



**GLOBAL  
RUNNING  
CONFERENCE  
RIGA 23**

World Athletics has the pleasure to invite you all to the

**3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the**

**World Athletics Global Running Conference,**

which will take place in the beautiful city of Riga, capital of Latvia, from Saturday 30 September to Sunday 1 October 2023.

The theme of this year's conference is

**“Elite athletes as a multiplier of value for the global running industry”**

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN.**

**FREE PARTICIPATION FOR LABEL RACES (100 AVAILABLE).**

Email [Benjamin.Roux@worldathletics.org](mailto:Benjamin.Roux@worldathletics.org) to secure your spot.

Official hotel for the conference is the “Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa Hotel”  
(address: Elizabetes iela 55, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia.  
Phone number: +371 67 772 222).

The conference will precede the inaugural

**“World Athletics Road Running Championships”**



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## General Programme:

Thursday 28 September & Friday 29 September (morning) – Arrivals

Friday 29 September. . . . .	08:00-16:30 . . . . .	Race Emergency Medicine Course (for road races' medical directors. For more information and registrations for this activity please contact <a href="mailto:healthandscience@worldathletics.org">healthandscience@worldathletics.org</a> )
Friday 29 September. . . . .	09:00-12:00 . . . . .	Optional: Technical Rules Refresher & Technical Workshop
Friday 29 September. . . . .	10:00-12:00 . . . . .	Optional: Observer Programme: a behind-the-scene tour of the World Road Running Championships
Friday 29 September. . . . .	19:00 . . . . .	Official World Championships Opening Dinner (upon invitation)
<b>Saturday 30 September. . . . . 09:00-18:00. . . . . Conference sessions, with networking lunch</b>		
Sunday 1 October . . . . .	All Day. . . . .	Road Mile, 5KM Championships & Half Marathon Championships Races + mass participation events
Sunday 1 October . . . . .	Evening . . . . .	Closing party
Monday 2 October. . . . .	All Day. . . . .	Departures

If you need an invitation letter for visa purposes, please email the World Athletics Road Running Manager Benjamin Roux ([benjamin.roux@worldathletics.org](mailto:benjamin.roux@worldathletics.org)), making sure to include in your message a scan of your passport.

The complimentary conference package for Label Road Races (1 per Label Race) includes:

- Admission to the conference sessions on Saturday
- Official opening dinner on Friday (limitations may apply)
  - Lunch on Saturday
  - Closing party on Sunday
- General VIP accreditation for the World Championships
  - Free bibs for the World Championships' mass races
    - Asics goodie bag
    - Transfer from/to Riga airport
  - Assistance with Schengen visa application

Note: there isn't complimentary accommodation, however accredited delegates will take advantage of the WA-negotiated fares at one of the official event hotels (AC by Marriott and Radisson Blu Latvija) – around USD 150-170 per night, with breakfast).

**Only 100 slots available!**

Book your place as soon as possible via email [Benjamin.Roux@worldathletics.org](mailto:Benjamin.Roux@worldathletics.org)