

2026 Regional Symposium for Europe and Africa Webinar Series Program

Please note: all times are in [Lausanne CEST and Cape Town SAST](#)

Date	Time	Session	Speakers
Week 1 – 9/10/11 June 2026			
Tuesday 9 June			
Tuesday 9 June	14:00- 15:15	Welcome and Opening Address Session 1: 2027 World Anti-Doping Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Witold Bańka, President, WADA - The Honourable Farid Gayibov, Minister of Youth and Sports, Republic of Azerbaijan - The Honourable Gohar Nabil Mohamed, Minister of Youth and Sports, Arab Republic of Egypt <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liz Riley, Member, Code Drafting Team - Ben Sandford, Member, Code Drafting Team - Richard Young, Chair, Code Drafting Team - Julien Sieveking (<i>moderator</i>), Director, Legal Affairs, WADA
Tuesday 9 June	15:30- 16:45	Session 2: Athlete-Centered changes to the Code and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaby Ahrens, Member, WADA AC - Iván Ćosić, Member, WADA AC - Dora Hegyi, Vice-Chair, WADA Athlete Council (AC) - Karine Henrie (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Athlete Engagement, WADA
Wednesday 10 June			
Wednesday 10 June	14:00- 15:15	Session 3: NADO Operational Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Iman Gooma, CEO, Egyptian National Anti-Doping Agency - Dr. Tahmina Taghi-zada, CEO, Azerbaijan National Anti-Doping Agency - Tom May (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Engagement and Development, WADA
Wednesday 10 June	15:30- 16:45	Session 4: Compliance with the Code and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michał Rynkowski, CEO, POLADA - Peninah Wahome, Ag. CEO, Anti-Doping Agency Kenya (ADAK) - Emiliano Simonelli, Associate Director, Compliance Unit, WADA - Kevin Haynes (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Compliance, WADA

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Thursday 11 June			
Thursday 11 June	14:00- 15:15	Session 5: International Standard for Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Olivier Banuls, Head of Testing, ITA; Member, IST Drafting Team - Sofia Jakobsson, Deputy of Testing and Development, Anti-Doping Sweden - Ben Sandford, Chair, IST Drafting Team - Rym Zerifi, Executive Manager, North Africa RADO - Ndiaye Chaya Ndiaye, Director, Digital Insights, WADA - Tim Ricketts (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Testing, WADA
Thursday 11 June	15:30- 16:45	Session 6: International Standard for Intelligence and Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dennis Keitany, Senior Compliance Officer, ADAK - Dr. Lars Mortsiefer, CEO, NADO Germany - Erika Petrutyte, Lawyer, Lithuanian Anti-Doping Agency - Günter Younger (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Intelligence and Investigations, WADA
Thursday 11 June	17:00- 18:15	Session 7: International Standard for Data Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dan Cooper, Chair, ISDP Drafting Team - Patrick Jaunecker, Legal Associate, NADA Austria - Sara Moreno, Senior Legal Advisor, International Motorcycling Federation - Saïd Azdoud (<i>mod.</i>), Head of Privacy and Data Protection, WADA

Week 2 – 16/17 June 2026

Tuesday 16 June

Tuesday 16 June	14:00- 15:15	Session 8: International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Pedro Branco, TUE Commission member, Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU); Chair, WADA TUE Expert Advisory Group - Dr. Jamie Pethick, Science & Medicine Manager, International Tennis Integrity Agency - Dr. Lervasen Pillay, TUE Committee Member, South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS) - David Healy (<i>mod.</i>), Head of Medical, WADA
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Wednesday 17 June

Wednesday 17 June	14:00- 15:15	Session 9: International Standard for Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vanessa Hobkirk, Anti-Doping and Medical Manager, International Cricket Council - Anna Mguni, Development Manager, World Rowing; Member, Education Committee, WADA - Amanda Hudson (<i>mod.</i>), Director, Education, WADA
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Wednesday 17 June	15:30- 16:45	Session 10: International Standard for Results Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wafeekah Begg-Jassiem, Legal Manager, SAIDS - Nisha Dutt, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, UK Anti-Doping - Tony Jackson, Deputy Head of Case Management, AIU - Nicolas Zbinden, Attorney at Law, Partner, MLaw, LL.M. (Cantab), Kellerhals Carrard - Cyril Troussard (<i>mod.</i>), Associate Director, Results Management, WADA
		Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sébastien Gillot, Director, Europe Office, WADA - Rodney Swigelaar, Director, Africa Office, WADA

Additional Sessions			
Monday 22 June			
Monday 22 June	14:00- 15:15	IOC Session: Manipulation in Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nchimunya Mweetwa, Athlete Ambassador - Ronan Lorcan O'Laoire, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC - Francisco Portugal, Criminal Intelligence Officer, INTERPOL - Nicolas Sayde, Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Manipulation of Competitions - Evangelos Alexandrakis (<i>mod</i>), Policy and Institutional Relations, Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, IOC
Week of 22 or 29 June TBC	TBC	<p><i>Government-only sessions:</i></p> <p>UNESCO COP10 Sessions – WADA regional split</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Session for Africa - 1 Session for Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNESCO COP10 Bureau members TBC - Darren Mullaly (<i>mod</i>), Director, Government Relations, WADA