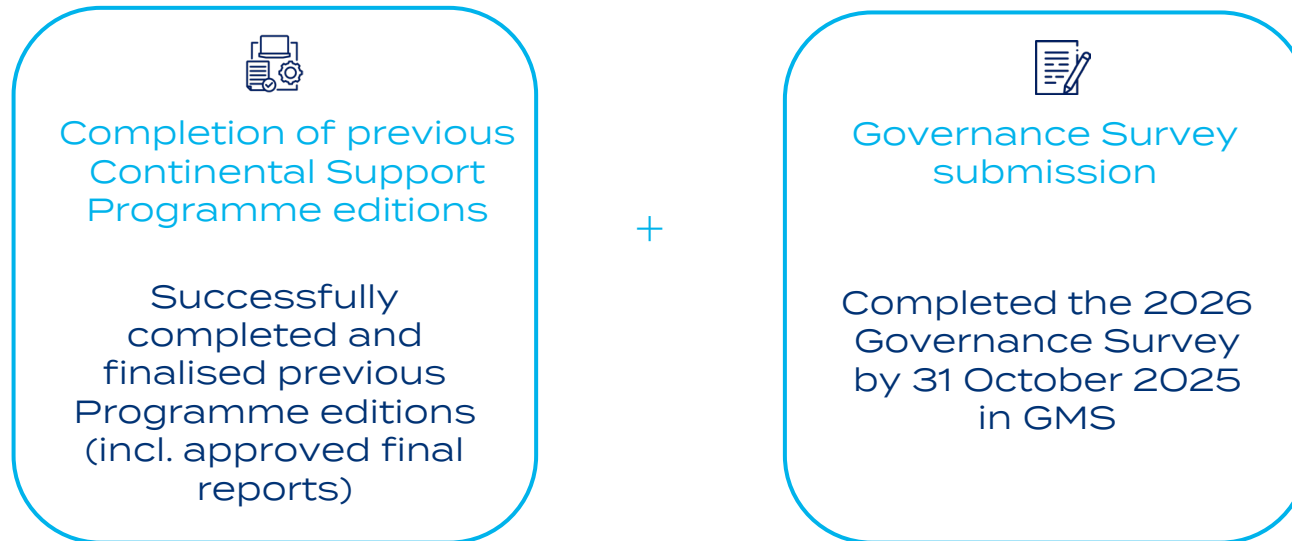
- Development Grants
- Competition Grants
- Clinics for Coaches
- NEW THIS YEAR: Clinics for Officials – design to advance education and training, pathways for referees and judges, reinforcing our shared mission to build a strong and professionally supported officiating community.

Through the programme guidelines, we invite Continental Organisations to explore the Continental Support Programme 2026, as we continue advancing global Aquatics development together.

# 2026 Development Grants

## Eligibility criteria

Continental Organisations must fulfill the below criteria to be eligible to receive the Development Grant:



# 2026 Development Grants

## Applications

### Application Guidelines

- Continental Organisations must complete the application form in GMS, by **31 January 2026**
- Only applications with details explanations will be considered
- Once the application is reviewed and approved, a Confirmation Form will be sent to the Organisation (to be signed by the President and Secretary General and to be returned to World Aquatics Development Unit).

### Projects Requirements

- Projects must be development initiatives that contribute to the growth, capacity building, and sustainability of Aquatics Sports and their community
- At least one project must be related to the improvement and implementation of good governance standards

### Programme Funding

- Eligible Continental Organisations will be allocated a budget of up to 60'000.- or 100'000.- USD for development projects (please refer to page 5)
- Moreover, competitions grants are allocated, based on specific conditions and for USD 5'000 per competition (please refer to page 6)
- Funds will be disbursed in two parts: 70% upon 2026 application approval (and confirmation form signed and return to World Aquatics), and the remaining 30% after project completion as well as submission and approval of the Final Report in GMS

# 2026 Development Grant



USD 100'000



ASIA  
AQUATICS

USD 100'000



USD 100'000



PANAM  
AQUATICS

USD 100'000



OCEANIA  
AQUATICS

USD 60'000

# Competition Grants

## European Aquatics: USD 10'000

- Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD

## Asia Aquatics: USD 10'000

- Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD

## Oceania Aquatics: USD 10'000

- Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD

## PanAm Aquatics Inc.: USD 20'000

- CONSONAT - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD
- CCCAN - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD

## Africa Aquatics: USD 40'000

- Zone 1 - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD
- Zone 2 - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD
- Zone 3 - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD
- Zone 4 - Senior Competition 5'000 USD / Youth Competition 5'000 USD

Any Continental Organisation benefiting from the competition grants must be responsible for monitoring each individual competition.

