WADA Education Committee Meeting
29, 30, 31 March 2023

Meeting Outcomes

MEMBERS
Kady TOUNKARA (Chair)
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Karri DAWSON
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Supported by other members of the Education Department as per the Agenda
Erika ARMITANO (Administrator)

OBSERVERS
Liene KOZLOVSKA, Council of Europe (virtual)
Raluca PETRE-SANDOR, UNESCO (Apologies)
Adriana ESCOBAR, WADA Athlete Council member (Virtual)

NOTE: A Joint meeting was held on 29 March and included all members of the Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group (SSREAG)

WADA’s Education Committee (Committee) met in-person on 29, 30 and 31 March 2023. The outcomes and key summary of agreements made by the Education Committee are outlined below.

1. The Education Committee Chair welcomed members and introduced the meeting, agenda and shared news and observations since the last meeting.
2. The Education Committee warmly welcomed the appointment of a new member, Mr. Moonkyue SHIN (Republic of Korea).
3. The Committee welcomed the representatives from the Council of Europe (Liene KOZLOVSKA) and the WADA Athlete Council (Adriana ESCOBAR) as observers and valuable contributors to the meeting and accepted the apologies received from UNESCO (Raluca PETRE-SANDOR).

4. A joint meeting of the Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group (SSREAG) and the Committee was held on 29 March 2023, where an overview of the Social Science Research Grant Program (SSR Grant Program), launched on 17 October 2022 was presented by Rob Donovan, Chair of the SSREAG, including the recommendations for funding for the 2023 SSR Grant Program. The Committee welcomed the robust review process undertaken by the SSREAG and independent reviewers for the work done to review the 51 full applications received. The Committee also raised the importance to see National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) and/or International Federations (IFs) support and be involved in these research projects so that research is of use and relevant.

5. The Committee endorsed the recommendations for grant funding made by the SSREAG and agreed to the 9 research projects being submitted to the WADA Executive Committee for its formal approval at its May 2023 meeting.

6. Members maximized the time with the SSREAG by discussing SSR priorities and areas of interest with a list of topics identified for further discussion. This closed the joint meeting.

7. The Committee received an update on WADA’s activities and the Education Department activities since the last meeting.

8. The Committee heard an update on the SSR Strategy and priorities for Year 3 and were provided with a presentation on the planned SSR commissioned projects, including the work around establishing a doping prevalence index, the work establishing a taskforce to examine the topic of inadvertent doping, the work looking at updating a research package for ADOs, the results of the feasibility study to establish a network of ‘Clean Sport Academies’ and the results of a stakeholder survey led by the SSR Collaboration Platform.

9. The Committee members participated in a facilitated session to discuss Nutritional Supplements. Members shared their own educational approaches, emphasizing the importance of clearly defining clean sport behaviors, as well as the need to further articulate clear messaging and guidance on how to educate on supplements while accounting for local and regional disparities.

10. On the second day of the Committee meeting, members were provided with an update on the two education-supported sessions at the latest WADA Symposium, and heard some key highlights, particularly the importance of education to rebalance the system: supporting and preventing as much as catching and punishing, and the other session on the lessons learned on implementing the International Standard for Education (ISE) and reviewing compliance.

11. The Committee was given an update on the Global Learning and Development Framework (GLDF) and presented with the Professional Standards for the roles of Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Administrators and TUE Committee members, produced by the TUE Technical Working Group. These Professional Standards were welcomed by the Education Committee and shared by the Chair with the Executive Committee at its May meeting. In addition, the launch of the GLDF4CleanSport project was reported, which is an EU funded project to further develop the work on ADO Capability. The Committee was also introduced to initiatives strengthening the quality
assurance of the training delivery and the continuous professional development offered for ADO practitioners, beyond the initial GLDF training.

12. The Committee received an update on the compliance process related to the International Standard for Education which provided data on Tiers 1 and 2. A preliminary discussion was also held with the Committee to scope out which changes may be welcomed for the next revision cycle of the ISE.

13. The Committee was presented with the results of the participants’ survey for the September 2022 Global Education Conference, portraying a highly successful conference, acknowledging the central role of the host, Sport Integrity Australia, in its success. The Committee discussed ideas to support a continued legacy of highly engaging Global Education Conferences for future editions.

14. The Committee welcomed and endorsed the Digital Learning and Education Strategy developed by the Education Department, which sets the framework for its digital education and learning activities, subject to the organizational planning and budgeting processes required to materialize them.

15. The Committee heard an update on the Digital Learning activities, specifically the presentation of the ADEL: Two Year on report which will be published on WADA website shortly. Members congratulated WADA on the achievements of ADEL in two years and welcomed the areas for development in 2023.

16. The Committee was presented with the WADA communication plans for Play True day in 2023 and welcomed this significant annual celebration, calling for even greater visibility and information on how ADOs can contribute to the day.

17. The Committee reviewed and approved the proposed Education Committee work plan for 2023 and ensured all members were represented in the various Committee sub-groups to enable the Education Department to benefit from their expertise. Members requested the work plan to be updated in light of the discussion and reissued.

18. The Committee were given a presentation by the UNODC on the United Nation’s body’s strategy on synthetic drugs and on foreseen areas of collaboration with the Education Department. The Committee valued the opportunity to approach the topic from an educational perspective and called for a follow-up meeting to further investigate the synergies with their mandate.

19. The Committee was reminded of the next official meeting scheduled to take place virtually on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 September 2023.