

# WADA Education Committee Meeting

## 13,14 September 2023

### Meeting Outcomes

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#### MEMBERS

Kady TOUNKARA (Chair)  
Sian CLANCY  
Karri DAWSON  
Erik DUIVEN  
Mark HARRINGTON (Apologies)  
Aditya KUMAR  
Nina MAKUC  
Leonardo Jose MATARUNA DOS SANTOS  
Anna MGUNI  
Moonkyue SHIN  
Yaya YAMAMOTO  
Thierry ZINTZ

#### WADA

Katrien DAELMAN (Senior Manager, ADO Capability)  
Supported by other members of the Education Department as per the Agenda  
Erika ARMITANO (Administrator)

#### OBSERVERS

Liene KOZLOVSKA, Council of Europe  
Raluca PETRE-SANDOR, UNESCO (Apologies)  
Adriana ESCOBAR, WADA Athlete Council member (Virtual)

WADA's [Education Committee](#) (Committee) met virtually on 13 and 14 September 2023. The outcomes and key summary of discussions made by the Education Committee are outlined below.

1. The Education Committee Chair welcomed members and introduced the meeting, Agenda and shared news and observations since the last meeting.
2. The Committee accepted the apologies received from Committee member (Mark HARRINGTON) and UNESCO representative (Raluca PETRE-SANDOR) and welcomed the representative from the Council of Europe (Liene KOZLOVSKA) and a member of the WADA Athlete Council (Adriana ESCOBAR) as observers and valuable contributors to the meeting.

3. The Committee heard a general update on WADA's activities since the last meeting.
4. The Committee received an update on Digital Learning ongoing initiatives and achievements and complimented the efforts undertaken since the launch of ADEL, acknowledging the significant results attained throughout the course of its implementation, evident in the tripling of monthly user count over the past year. Considerations regarding needed resources to accompany this growth, whether financial, human, or technical, were presented to the Committee. The Committee also heard about the special focus of the team on Major Games in recent months, whether through content published (or about to be published) on ADEL, or with the significant translation efforts put towards making the International Level Athlete course available in nearly 10 languages ahead of the Asian Olympic Games. Members of the Committee encouraged the team to liaise with the Olympic Council of Asia to gather constructive feedback.
5. The Committee received an update on the activities carried under of the Global Learning and Development Framework (GLDF) Program, including monitoring data on the delivery of role-specific training programs, of a train-the-trainer program, and of continuous professional development opportunities for Anti-Doping practitioners. The Committee also received an update on progress with the GLDF4CleanSport project, the next step of the GLDF Program, acknowledging the work done by the Technical Working Group (TWG) for Testing, after a one-year completion since its establishment. The Committee was presented with and welcomed the Professional Standard and Role Descriptor for the role of Testing, produced by said TWG, and agreed recommended that the two documents be presented to the Executive Committee meeting in November 2023 for their endorsement. Preparation towards initiatives to be launched in Q3 of 2023 under this project were also shared, including the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) responsible for the Compliance role, as well as the development of a global survey on the Anti-Doping workforce.
6. The Committee was presented with an update on the Social Science Research (SSR) activities since the last meeting in March, including (a) a progress report on the 9 research projects approved by the Executive Committee in May for which ethics review have been completed and research agreements finalized and published; (b) information on the changes made to the application process for the 2024 Grant Program, for which the Call for Proposals was launched on 20 September; (c) plans for a SSR Symposium to be held ahead of the Global Education Conference (GEC) on 27 February 2024; (d) progress made on implementing the SSR Strategy dissemination plan, including a transformed website allowing for searches by filters as well as infographic summaries per project. Members commended the team on the efforts made in bridging research and practice and suggested exploring whether developing white papers would be an avenue to establish bridges between researchers and policymakers.

7. The Committee members were informed of the continued progress made by the Department in assessing Anti-Doping Organizations' (ADOs) compliance with the Code, and more specifically with the requirements of the International Standard for Education (ISE), with some key preliminary findings being teased out for the Committee's information and comments, including comparisons on figures regarding budget and staff allocated to education, average and cumulative number of athletes per ADOs tiers compared with numbers of athletes and athlete support personnel (ASP) educated per ADO.
8. Karri Dawson, on behalf of the Education Committee Subgroup working on drafting elements of the WADA Education Strategy, presented an overview on the work done to date and facilitated the Committee members' comment on the draft document, which included a request to circulate the draft to the SSR Expert Advisory Group for their feedback as well.
9. On the second day of the Committee meeting, members were presented with an overview on the 2024 GEC program, the schedule for the event, including a run through the Committee members' roles and responsibilities for the duration of the event. Members welcomed the initiative to have Regional Conversations afront the conference and gave very positive feedback on the format of the conference adding that it was 'engaging and participating' and were enthusiastic to hear about the content that will be discussed during the breakout sessions. Members were encouraged to propose ideas and best practices to showcase during the ADOs Show & Tell session of the Program.
10. The Committed heard an update on the ISE "updating" process and timeline, including a stakeholder engagement phase (Sept-Dec 2023), a first drafting phase (Jan-April 2024) followed by a stakeholder consultation phase (May-Oct 2024), a second drafting phase (Oct 2024-Jan 2025), an optional additional round of consultation and subsequent drafting (Jan-Apr 2025) before being finalized ahead of the World Conference in Busan (May-Nov 2025). The ISE Review Update Drafting Team had its composition approved by the Executive Committee in May 2023. The Drafting Team is composed of Education Committee members plus two WADA Staff. The group met virtually for the first time on 1 August 2023 to review and list some key concepts up for consideration and feedback as part of the stakeholder engagement phase (closing by November 15 for the ISE), ahead of the next ISE Drafting Group meeting in person (23-24 November in Vienna).
11. Following their March meeting and an initial presentation by possible synergies between the work of the United Nations Organization on Drug and Crime (UNODC) on synthetic drugs and WADA's Education Department's ongoing projects, members of the Education Committee had received two documents by UNODC to further evaluate the remit of the possibilities for collaboration between WADA and UNODC on education.

12. Members welcomed and acknowledged the work done behind unintentional doping sensitization and the proposed approach of conducting further research in this area to better understand the behaviours behind unintentional doping in order to prevent it.
13. The Committee was reminded of the last meeting of the year, scheduled to take place virtually on Thursday 7 December 2023.