



REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATIONS (RADOs)

The African RADOs continue to work hard at implementing the RADO Testing Grant provided by WADA. The focus in 2015 is on effective (smart) testing. Each RADO is building capacity to conduct a risk assessment that will assist in developing their Test Distribution Plan. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the right athlete is tested for the right substance(s) at the right time. We encourage RADO Board Members and all others involved to ensure RADO Member States benefit from this grant.

2015 WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

Presently, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe and Sierra Leone are the remaining countries in Africa that have yet to adopt and implement anti-doping rules in line with the Revised 2015 World Anti-Doping Code that came into effect on 1 January 2015. We urge these countries to contact the WADA Africa Regional Office for further assistance or information.

WADA ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

In November 2014, WADA sent correspondence and an accompanying invoice regarding countries' 2015 contributions to all Ministers responsible for Sport. Reminder letters were also sent in March 2015. Our records currently show that only eight out of 54 African countries remitted their 2015 contributions. Some countries have at least given us an indication as to when the contributions will be made, and for this we are appreciative. The Regional Office encourages all countries to settle their outstanding contributions as soon as possible or inform us when we can anticipate this matter being finalized.

For more information concerning these contributions, please contact the Regional Office.

WADA AFRICA'S REPRESENTATION

Gabon replaced Egypt on WADA's Foundation Board and will serve a three-year term ending on 31 December 2017. Other members on the Foundation Board representing Africa are Botswana and Ethiopia. Cote d'Ivoire is the representative on WADA's Executive Committee. We welcome the Hon. Blaise Louembe, Minister of Youth and Sport of Gabon, and give our commitment to work with him to ensure that Africa's voice is heard.

UNESCO CONVENTION AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT

Ratification – Eight yet to complete: Central African Republic, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, and Tanzania still need to ratify the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport.

There is news of progress from both Djibouti and Tanzania. Djibouti's Parliament is currently considering the matter whilst Tanzania's Cabinet approved the Ratification on 5 February and is now awaiting the final stage to be tabled in Parliament. We eagerly await the anticipated conclusion of this process in all countries.

Voluntary Fund: While the WADA Africa Regional Office has been in contact with all relevant stakeholders regarding the submission of project applications to the UNESCO Secretariat, we hope that many more countries will use this opportunity to develop and submit their plans to UNESCO as soon as possible in preparation for the second meeting of the UNESCO Committee scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2015.

Conference of Parties meeting in Paris – 29-30 October 2015: The biennial UNESCO Conference of Parties is scheduled for 29-30 October 2015 in Paris. Invitations will be sent shortly by the UNESCO Secretariat via UNESCO delegates based in Paris.

The UNESCO ADLogic questionnaire will also be sent with the invitation. The questionnaire is required to be completed by all governments that have ratified the Convention as part of the biannual reporting under the terms of the Convention. Please look out for the questionnaire and complete it.

2015 CALENDAR

- » Meeting with Kenya's stakeholders, Chinese Anti-Doping Agency (CHINADA), Anti-Doping Norway (ADN) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): 28-30 January, Nairobi, Kenya.
- » WADA's presence at the COJA's Chefs de mission meeting: 24-26 February, Brazzaville, Congo.
- » WADA's presence at Africa International Sport Convention (CISA) : 12-14 March, Kigali, Rwanda.
- » WADA Anti-Doping Symposium, 24-26 March, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- » RADO Zone IV: Board meeting and Doping Control officer (DCO) training: 19-22 April, Brazzaville, Congo.
- » Meeting with Egyptian stakeholders: 26 April, Cairo, Egypt.
- » RADO Zone V: Board meeting and Results Management training: 4-6 May, Nairobi, Kenya.
- » WADA Foundation Board and Executive Committee Meeting, 12-13 May, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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