

What is this plan about?

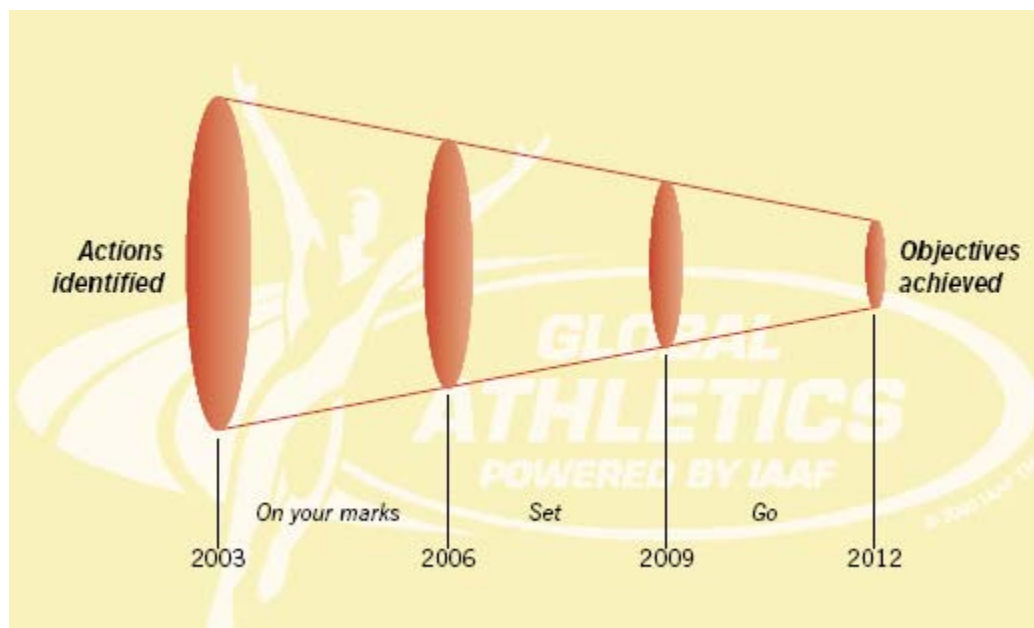
The Athletics' World Plan was designed to determine the direction which the sport of Athletics should take, providing a framework which can be used by all constituent groups to further develop the sport. Its aim is to provide different groups, particularly Area Associations and Member Federations, with the necessary support and knowledge to put in place programmes that are suited to their specific individual requirements.

The Plan identifies areas where it would be beneficial to build on that work, as well as areas where new activities can be implemented.

A 3-step Plan Towards 2012

The Athletics' World Plan is a living document providing the framework for the continued growth of the sport. It identifies a number of specific *Objectives* which will drive the sport forward as it approaches the Centenary of the IAAF in 2012.

There are three distinct periods of activity. The diagram below shows how the sport will refine its levels of focus to ensure it successfully achieves its objectives in time for 2012.



Since 2003, the Athletics' World Plan Steering Group, headed by the IAAF President and made up of IAAF Council Members has worked as a coordination body, meeting regularly and working at implementing the actions listed in the Plan.

In 2008, the Directors of IAAF Departments joined the Steering Group, in an effort to create a smooth link between the creation of ideas and their implementation.

In the summer of 2009, as the Plan enters its final "Go" phase, a re-focused Plan will be introduced, building on what has been achieved since 2003 and prioritizing the actions that are identified as crucial in the achievement of the eight objectives.

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