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TO DOPING**

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EDITORIAL

Dear WADA stakeholder,

2014 is almost done and dusted. However, as we reflect on what has happened during this period, allow me this opportunity to express our condolences and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in West Africa, specifically in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia who are struggling with the Ebola epidemic. We wish you strength and courage as you are fighting this virus and we hope for a speedy resolution to the challenge. Our thoughts are with you!

2015 will see the revised World Anti-Doping Code come into force.

This means that all stakeholders must have relevant Code compliant rules in place. Much has been said about the process and all stakeholders received various reminders and supporting documents, so we look forward to declare that all our African stakeholders have completed the necessary work. After that, we will then have to work on the programs and ensure that we raise the quality and efficiency thereof. If you still require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our RADO Program has also progressed nicely this year and we look forward to even more significant developments in 2015. We are expecting many more developments in countries such as Kenya - who has been in the news of late as they implement their Task Force Report into allegations of widespread doping among their athletes - Egypt, Morocco and Nigeria. Of course, we are expecting progress in each and every country, and I invite all our stakeholders to engage us on your needs, aspirations and desires.

Enjoy the read and we look forward to receiving your comments.

A prosperous 2015 to all!

RODNEY SWIGELAAR
Director, WADA African Regional Office

CODE IMPLEMENTATION

WADA's Africa Regional Office remains in contact with countries who did not yet adopt rules in line with the World Anti-Doping Code 2015. We urge these countries to finalise the process this year so that the revised rules can come into force on 1 January 2015, at the same time as the revised World Anti-Doping Code. For any assistance or queries, please contact WADA African Regional Office or your RADO Manager for assistance.



WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

According to the 2015 Revised World Anti-Doping Code – Education

Article 18.1 - Basic Principle and Primary Goal

The basic principle for information and education programs for doping-free sport is to preserve the spirit of sport (as described in the introduction of the Code) from being undermined by doping.

The primary goal of such programs is prevention. The objective shall be to prevent the intentional or unintentional use by athletes of Prohibited substances and prohibited methods.

Information programs should focus on providing basic information to athletes as described in Article 18.2. Education programs should focus on prevention. Prevention programs should be values-based and directed towards athletes and Athlete Support Personnel with a particular focus on young people through implementation in school curricula.

All Signatories shall within their means and scope of responsibility and in cooperation with each other, plan, implement, evaluate and monitor information, education, and prevention programs for doping-free sport.

QUOTES FROM RADO MANAGERS REGARDING EDUCATION

“Outreach program as an education and awareness tool is indeed a suitable and efficient opportunity that gathers athletes, sports coaches, physiologists and other sports movement and government stakeholders from all countries in one place – let us make effective use of it during our events to fight against doping – Education is a better tool for prevention!”

Mr. Evariste Djomo
Administrator, RADO Zone IV



“Doping, an endless trap so let’s fight it; preventing Doping through awareness is to secure our sport.”

Mr. Aliou Issoufou
Administrator, RADO Zone II & III

“With regard to anti-doping matters, the collaboration between various stakeholders in educational efforts is very important. Therefore, we need to come together to promote sport free from doping.”

Mr. Andrew Kamanga
Manager, RADO Zone VI



“Focusing only on performance and neglecting education, it will be a business as usual in sporting world, and doping will always be the major issue, therefore, let us educate our kids in a very early stage of their lives to “ Say No To Doping” and substance they don’t know – this will save the sporting world from a crisis called DOPING.”

Mr. Paul Nioze
Administrator, Indian Ocean RADO



REGIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATIONS (RADOs)

The African RADOs have been making a lot of progress in 2014.

The WADA Staffing Grant, provided to three of the African RADOs, has led to greater stability and sustainability for the RADO offices.

The WADA Testing Grant, which is now available to all RADOs in Africa, has also led to much more progress this year. More out-of-competition tests are being conducted through the RADO member countries, and RADO Doping Control Officers are gaining much more experience through the Grant. We hope that this increased capacity will result in more partnerships with key stakeholders, such as International Federations. The implementation process has been slower than expected in some countries and we encourage RADO Board Members to be in touch with RADO offices and provide the necessary information needed for the testing to be conducted. Please note that through this Grant we will ensure that more athletes in the region will be tested and this will serve as a significant deterrent to those even thinking of doping.

On December 1-4, WADA will host the first RADO Staff Training, in Montreal, Canada. The training is aimed to equip the RADO staff persons with the necessary knowledge and skills in order to ensure that the RADO and its members receive quality, efficient and relevant services from the RADO Office. All six African RADOs will attend this training.

While the RADOs are developing successfully, there remain some challenges:

- Board Members are not reporting on progress to their respective NOCs and Ministries
- Member countries are not complying with their financial responsibilities to the RADO
- Member countries are slow in responding to communication

We hope that all RADO member countries, through their respective Board Members, National Olympic Committees and Governments, work together to overcome these challenges and fully commit to working with their RADOs to implement effective anti-doping programs.



RADO Zone I: Board Meeting, Education Officers' training & UNESCO Conference, 4 – 7 November 2014, Marrakech, Morocco



RADO Indian Ocean: Board Meeting and Result Management Committee training, 23 – 24 September 2014, Antananarivo, Madagascar

ATHLETE REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE CODE

In September 2014, WADA published its first [Athlete Reference Guide to the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code](#)

The guide acts as a crucial point of reference for all athletes looking to enhance their knowledge of the Code. This was championed by members of the WADA Athlete Committee throughout the course of 2013 and 2014.