The funds for the organisation of continental and regional competitions will be transferred to the Continental Organisation and disbursed in two instalments: 70% upon CSP 2026 application approval and signature of the Confirmation Form, and the remaining 30% after project completion and approval of the Final Reports.



# Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials

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## Clinics for Coaches

Objectives:

- To develop coaches' skills in order to improve their coaching practice and athlete training methodologies.
- To offer technical training for coaches in all six aquatics sports.
- To provide an opportunity of training for coaches based on their needs in a particular Continent.

## NEW - Clinics for Technical Officials

Objectives:

- To enhance technical officials' knowledge, judgment, and practical skills to ensure consistent and fair rule application.
- To provide sport-specific technical training across all six aquatics sports.
- To prepare and guide officials for integration into the World Aquatics International Technical Officials System.

Continental Organisation	Clinics for Coaches Financial Contribution	Clinics for Officials Financial Contribution
Africa Aquatics	50'000 USD	30'000 USD
PanAm Aquatics Inc.	50'000 USD	30'000 USD
Asia Aquatics	50'000 USD	30'000 USD
LEN European Aquatics	50'000 USD	30'000 USD
Oceania Aquatics	20'000 USD	15'000 USD

# 2026 Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials 1/3

## STEP 1: APPLICATION AND CLINIC ALLOCATION

- Each Continental Organisation sets up its own procedure for application and Clinic allocation.
- Continental Organisations will make decisions how, where and when Clinics will be organised based on the principles of fairness, universality and the needs of their respective National Federations.
- Clinics will be organised based on a plan shared with and approved by World Aquatics. Please share your yearly plan by **January 31**.
- Each Continental Organisation should present in the Excel form shared by World Aquatics Office and send it as an attachment via email to: [heli-maija.koukkari@worldaquatics.com](mailto:heli-maija.koukkari@worldaquatics.com) and [alexandra.sumina@worldaquatics.com](mailto:alexandra.sumina@worldaquatics.com)
- The plan should include minimum the following information:
  - The dates and locations of the clinic
  - Target group of each clinic
  - Proposed lecturer for the clinic if nominations have already been made
  - Budget allocation for each clinic
  - The main topics that will be covered during the clinic
- Should any changes occur in the plan throughout the year, World Aquatics should be informed before the clinic will be organised.

# 2026 Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials 2/3

## STEP 2: BEFORE THE CLINIC

- Lecturers of the Clinics must be approved by World Aquatics Office. World Aquatics will provide recommendations of lecturers if requested.
- Lecturers will be selected and contacted by the Continental Organisation. Continental Organisation will take care of the travel and accommodation arrangements for the lecturer as well as the honorarium as per World Aquatics Lecturers' Terms and Conditions.
- The costs of one lecturer per Clinic will be reimbursed by World Aquatics to Continental Organisation (as part of the overall allocation). In case Continental Organisation decides to include more lecturers, their costs will have to be covered by the Continental Organisation.
- Continental Organisations will take care of the registration of the participants.
- Course location and options for participants' accommodation will be arranged by Continental Organisations in cooperation with the National Federations (depends on the model of the clinics chosen by the Continental Organisation).

## STEP 3: DURING THE CLINIC

- Lecturer's local transportation should be taken care by the organisers.
- Continental Organisation will receive an online certificate to be shared with the participants.
  - Only participants who attended at least 80% of the Clinic can receive a certificate.
- At the end of the Clinic, participants will fill in the following online evaluation for the clinic:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/AsQSG3W7yK>

# 2026 Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials 3/3

## STEP 4: AFTER THE CLINIC

- Lecturer will fill in an online report form on the course: <https://forms.office.com/e/rF5hNSDzi3>
- Lecturer will be reimbursed no later than 30 days after the completion of the Clinic by the Continental Organisation according to the World Aquatics Expert Terms and Conditions.
- Continental Organisation will provide a list of participants who attended the Clinic (with original signatures if the Clinic was organised Face-to-Face) and a set of 5 – 7 photos of the course.
- Continental Organisation will fill in an administrative report: online form by December 31 for all organised Clinics: <https://forms.office.com/e/7QCmSGYSzm>
- Continental Organisations will complete the financial report form by December 31.
- The payment will be made in two instalments: 70% upon application approval and signature of the Confirmation Form, and the remaining 30% after the submission of the administrative and financial reports and approval of the Final Report.
- World Aquatics will reimburse the Continental Organisation when all the CSP reports are submitted and approved.

