EDITORIAL

Mr. David Howman, Director General, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the end of my mandate as Director General of WADA fast approaches, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your commitment to clean sport and your support for clean athletes. There are many fine athletes in Africa, and many up and coming athletes who will undoubtedly become international champions. There is much work to be done in order to educate the latter in the values of sport and the need to protect its integrity. Moreover, we have work to do to ensure that these athletes are not misled or misinformed by those around them.

The athlete entourage, including, in particular, agents and/or managers, has the same standards to uphold, and we must ensure that occurs. It is one thing for an athlete to test positive for a banned substance, but it is quite another for that athlete to have been persuaded by one who should know better to take a substance that the athlete knows nothing about.

Over the years that I have held this job, I have seen the support for clean athletes grow and grow. Now, athletes have a clear voice and are being heard. Now, it is time to support them even further.

Many initiatives have started on the African continent. Most have been spearheaded from the Regional Office in Cape Town, and our Regional Director, Rodney Swigelaar, ably assisted by Nathalie Bashala. I commend them for their untiring work, their enthusiasm and their support of me.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to the last ANOCA Executive Committee meeting in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. I thoroughly appreciated the privilege of this invitation where we had discussions of far reaching topics. It is very obvious to me that the sport leaders have doping as one of their primary concerns. Recent events including the compelling articles in the New York Times, emanating from interviews with the former Director of the Moscow Laboratory, show that there is a lot to be done and many challenges to be faced. I trust you all will join us in confronting these matters, as we have to work as a team, globally.

To do that, we rely very much on you all and I take this opportunity to thank you for that partnership.

Although I will be leaving WADA, I will continue my work as an independent lawyer in New Zealand where I will continue to support clean athletes and the integrity of sport.

Kia kaha kia toa (be brave, be strong).
UNESCO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT

UNESCO’s Voluntary Fund – Apply for a National Anti-Doping up to USD 20,000

Key deadline for draft projects – 12 August 2016

The next meeting of the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping from Sport is scheduled for November this year.

For those countries that have pending draft applications that need to be revised and resubmitted to UNESCO, do so urgently and incorporate the comments from UNESCO and send to UNESCO as soon as possible. There are more and more countries applying and applications are being considered in the order of receipt so we strongly encourage you to respond quickly.

For "new" applications, the Regional Office is happy to assist you in any way possible to ensure that your application is ready for submission and we would in fact recommend that you furnish us with your draft proposals before submitting them for our input and comments.

Proposed UNESCO Voluntary Fund Application Submission Timeline (Deadlines):

- May/June/July: Prepare DRAFT Application (three months) – Discuss your ideas with the WADA RO, if you wish and draft your application and send to us for input.
- 12 August 2016 (or prior to): Submit your DRAFT Application to WADA Regional Office (if applicant so wishes) or to UNESCO – Nancy McLennan: n.mclennan@unesco.org and Raluca Petre-Sandor: ir.petre-sandor@unesco.org
- 13 October 2016 (EN/FR): All Applications must be FINAL (English/French) having integrated any comments or recommendations from WADA’s Regional Office and UNESCO + applications must be officially signed and stamped) and ready to go forward to the Approval Committee.
- 11 November 2016: Final Applications made available to Approval Committee Members
- 25 November 2016: Approval Committee Meeting

Compliance to UNESCO Convention

Several of our African States recently received letters from UNESCO Headquarters regarding non-compliance with the Convention and we urge the relevant countries to respond to those letters and ensure that outstanding matters are considered and remedied. The responsible, UNESCO representative based in Paris is Mr Marcellin Dally – m.dally@unesco.org and he can provide further advice as required.

REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATIONS

Our six RADOs are also continuing to develop and the regional office once again encourages our government and ANOCA stakeholders to hold their respective RADO representatives accountable to ensure they provide regular feedback and updates on the activities of the RADO. Through WADA’s Test Grant to the RADOs, testing in the members’ states is ongoing and we can already see the benefit of the grant but much more can be done. Therefore we call upon our stakeholders to assist and facilitate the collection of samples, education and information programs etc. as much as possible which is of particular importance seeing that countries are preparing themselves for the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio, in Brazil.
When, where and by whom was ADAK created?

The Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) was established through a legal notice no. 256 of 24th December, 2015 and further through the Anti-Doping Act 2016 which was assented to by H. E the President of the Republic of Kenya on 22nd April, 2016 and became law on 26th April, 2016.

What are ADAK’s main objectives and activities?
The following are the key objectives that are required to ensure realization of the Agency’s aspirations:

- To ensure compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- To develop and implement effective values-based education programmes that can foster anti-doping behaviours and create a strong anti-doping culture;
- To implement intelligent testing for effective deterrence doping practices;
- To ensure that athletes with medical conditions access medical care and compete in sports without conferring to them any advantages; and
- To ensure integrity in the doping control process.

The activities of the Agency shall be to:

- Advise the Government on all relevant matters relating to anti-doping;
- In consultation with the Regional Anti-Doping Organization, the World Anti-Doping Agency and any other anti-doping organizations, undertake anti-doping activities;
- Ensure the enforcement of the regulations made by the Agency and the World Anti-Doping Agency;
- Undertake doping control;
- Oversee the prosecution of anti-doping offences before the Sports Tribunal or any other judicial body exercising jurisdiction in such matters;
- Undertake research related to the mandate of the Agency;
- Create awareness and implement programs aimed at fighting doping;
- Liaise with other government agencies in eradicating the use of performance enhancing substances amongst sports persons;
- Promote the integrity of a drug-free sports; and
- Perform any other function as may be lawfully assigned to the Agency by the Cabinet Secretary.

What, in your view, is the biggest challenge for anti-doping today and in the future, not only in Kenya but Africa in general?

- The advancement in medical research on substances/drugs that are produced and easily abused without being traced;
- Collusion between athlete support personnel, athletes and officials of sports federations in using performance enhancing substances and dodging detection.

Any plans on how ADAK will tackle anti-doping issues in Kenya?

This will be done through intense education, outreach and awareness campaigns; testing and collaborating with relevant stakeholders in Kenya e.g. the Security Agencies, the Medical Practitioners and Dentist Board, the Pharmacy and Poisons Board and the Immigration and Customs Departments.

WADA ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION - 2016

To date, we have received only 38.73 % of Africa’s contribution to WADA (19 out of 54 countries). A significant number of African countries are still in arrears insofar as their 2016 contributions, as well as previous years.

As of 15 of July 2016, the following countries have remitted their 2016 annual contributions to WADA: Algeria, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Tunisia and Zambia.

We urge all countries to forward their outstanding contributions as soon as possible. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Office.
WADA is committed to providing signatories with assistance and guidance in implementing and complying with Code and International Standards. The internal WADA Task Force, under the guidance of the Compliance Review Committee (CRC), is in the process of finalizing the development of a self-assessment survey (entitled Compliance Questionnaire) that all Code signatories will be asked to complete. This survey will be focused on the implementation of anti-doping programs in the various key areas (e.g. testing and investigations, education, results management, therapeutic use exemptions, privacy).

Signatories will also be required to provide documentation in order to supplement and validate their responses. The preliminary draft finalized by the internal WADA Task Force has been submitted as a pilot project to a limited number of National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) and International Federations (IFs).

Based on the feedback provided by the signatories of the pilot project, edits to the draft survey have been made.

It is envisaged that signatories will be provided with a three month period in which to complete the online questionnaire which will be available in English and French. The assessment of a signatories’ compliance will be for the 2016 calendar year.