

## WADA NADO EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP

24-25 May 2022

### Meeting Outcomes

Participants	Apologies
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WADA's [National Anti-Doping Organization \(NADO\) Expert Advisory Group \(EAG\)](#) held its first in-person meeting since 2019 in Lausanne, Switzerland, 24-25 May 2022. The key outcomes of the discussions are outlined below and have been submitted to WADA Management for further consideration.

#### Ukraine

- The NADO EAG is concerned about the situation in Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the NADO community in supporting our colleagues at the Ukraine NADO during these difficult times.

#### WADA Governance Reforms

- The NADO EAG is pleased that the [recommendations](#) from the Working Group on the Review of WADA Governance Reforms were adopted by the WADA Foundation Board at its May 2022 meeting in Cairo, Egypt and thank the Working Group for its engagement of the NADO EAG during the process.
- The increased representation of athletes through the new Athlete Council is essential and the athlete voice must continue to be incorporated into the governance of WADA.
- The NADO EAG recommends that NADOs also prioritize athlete engagement and continue to explore ways to increase the involvement of athletes in their activities.
- NADOs should be actively involved in the election process for the future NADO EAG to ensure a strong NADO EAG is elected, which will in turn contribute to effective NADO representation at the WADA Foundation Board.

- The NADO EAG recommends that WADA implement a comprehensive communication plan in the coming months leading up to the election to ensure full buy-in and engagement by the NADO community.
- It is important for the future NADO EAG to engage with the entire global NADO community in order to develop NADO positions on various issues for discussion at both the NADO EAG and the WADA Foundation Board.
- As part of its legacy, the current NADO EAG is committed to developing guiding principles to support the elected NADO EAG, outlining the expectations, roles and responsibilities and a revised Terms of Reference for the new NADO EAG to consider once it has been elected.

## Russia

- The NADO EAG emphasized the importance of WADA continuing to monitor the Russia Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) closely, including through the virtual audit that will take place in the coming months.
- The NADO EAG also recommends that WADA communicate regularly with its partners, including the Taskforce of World Athletics, to ensure all relevant information is shared and considered.

## Code Compliance Monitoring

- The NADO EAG is encouraged by the strengthening of WADA's [Compliance Monitoring Program](#) through the revised Prioritization Policy and the NADO EAG emphasizes the need for WADA to continue holding Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) accountable and to a high standard in the implementation of their anti-doping programs.
- The NADO EAG recommends that WADA, possibly through the [Strategic Testing Expert Advisory Group](#), continues to comprehensively review the testing programs of ADOs, including through the consideration of developing baseline testing levels for each ADO.
- The NADO EAG emphasizes the need for WADA to continue to invest more resources into the development of NADOs and supports WADA's plan to use the data from the Compliance Monitoring Plan to help prioritize its development activities.
- The NADO EAG recommends that WADA works with the NADOs to enhance their capacity and capability related to Results Management, and in particular with relation to competent and independent hearing panels (both first instance and appeals).
- The NADO EAG recommends that WADA enhance its communication regarding its compliance monitoring, including how the Prioritization Policy and the Tier system is applied to NADOs.
- The NADO EAG strongly recommends that UNESCO strengthen its monitoring of the [UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport](#), including the implementation of a strong and credible framework of consequences.

## ADAMS

- The NADO EAG acknowledged the outcomes of the iNADO survey on ADAMS and encourages WADA to review the outcomes and discuss further with the NADO community.
- The NADO EAG congratulates WADA on the progress being made regarding an 'Application Program Interface (API)' as well as the launch of DCO Central (paperless system) and encourages the NADO community to further support these developments.

## Pre-Games Testing

- The NADO EAG received an update from the International Testing Agency (ITA) regarding the work of the Pre-Games Expert Group for both the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the Beijing 2022 Olympic

Winter Games. While the results of the work, including the implementation of the testing recommendations, was an improvement over past Games, the NADO EAG recommends that WADA and the ITA work closely with NADOs and International Federations to review this work and strengthen the processes for future Games.

### **Professional Sports**

- The issue of professional athletes / sports and the challenges related to their inclusion in World Anti-Doping Code compliant programs continues to be an issue for NADOs. The NADO EAG encourages WADA to continue to discuss this issue with the relevant NADOs and IFs and develop more guidance and consistency in testing programs.

### **Collaboration with NADOs**

- The NADO EAG strongly recommends the ITA and IFs to continue to improve their collaboration with NADOs, in particular related to testing.
- The NADO EAG also recommends that NADOs review their own processes and discuss directly with the ITA and IFs in order to ensure expectations are clear and cooperation is initiated.
- The NADO EAG recommends that all stakeholders should contact the respective NADOs in each country should there be any questions related to the national laws and regulations impacting anti-doping activities (i.e. health regulations during a pandemic; processes for the shipment of samples; etc).

### **NADO Operational Independence**

- The NADO EAG strongly encourages WADA to continue to raise the awareness of all stakeholders, including governments, regarding the requirements of operational independence of NADOs and to monitor the implementation closely.
- The NADO EAG recommends that WADA conduct a review of the [Guide for the Operational Independence of NADOs](#) to determine where it can be strengthened. The NADO EAG commits to providing input into this process.

### **NADO/RADO Program Strategy Update**

- The NADO EAG recognizes the tremendous progress being made in the implementation of the NADO and RADO Program Strategies and congratulates the NADO/RADO Relations Department and the Regional Offices for their efforts in this regard.
- The NADO EAG strongly recommends that WADA, as well as NADOs, focus more on the overall development of anti-doping capacity and capability globally, including ensuring more resources are dedicated to this important development work.