

**WADA ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING
28-29 August 2019
Lima, Peru**

Summary and Outcomes

The World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA's) [Athlete Committee](#) (WADA AC) convened its second in-person meeting of the year during the Parapan American Games in Lima, Peru on 28-29 August 2019.

The WADA AC used the opportunity to engage and interact with athletes from the Paralympic and Pan American athlete communities, and would like to thank the International Paralympic Committee, the Pan Am Games Organizing Committee and Lima, for hosting the meeting.

Attendees: Vicki Aggar, Ben Sandford, Chiel Warners, Adam Pengilly, Li Na, Emma Terho, Kady Kanoute, Greta Neimanas, Beckie Scott

Regrets: Kirsty Coventry, Danka Bartekova, Seung-min Ryu, Hayley Wickenheiser, Tegla Loroupe, Petr Koukal, Jeong-ho Hong, Richard Schmidt

WADA Staff: Frédéric Donzé, Stacy Spletzer

1 Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights and Ombudsperson Proposals

- 1.1 WADA continues to receive feedback from Athletes and stakeholders on the [Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights](#). The document in draft form is nearing completion and not many revisions are expected going forward. The latest version will be tabled at WADA's Executive Committee meeting in September 2019 in Tokyo; and, a final version is expected to be presented for ratification at the [World Conference on Doping in Sport](#) in November 2019.
- 1.2 The WADA AC continues to support and progress the concept of an Ombudsperson Office at WADA for the purposes of supporting athletes with a channel through which to report issues, seek advice, ensure rules are applied as they should be and assist with navigating the increasingly complex world of anti-doping.

2 Working Group on Representation

- 2.1 A survey has been developed by the WADA AC Working Group (WG) on Representation for circulation and will be disseminated to athletes for a broad consultation on representation, with results to be collated and analyzed by late September.
- 2.2 As recognized by the WADA WG on Governance, it was agreed that the WADA AC is currently and should continue to be both an expert *and* representative body. The WADA



AC notes that skilled, diverse and effective representation of athletes within WADA can be accomplished by many ways and means such as strengthening relationships and engagement with other Athlete Committees/Commissions and broadening communication exchange platforms.

- 2.3 As a next step, mechanisms and criteria for selection of WADA AC members continue to be explored and developed.
- 2.4 The WG on Representation intends to have a full proposal for addressing representation for approval at the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board meetings in November.

3 Russia

- 3.1 The WADA AC received an update on [Operation LIMS](#); and, strongly encourages WADA to be as open, public and transparent as possible on the number of cases, number of Federations, sports and athletes provided to International Federations (IFs).
- 3.2 The WADA AC strongly encourages WADA to follow up with IFs who have been provided with cases and establish clear time-lines and deadlines by which IFs must process and advance cases provided to them.

4 Romania

- 4.1 The WADA AC received an update on the Romanian NADO/Bucharest laboratory investigation. The WADA AC concludes that this situation shows once more the need for a meaningful and effective sanctioning system that includes sports administrators such as NADOs, NADO personnel and laboratories to ensure a level playing field.

5 FINA World Championships

- 5.1 The WADA AC discussed recent events and acts of protest at the FINA World Championships. The WADA AC strongly supports an athlete's right to expression on issues of anti-doping without fear of retribution. The WADA AC also strongly believes that situations like this can and should be mitigated by having swift, transparent and effective results management combined with clear and transparent communication to athletes and the public.

6 ADAMS

- 6.1 The WADA AC strongly renews its call for an anonymous digital reporting platform as part of ADAMS for athletes to report incidents and concerns within the testing experience.

7 Sample Storage and Retesting

- 7.1 The WADA AC notes the discrepancies in sample storage and re-analysis capacity recently reported publicly, and strongly encourages WADA to develop universal policies and practices with respect to sample storage and re-analysis capacity, particularly for Major Games and continental events. The WADA AC suggests that this is introduced into the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

8 Human Rights

- 8.1 Following consultation with the Centre for Sport and Human Rights, the WADA AC endeavors to work with WADA to develop and implement a comprehensive human rights policy for the organization.

Athlete Committee Activities

The WADA AC continues to be actively engaged and involved in contributing to anti-doping through engagement in Major Games, events, meetings, symposia, etc.

The following members have taken part in anti-doping activities since the last report presented in May 2019:

- Chiel Warners attended the first meeting of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Group on ensuring effective access of athletes to justice and fair trial in Strasbourg, France (3 July 2019).
- Jeong-ho Hong worked with the Korean Anti-Doping Agency's Outreach and Education Program at the FINA World Championships in Gwangju, Korea (12-28 July 2019).
- Kirsty Coventry, Kady Kanoute and Tegla Loroupe supported WADA's Outreach Program at the African Games in Rabat, Morocco (16-30 August 2019).
- Chiel Warners joined INADO's Board meeting via conference call (4 September 2019).
- Beckie Scott, Adam Pengilly, Emma Terho and Chiel Warners attended the Roundtable on athletes' involvement in the fight against doping in sport hosted by WADA President-Elect Witold Banka in Warsaw, Poland (5 September).