

**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING OUTCOMES
12 March 2017
Lausanne, Switzerland**

The WADA Athlete Committee is the unified voice of clean athletes worldwide, encouraging integrity and fairness for sport and athletes.

WADA's Athlete Committee (AC) met on 12 March 2017, on the eve of WADA's Annual Symposium (Symposium), to discuss current and emerging issues related to doping in sport. WADA's Athlete Committee was pleased to be included, once again, in this year's Symposium held on 13 – 15 March 2017; and, for the agenda to be structured in such a way as to actively solicit athlete involvement and feedback. For the first time, this year, the Committee invited and welcomed the participation of IF and NADO Athlete Committee Chairs during the Symposium.

"The WADA Athlete Committee's mission is to protect clean sport; and, in this capacity, we are honoured to represent the voice of clean athletes globally," said Committee Chair, Beckie Scott. "I am pleased to share the outcomes below from our meeting, which capture our contributions and thoughts on developments within WADA and shaping the future of clean, fair sport."

In attendance

- Members: Beckie Scott (Chair), Victoria Aggar, Kirsty Coventry, Matthew Dunn, Petr Koukal, Tegla Laroupe, Adam Pengilly, Tony Estanguet, Angela Ruggiero, Ben Sandford, Chiel Warners, Lauryn Williams
- Observer: Kady Kanoute, WADA Education Committee liaison, Catherine Doyle, Communications consultant
- WADA Representatives: Sir Craig Reedie (in part), Olivier Niggli (in part), Rob Koehler (in part), Catherine Maclean, Stacy Spletzer-Jegen
- Presenters: Johann Olav Koss, Director of [FairSport](#)

MEETING OUTCOMES

1) Compliance

WADA's AC welcomes the work, which has been undertaken by the independent Compliance Review Committee, to develop a robust legal framework and to implement the principles of graded, proportionate and effective consequences for noncompliance of Signatories with the World Anti-Doping Code.

- In the interest of protecting clean athletes worldwide, the WADA AC highlights the importance of timeliness, and urges the immediacy of adopting and implementing this framework by relevant parties as soon as possible.

2) Investigations and Testing

WADA's AC welcomes and congratulates the Agency on its new '*Speak Up!*' program (launched on 9 March 2017) which we believe will encourage more informants and whistleblowers to come forward and report doping misconduct. '*Speak Up!*' is one of many measures that are being taken to enhance the Agency's Intelligence and Investigations (I&I) capacity under the independent leadership of I&I's Director, Gunter Younger. It answers the call made by athletes and others for a secure, confidential, way to report activity that goes against clean sport.

- The WADA AC encourages transparency and the sharing of data and information across countries and organizations to support investigations and increase the effectiveness of targeted out-of-competition testing.
- The WADA AC wishes to highlight the importance of investigations across *all* sport, including Paralympic.
- The WADA AC would like to see this program available in different languages.

Specifically as concerns testing:

- The WADA AC continues to advocate for the mandatory use of ADAMS by all stakeholder groups, and supports the introduction of an anonymous mechanism by which to evaluate/provide feedback on a DCO experience within ADAMS.
- The WADA AC advocates the mandatory use of the steroidal module of the Athlete Biological Passport program.

3) Finance

Given the increased expectations of clean athletes and other stakeholders, the Athlete Committee calls on Governments and the Olympic Movement to significantly increase the funding of WADA and the overall global fight against doping in sport.

4) Athlete Engagement

The Athlete Committee acknowledges and commends the petitions, movements and declarations by clean athletes worldwide, across many sports, this past year; the majority of which were prompted as a result of the findings by Professor Richard McLaren detailing proof of institutionalized doping in Russia. As a result of these efforts, the WADA AC have agreed to further develop a global athlete engagement strategy to ensure that the athletes' voice is heard and embedded in shaping the way forward for the anti-doping movement.

- The first project in this endeavor is the creation of a '*Charter of Athlete Rights*'. Introduced and proposed at the WADA AC meeting and subsequent Annual Symposium workshop titled "Engaging the Athlete". The WADA AC is undertaking the development and ratification of a Charter document outlining the rights of all athletes as it relates to clean, fair sport. The Charter, which will involve significant stakeholder consultation, may include such elements as: the right to clean, fair sport, the right to access quality education, etc.
- The Athlete Committee also proposed a separate *Call to Action*, which would identify and address the top athlete concerns as a priority, i.e. the need for increased education, transparency, resourcing and compliance by ADOs.
- In 2018, WADA's Athlete Committee will convene a Global 'Clean Sport' Athlete Forum, which will include athlete members from NADOs, IFs, National Olympic Committees (NOCs), National Paralympic Committees (NPCs), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

5) Government Commitment

The Athlete Committee welcomes the commitment of Governments of the world and the sport movement to further strengthening WADA's role as the Leader of Clean Sport. UNESCO is a key partner and the Committee endeavors be involved in the next UNESCO Conference of Parties.

6) Anti-Doping Reforms

The Athlete Committee welcomes the athlete's involvement in WADA's Governance review and encourages NADOs, the Olympic Movement and sporting organizations to undergo similar reviews as regards anti-doping. We encourage increased athlete involvement alongside a broad representation of athletes (i.e. Paralympic) at all levels.

The Athlete Committee calls on all stakeholders to rally behind the best governance solutions for WADA to ensure that the ongoing reforms initiated by the Agency, will shape an organization that it is truly fit for the future – i.e. in terms of authority, resources and independence – and able to represent athlete's rights as the global leader of clean sport.

7) Fairsport

The WADA AC agreed to support and contribute advice and relevant input to the organization dedicated to supporting whistleblowers ([Fairsport](#)), led by Johann Koss.

8) Russia

The Athlete Committee discussed the current status and details of RUSADA's non-compliance. The Committee acknowledges that in order for RUSADA to achieve compliance, the RUSADA Supervisory Board must be independent and have transparent conflict of interest protocols.