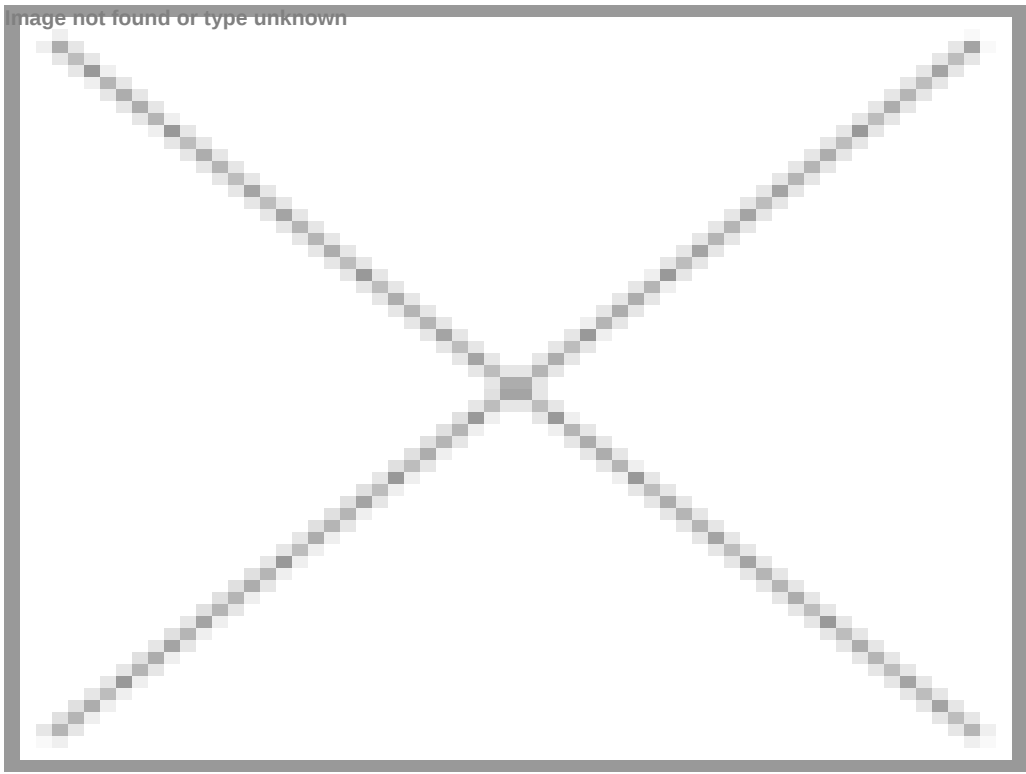


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# **UIPM JUDGES CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME: TWENTY JUDGES CERTIFIED FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES IN SANTO DOMINGO (DOM)**

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With the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games just around the corner, preparations are ramping up across the region with the 24th edition of the multi-sport event split across two host nations.

While San Salvador (SLV) will serve as the primary site for the Games, the capital city of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo, will play host to seven sports including Modern Pentathlon.

The city was the scene for a UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) course from April 26-30, enabling 20 judges to become certified in time for the June 23-28 competition.

UIPM Technical Delegate Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA) led the five-day course, which featured participants from across the Americas with 15 from the host nation, four from Brazil and one from Cuba. There were seven female judges among those successfully certified.

**Rob Stull OLY, President of the NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation**, said: “It is always so pleasing to hear of new participants beginning their journey in the UIPM Judges Certification Programme. Judges are essential to our sport being a success and I thank our diligent instructor, Ana Ruth, for all of her efforts during the course and look forward to a great competition in June.”

**UIPM Technical Delegate Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA)** said: “The Central American and Caribbean Games are not very far away now and it gave me great pleasure to help prepare our newly-certified judges in Santo Domingo for the excitement to come.

“This was such an enjoyable JCP course to oversee, with so many eager and energetic participants. I want to say a big thanks to all who took part and to the local organisers in the Dominican Republic.”