

Anti-Doping Leaders call for no compromise on Russia roadmap and the elimination of conflicts of interest in sport

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Leaders from 17 leading National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), and iNADO (Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations), met in London this week to discuss the key threats to clean sport and areas for greater cooperation across the international anti-doping community.

Russia and the WADA roadmap to compliance

On the eve of the FIFA World Cup in Russia, a country which remains non-Code compliant, the Leaders reiterated their firm position that the WADA roadmap must be enforced in its entirety as a condition of Russia's reinstatement.

Governance and the removal of conflicts of interest

The Leaders are calling for increased accountability for sports and anti-doping organisations. It is paramount that good governance and compliance with anti-doping conventions and standards are upheld.

In the interest of the rights of clean athletes, future sporting programmes must uphold these principles.

In the aftermath of the Russia doping scandal, a call has been made for an Independent Review of its handling. The Leaders strongly support this call. Further to the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) need to consider such a review, the Leaders shall provide their input.

Supporting Clean Athletes

The Leaders think it is crucial that there must be independent athlete representation within WADA decision making bodies, and that the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights be incorporated within the Code.

National Anti-Doping Organisations in attendance were: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, UK, USA, and iNADO.

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Notes to Editors:

NADO Leaders

The leaders of the world's leading National Anti-Doping Organisations meet regularly to discuss their operations and key areas of cooperation in the global fight for clean sport. NADOs are independent organisations, who are signatories to the WAD (World Anti-Doping) Code. NADOs are experts in all areas of anti-doping, supporting the rights of clean athletes.

WADA Roadmap

In November 2015, WADA published its *Roadmap to Code Compliance*, which outlined the reinstatement criteria that the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) must fulfil before WADA's independent Compliance Review Committee (CRC) would recommend, to WADA's Foundation Board, that they be declared compliant again with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code).

The two outstanding actions are: 1. publicly accept the reported outcomes of the McLaren Investigation and 2. permit access to the Moscow laboratory and providing the data necessary to ensure justice on hundreds of outstanding cases.

Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights

The Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights was an outcome of the WADA 1st Global Athlete Forum 2018, which highlights 16 articles to provide greater protection for athletes on areas including: the right to fair justice, equal testing, and protection of health. More information [here](#).

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