# 2026 Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials

## Lecturers' Honorarium

The Lecturer will receive a standard Honorarium as defined in the table below:

Number of days	Face-to-face	On-line
1	USD 300	USD 200
2	USD 600	USD 400
3	USD 800	USD 600
4	USD 1000	USD 800
5	USD 1200	USD 1000
6	USD 1400	USD 1200
7	USD 1600	USD 1400

# 2026 CSP Communication Plan 1/2

## Communication

Communication is an essential part of the implementation of any project. While communicating about the projects funded by World Aquatics, Continental Organisations are kindly asked to mention the support of World Aquatics.

1. Please share the communications plan for all the activities under Continental Support Programme by January 31.
2. In communication for the programmes funded by World Aquatics, please include the message: “ XXX project/ programme is supported by World Aquatics”.
3. Please be so kind to use the World Aquatics logo based on the World Aquatics Brand Guidelines.
4. Communication plan should include the following: Objectives and Key Messages, Audience Identification, Activity Planning, Communication Channels, Content and Branding Guidelines, Reporting and Evaluation. Detailed description is included into p. 14.

# 2026 CSP Communication Plan 2/2

Communication plan has to include the following items:

## 1. Objectives and Key Messages

- Define communication goals for the year
- Establish core messages for the Development Programme, Continental Grants, and Clinics for Coaches and Technical Officials.

## 2. Audience Identification

- Identify primary stakeholders (athletes, coaches, officials, national federations, partners, public).

## 3. Activity Planning

- Schedule communication for:
  - Development Programme updates
  - Continental Grant announcements
  - Clinics for Coaches
  - Clinics for Technical Officials
- Include timelines, key milestones, and responsible persons.

## 4. Communication Channels

- Specify platforms to be used (website, social media, newsletters, email, events).

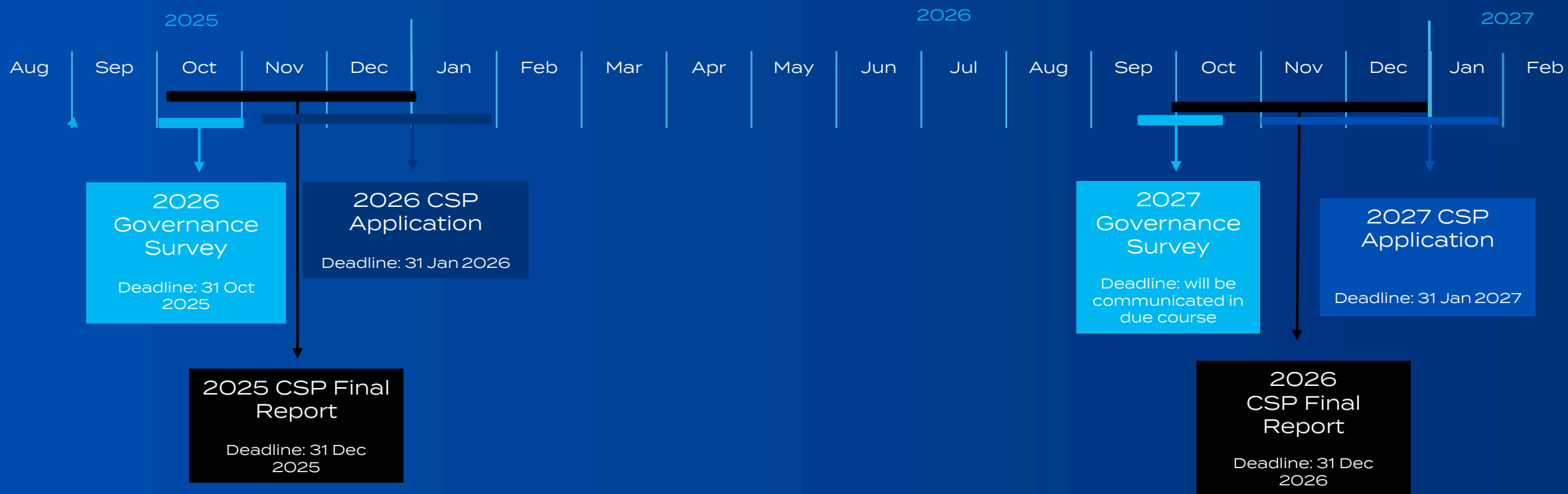
## 5. Content and Branding Guidelines

- Ensure alignment with organisational guidelines and consistent messaging.

## 6. Reporting and Evaluation

- Define how communication impact will be monitored, measured, and reported.

# 2026 World Aquatics Continental Support Programme Timeline





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