

The WADA Executive Committee at its 11 September 2013 meeting in Buenos Aires decided on the following recommendations concerning the development of the anti-doping laboratory network in the near future:

1. The Executive Committee reaffirmed the 2008 decision of the Laboratory Ad Hoc Committee that the maximum number of laboratories be restricted to 40 for the next five years.
2. Future approval of new laboratories by the Executive Committee will be based upon the identified needs in various regions of the world.
3. The Executive Committee confirmed that in principle, no additional laboratories will be approved in Europe with the exception of the re-accreditation of Turkey. Further, no new laboratories will be approved in Oceania, North America and Central America.
4. The Executive Committee supports the finalization of the Qatar laboratory application and the re-accreditation of the Malaysia laboratory but no other laboratories in Asia.
5. The Executive Committee supports two additional laboratories in Latin America and requested WADA to identify appropriate countries or locations of these two laboratories.

In the event that Buenos Aires does not progress its laboratory proposal in a satisfactory manner over the next six months, WADA should abandon the Buenos Aires proposal and seek the two new laboratories outside of Argentina.

6. The Executive Committee supports WADA developing a program to strengthen the analytical capability of Bloemfontein in South Africa and a further new laboratory in the northern part of Africa with initial preference being given to Cairo. A third laboratory in the central region of Africa will be examined and development of an application encouraged.
7. The Executive Committee supports a finding of non-compliance in respect of any signatory to the Code using non-WADA accredited laboratories for analyzing samples for anti-doping purposes and requested WADA to convey this decision to relevant government and sporting authorities.
8. The Executive Committee supports, in addition to the requirement of a laboratory to undertake a minimum analysis of 3,000 samples per year, that any new laboratory can only be approved in a country where there is a robust and compliant anti-doping program.
9. The Executive Committee supports usage of existing laboratories for major events, where practical and acceptable to Major Event Organizers.
10. The Executive Committee supports the development of blood analysis capacity in countries or areas of the world having limited or no blood analytical capability.
11. Executive Committee supports the Health Medical and Research Committee recommendation to encourage the Laboratory Expert Group to promote cooperation amongst WADA anti-doping laboratories, in particular for some specific analyses requiring high technology with specific competence and/or costly equipment.