The WADA Athlete Committee, whose job is to represent the views and rights of athletes worldwide, have led and directed the project in time for the introduction of the revised Code at the start of 2015. The document – which is purely a guide, and will not supersede the Code itself – will help athletes the world over better understand the anti-doping framework, rules and regulations.

Whilst the Code itself is still the legal document that athletes are held accountable to, the Athlete Reference Guide to the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code marks a significant step forward in ensuring that all athletes, no matter what sport they play or which country they come from, understand their anti-doping rights and responsibilities. It gives details of what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation, information on the Prohibited List and supplements, and details on matters ranging from the 'Whereabouts' rule to Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), amongst other topics.

The Athlete Reference Guide to the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code is now available on WADA's website.

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT

RATIFICATION

Madagascar has become the 46th government to ratify the convention from within the African region. There remain just eight countries that are yet to ratify the convention in Africa. We encourage those remaining countries to do so. Be pro-active and take steps to join the UNESCO record 177 countries that have done so already. For those that have completed, they have been able to apply to the UNESCO Voluntary Fund for anti-doping projects which have benefitted their countries immensely.

We would welcome any inquiries and offer our assistance to each of the countries to complete the process, please do not hesitate to contact the WADA Regional Office.

8 countries yet to ratify the Convention: South Sudan, Tanzania (East Africa), Central African Republic, Sao Tome & Principe (Central Africa), Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone (West Africa), Mauritania (North Africa/Maghreb), Djibouti (Indian Ocean Islands).

UNESCO VOLUNTARY FUND

Those countries that have ratified the Convention are eligible to apply to the UNESCO Voluntary Fund for an anti-doping project. For a national project you can apply for US\$ 20,000 and for a regional project US\$ 50,000.

The next Approval Committee meeting at which projects are considered for approval is scheduled for April 2015. Start your application now to be on time for this meeting. We of course welcome draft applications to be sent to our office for input should you wish. Below is the submission deadline.

DATE	DESCRIPTION
December 2014 – February 2015	Prepare Application (2.5 months)
16 February 2015 (or prior to)	Submit Application to WADA Regional Office (if applicant so wishes) or to UNESCO
16 March 2015 (EN/FR)	All Applications (English/French) FINAL (having integrated any comments or recommendations from WADA Regional Office and UNESCO + signed and stamped) and ready to be submitted to the Approval Committee
15 April 2015	Final Applications made available to Approval Committee Members
27-30 April 2015 (TBC)	Approval Committee Meeting

October 2014 Approval Committee Meeting - 4 out of 15 projects approved from African Region Congratulations to the four projects approved from the African region from Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea. We look forward to these projects getting underway in 2014 and 2015, with positive results for anti-doping programs.

Tips and Tricks - A new resource entitled - Tips and Tricks – Applying to UNESCO's Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport, has been published by UNESCO to assist countries when making an application to the fund. Please find below the links to the Tips and Tricks document from UNESCO: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002304/230422e.pdf>

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION – 2014

As of 13 December 2014, the following countries have remitted their 2014 annual contribution to WADA: Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Tunisia and Uganda.

We certainly count on your assistance in ensuring that all outstanding contributions are remitted as soon as possible. If you require copies of the 2014 invoice for your country, please contact us.

WADA's Foundation Board confirmed that the Agency would be receiving a budgetary contribution increase of 3 percent for 2015. WADA is appreciative that additional funding is to be devoted to the most pressing issue facing sport today – the fight against doping in sport. All our African governments have already received their 2015 contribution invoices which reflect this increase.

Should you require more information concerning your 2015 contribution, please contact the Regional Office.

AFRICA'S REPRESENTATION: WADA FOUNDATION BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As per the decision of CAMS4 and 1st STC meeting regarding representation on the WADA Foundation Board and Executive committee, the following nominations were approved by WADA's Executive Committee in November 2014:

- Foundation Board membership - Current: Ethiopia (2014-2016), Botswana (2013-2015) and Gabon (2015-2017) and future membership: Namibia (2016-2018) and Kenya (2017-2019)
- Executive Committee: Côte d'Ivoire (2014-2015)

The WADA Africa Regional Office would like to thank the outgoing members for their assistance, support and commitment in representing Africa on WADA's governance structures. We had very good cooperation with Egypt and look forward to continuing this cooperation with the representatives from Gabon.

PHOTO GALLERY



Meeting with Kenya's stakeholder: Mr. Tom May, Mr. Rodney Swigelaar, Minister of Sport, Mr. Hassan W. Arero, Mr. Rob Koehler and Amb. Richard Ekai Titus: 22 October 2014, Cape Town, South Africa



Meeting with Kenya's Ministry of Sports, China Anti-Doping Agency, Anti-Doping Norway and WADA, 22 October 2014, Cape Town, South Africa



WADA Director General and Regional Office Director at the Pan Arab Symposium in Egypt, 5 - 6 September 2014



Meeting Minister Mohamed Ouzzine, Moroccan Minister of Sport, 7 November 2014, Marrakech, Morocco

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

- » **Meeting with Kenyan stakeholders, CHINADA, ADN and WADA**
28–30 January 2015, Kenya
- » **RADO Zone V Board meeting and training**
February 2015, Kenya
- » **WADA's presence at CISA Conference**
11–15 March 2015, Kigali, Rwanda
- » **RADO Zone IV Board meeting and training**
April 2015, Brazzaville, Congo
- » **WADA Foundation and Executive Committee meeting**
12–13 May 2015, Montreal, Canada