

Summary Notes of the 6th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

Date:	May 26, 2009
Time:	9:00-17:15
Venue:	Le Royal Hotel, Amman, Jordan
Participants:	Refer to the attached list
Agenda:	Refer to the attached
Resolution:	Refer to the attached

1) Opening

- Mr. Atef Odibat, President of the Higher Council for Youth, welcomed participants from Asia and Oceania.
- Mr. Rob Koehler, Director of the WADA Education and Program Development, on behalf of David Howman, Director General of WADA, thanked the Jordan government for hosting the 6th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental meeting.
- H.R.H. Prince Feisal Al Hussein, President of the Jordan Olympic Committee, welcomed all participants.

2) WADA 2009 Global Activities

Mr. Rob Koehler, gave a presentation on WADA's global anti-doping activities and issues.

3) Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) Program in West Asia

Prof. Kamal Hadidi, Chairman of the West Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (WAADO), introduced the WAADO and its cooperative activities.

4) Asia/Oceania Regional Plan 2009

Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, outlined the activities of the regional office for 2009 and its goals.

5) WADA Asian Region Foundation Board Member Election

- Prof. Kamal Hadidi, WADA Foundation Board member for the Asian region, explained the election process for 2009 and proposed that the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional office continue to undertake the election process on behalf of the governments, which was agreed.
- Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director of WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, gave a brief explanation of the proposed eligibility criteria to become a WADA board member.

Discussion and decision:

(Qatar) The Foundation Board members representing the Asian region should show evidence of what they have done for Asia.

(Pakistan) The reappointment should be regulated and be only for a certain period of time ie 2 or 3 terms only.

> It was explained that the WADA statutes do not stipulate a specific time period for appointment or reappointment. Should the representatives at the meeting wish to do so, and this would be their decision entirely.

Conclusion:

- It was requested that the WADA Regional Office continue to institute the election process according to the proposed timetable (i.e. Acceptance of applications by 1 July 2009, Notification candidates by 1 September 2009, Deadline to cast the vote by 30 October 2009).
- The countries must have made a full contribution (2005-2009 inclusive) and be a State Party to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in order to be a candidate and to vote.

6) 2010 contributions to WADA

Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi explained the current status of contributions to WADA from Asian region, the expected budget for 2010 and the anticipated level of contribution by each country.

Questions and Discussion:

(Qatar) The contribution proposed forces small countries to carry a heavier burden than big countries. WADA is the organization responsible for promoting drug free Sport, so the contribution should be based on sport activities. A proposal was made to review the present formula.

(Bahrain) It is natural to send many participants to the Doha games as it is so close. By doing so increases the level of participation but under the formula increases the amount to be paid. This should not be incorporated into the calculation.

(Brunei Darussalam) It is not reasonable for only the countries with a high GNI per Capita to bear an increase every year when others did not sustain any increase.

(UAE) Why should small countries like us have to shoulder any annual increase in the budget of WADA?

(China) We should consider how long it took to agree on the present formula and we should respect the regional consensus.

(India) India is one of the largest countries in terms of population. Therefore its burden is relatively low. Proposed that the formula be reviewed by 2012.

(Thailand) Efforts need to be made to encourage non-paying countries, i.e. 18 out of 42 countries have not yet paid for 2008.

(WADA) The contribution level for many countries is at a reduced level, than they would have to pay if the formula was applied. The reason for this is because some countries had agreed to pay at a higher level. Those paying at a higher level were not therefore paying for any WADA budget increases currently. The formula finally agreed at the meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 2007 took 3 years of full discussions and examination and it had taken some time to achieve. It was proposed that the present formula be used until 2012, between now i.e. 2010 and 2012 it would be reviewed.

Conclusion:

- Agreement with the contribution levels for 2010;
- Agreement to encourage the non-paying countries to contribute;
- Agreement to use the current formula (as agreed in Kuala Lumpur 2007) until 2012. Between now and 2012 the formula would be reviewed and other options would be considered by the end of 2012 for 2014 budget. Any discussions and decisions would need to be concluded at the intergovernmental meeting in 2013 in order to give adequate time for implementation for the 2014 budget cycle

(Note: Qatar and Bahrain registered their reservation regarding the adoption of the meeting resolution on this item)

7) Individual Country Anti-Doping Progress Report

Progress reports from each country were given by the representatives in attendance. The majority of countries had made progress in their anti-doping activities.

8) UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport

Ms. Anne Jansen, Senior Manager of the WADA Government Relations, provided brief updates on the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport and its Voluntary Fund. All governments were encouraged to ratify and WADA welcomed any actions or ideas that countries might bring to encourage those remaining to complete.

9) Asia's future partnerships in the fight against doping in sport

Mr. Rob Koehler suggested discussing the development of regional anti-doping activities based on the recent rapid development since 2004 for the first regional meeting.

Mr. Mahmoud Ali, Manager of the OCA Doping Control Department, appreciated the strong partnership and cooperation amongst leading countries, such as Japan, China, Malaysia and Jordan. Also acknowledged the WADA initiative for the establishment and development of RADOs in the region.

10) 2009 Asian Youth Games & 2010 Youth Olympic Games

Mr. Eddie Ang, Senior Executive of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee, gave a presentation on the anti-doping work undertaken in preparation for the 2009 Asian Youth Games and 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Also appreciated the cooperation with JADA for the DCO training.

11) Future Meeting

India offered to host the next meeting at the end of September 2010 (timing to be confirmed) on the occasion of Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

(NOTE; after coordination of the schedule, the meeting is expected to be held in May 2010 in Delhi, India).

12) Conclusion

Prof. Kamal Hadidi, Chairman of the 6th Asia/Oceania Regional Intergovernmental Meeting, read the Conference Resolution. He also expressed his gratitude to all of the participants for their active participation in discussions which helped to achieve the successful outcomes of the meeting.