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The Africa Zone VI Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) comprises the countries of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the newest member Ghana. This is the second edition of Africa Zone VI RADO newsletter. It is one of the communication tools that the Africa Zone VI RADO will employ to disseminate information about anti-doping projects and programmes in Southern Africa.



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Word from the Africa Zone VI RADO Chairman, Mr. N.M. Kgosietsile

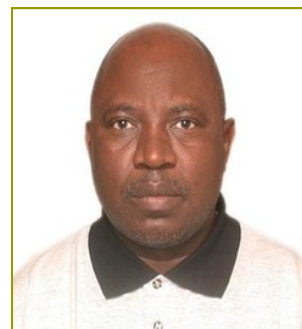
The year 2013 was a momentous year for the world of sport and anti-doping program. The successful revision of the World Anti-Doping Code finalized at the World Conference on Doping in Sport held in November last year in Johannesburg was significant milestones in the development of sport throughout the world. Sadly, the world also said goodbye to an iconic statesman and a strong supporter of sport through the passing of the former South African President, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. We shall all miss him dearly but will continue to celebrate his entrenched legacy in the world of sport. Congratulations must definitely go to our South African brothers and sisters for organizing a very successful world conference which brought together all the key strategic partners in sport to make a powerful statement against doping in sport. The presence of the newly elected International Olympic Committee (IOC) President, Thomas Bach and other world sport leaders in our region underpinned the value that the world places on protecting the rights of clean athletes to participate and compete in sport which is free from doping and other

forms of cheating. As a proud member of the world anti-doping community, the Africa Zone VI RADO welcomes the election of Sir Craig Reedie to spearhead the fight against doping as the President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Sir Craig's illustrious career and record in sport speaks for itself. We are very hopeful that with his leadership experience, he will be able to help us intensify the fight against doping in sport in our region as well. As a region we are also hugely indebted to the immediate past President, Hon. John Fahey for his dynamic and vibrant leadership which contributed to the many achievements attained by the anti-doping community and the world of sport in combating the scourge of doping. The Africa Zone VI RADO is also equally elated that former Minister of Sport and Recreation for South Africa, Reverend Dr. Makhenkesi Stofile was elected to the position of Vice-President of WADA. This is an honour not only for him personally but for South Africa, the region and Africa as a whole. As the Africa Zone VI RADO, we intend to play our role through accelerated program imple-

mentation to ensure clean sport in our region through education and doping control tests. The year 2014 promises to be a good and hectic year for sport, with various events taking place in our region and throughout the world. The City of Gaborone, Botswana will be playing host to approximately 2500 young athletes from fifty three countries at the 2nd African Youth Games. This event will once again provide another good platform for intensifying the fight against doping in sport. In this connection, we are very grateful to WADA for agreeing to run the Play True Generation (PTG) program at this event. This innovative program will enable the games organizers to provide education and raise awareness of the young African athletes as they embark on their long careers as world class sports people. Winning or losing, we trust that they will be excellent sporting ambassadors for their respective countries and this region.

We therefore wish the Member States of the Africa Zone VI RADO all the very best of luck and success in their sporting activities as well as the fight against doping in their countries and beyond.

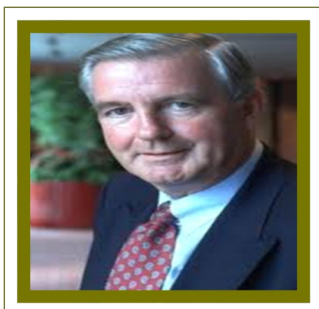


Mr. Negroes M. Kgosietsile

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World Conference on Doping in Sport 12-15 November 2013 South Africa



Sir Craig Reedie - WADA President



Rev Dr. Makhenkesi Stofile - WADA Vice President



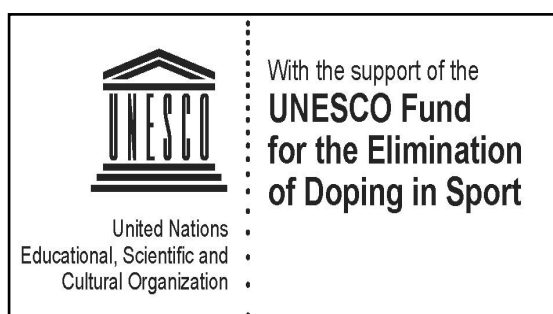
The Southern Africa Region and Africa as a whole was greatly honoured through the successful convention of the World Conference on Doping in Sport which took place at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa in November last year. The event was an important milestone in sport which facilitated the successful adoption of the new World Anti-Doping Code and the change of guard at the helm of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Sir Craig Reedie was elected to the position of President of WADA whilst former Minister of

Sport and Recreation for South Africa, Reverend Dr. Makhenkesi Stofile was elected Vice President.

The World Conference was attended by many sports leaders from various organizations and the delegates unanimously agreed to protect the rights of clean athletes to compete in sport which is free doping. There was consensus on the need to redouble efforts in educating young athletes as a way of preventing doping in sport.

Partnership with UNESCO — Unwavering Commitment



The Africa Zone VI RADO was provided with a grant of US\$ 49 015 in August 2013 to undertake training of Doping Control Officers (DCOs) as well as educational outreach programs within Member States.

26 DCOs were trained from 25-27 August 2013 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The DCOs will play an important role in helping Member States attain compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport through provision of quality doping control testing services. All eleven (11) Member States of Africa Zone VI RADO have ratified the UNESCO International Convention.

The Africa Zone VI RADO is very grateful for this partnership with UNESCO which has helped to build capacity of the organization in terms of testing programs and increasing awareness about the dangers of doping in sport to athletes and coaches in the region. Going into the future, UNESCO will continue to play a critical role in the implementation of anti-doping programs in the Africa Zone VI RADO.



Members of Swaziland Under 20 Football Team appreciating the anti-doping message

Africa Zone VI RADO Board Meeting - 12 December 2013



Board meeting in session



Some Board members taking a break

The Africa Zone VI RADO Board met on 12 December 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa to deliberate on a number of issues pertaining to anti-doping programs in the region. At the beginning of the meeting, the Board observed a moment of silence in tribute to the late former President of South Africa, His Excellency Dr. Nelson Mandela. At this meeting, the Board expressed their condolences to the Government and People of South Africa on occasion of the passing away of the iconic statesman. The Board deliberated on amongst other things, the 2014 Budget and Operational Plan which will guide the activities of the Africa Zone VI RADO.

In addition to the Board meeting, an Anti-Doping Education Workshop was also held to train Education Officers from various Member States. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Tony Cunningham (WADA Manager — Education & Program Development). Member States developed plans for education which will be implemented in all the eleven (11) Member States beginning 2014.

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3rd RADO Conference: Kuwait 2014 - In Pictures



Africa Zone VI RADO Delegates: Ms. Vivienne Katjiuongua (Namibia) & Mr. Andrew B. Kamanga (RADO Manager)



WADA President & Director General with Olympic Council of Asia officials



WADA Regional Directors & Managers—providing valuable support to RADOs

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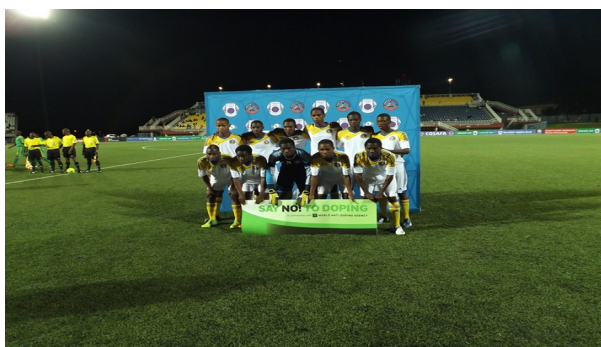
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Africa Zone VI RADO Outreach Program — Lesotho: COSAFA Under 20 Football Championship (4 - 15 December 2013)

The Africa Zone VI RADO conducted an Outreach Program during the COSAFA Under 20 Football Tournament held in the Kingdom of Lesotho. The aim of the engagement was to provide knowledge and information about the dangers of doping to young footballers who are on the threshold of becoming professionals in the game. The exciting tournament was won by South Africa.



The Hosts - Lesotho



Team Swaziland



Team Botswana



Team Zimbabwe



Team Kenya

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Africa Zone VI RADO Outreach Program — Lesotho: Lesotho High Altitude Marathon — Mokgotlong, Lesotho (December 2013)



Competitors in the marathon



Thabo Kholopo (Lesotho) - Anti-Doping Education Officer (far left) with prize winners



Ladies Champion — from Ethiopia

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Parting Shot — View from the WADA Africa Headquarters

Southern Africa recently hosted the world when the global anti-doping community gathered in Johannesburg in November 2013 on the occasion of the 4th World Conference on Doping in Sport. What a memorable occasion that was? Indeed, Africa and South Africa spoil the world with first class facilities and hospitality. Now it is up to all the stakeholders to implement the decisions taken in Johannesburg, notably those related to the Revised World Anti-Doping Code that will come into force on 1 January 2015. In this regard, we are expecting all our stakeholders to do whatever is necessary to ensure that the Revised Code is implemented. The RADO is of course well suited to assist member countries and we will work with Negroes and Andrew to ensure that all the Zone VI RADO countries receive assistance in this regard.

Since its inception, the Zone VI RADO has been able to deliver quality

support to the member countries and I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Negroes and Andrew for the sterling work they are doing to ensure that the RADO remains relevant and active. I would also like to thank all the governments and National Olympic Committees, as well as the regional governmental and sporting bodies in this part of the world, for their continued support and leadership towards the RADO. 2014 will be an exciting year for the RADO and we certainly look forward to the further development of the RADO programs, including the extension of the testing program WADA committed to fund. We remain at the disposal of our stakeholders and commit to continue working with our partners and stakeholders in Southern Africa. This includes our anticipated support at the upcoming African Youth Games in Botswana and the governmental development games scheduled for Zimbabwe later in the year. Finally, do contact us with your queries, concerns or comments.

We remain at your disposal.

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Forthcoming Attractions – 2014

Event	Location	Date
WADA Symposium	Lausanne (Switzerland)	11—12 March
COSASSA Athletics Competition	Gaborone (Botswana)	29March-04 April
African Union Sports Council Region 5 Confederations Forum	Livingstone (Zambia)	11-12 April
Africa Union Sports Council Region 5 Executive Council Meeting	Livingstone (Zambia)	10 May
COSANOC General Assembly	Gaborone (Botswana)	19—21 May
Africa Youth Games	Gaborone (Botswana)	22-31 May
XX Commonwealth Games	Glasgow , Scotland	23 July — 3 August
2nd Youth Olympic Games	Nanjing, China	16 — 28 August
AU Sports Council Region 5 Under-20 Games	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	4—14 December

Important Notices

- 2014 List of Prohibited Substances was published by WADA and is effective from 01 January 2014. It can be downloaded from the WADA website: www.wada-ama.org
- 2015 Code and International Standards <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/World-Anti-Doping-Program/Sports-and-Anti-Doping-Organizations/The-Code/Code-Review/Code-Version-4-0/>
- The Africa Zone VI RADO now has a Facebook page: Please visit our page and Like Us on www.facebook.com/africazonevirado.

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