

The International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS)

Launched in February 2017 at the IOC’s International Forum on Sport Integrity (IFSI), the IPACS is a multi-stakeholder platform which aims ‘to bring together international sports organisations, governments, inter-governmental organisations, and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen and support efforts to eliminate corruption and promote a culture of good governance in and around sport’”

The central body of IPACS is its Steering Committee, which involves governmental representatives, international organisations and international sports organisations. The agenda and organisational modalities of the steering committee are prepared and supported by a core group composed of the Council of Europe, the International Olympic Committee, the OECD, UNODC and the **United Kingdom**

The last meeting of the IPACS Steering Committee was in December 2019 in Abu Dhabi.

provide more details on the initiative below:		
Objective(s):	indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensuring that no one is left behind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preventing and fighting corruption in sport
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conflict prevention/peace building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmes and policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resource mobilization, programming and implementation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research, monitoring and evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Other (please specify)
Implementation mechanisms:	<p>The IPACS aims to achieve its objectives through the collaboration and research of its task forces (TFs). There are currently four TFs, which aim to develop actionable solutions for addressing specific areas of corruption in sport.</p> <p>TF 1: reducing the risk of corruption in procurement relating to sporting events and infrastructure;</p>	

	<p>TF 2: ensuring integrity in the selection of major sporting events, with an initial focus on managing conflicts of interests;</p> <p>TF 3: optimising the processes of compliance with good governance principles to mitigate the risk of corruption.</p> <p>TF 4: enhancing effective cooperation between criminal justice authorities and sport organisations.</p>
Target Audience:	The work of the IPACS aims to benefit athletes, spectators and officials working in sport.
Partners/Funding:	<p>There are five founding partners of the IPACS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UK Government (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and UK Sport). 2. Council of Europe 3. International Olympic Association (IOC) 4. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 5. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) <p>The initiative is currently self-funded through the generosity of the partners.</p>
SDG Alignment:	<p>SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</p> <p>The work of the IPACS aligns specifically with SDG16.5 – to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.</p>
Alignment with global frameworks:	<p>Kazan Action Plan</p> <p>Paragraph 15. Recognizing that the effective protection and promotion of the integrity of sport are the preconditions for preserving its developmental, educational and health-promoting functions.</p> <p>In particular, IPACS aligns with Objective III of the Kazan Action Plan – Protecting the Integrity of Sport, and with the three following focus areas of the objective;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safeguard athletes, spectators, workers and other groups involved. 3. Foster good governance of sports organisations 4. Strengthen measures against manipulation in sports competitions
Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:	<p>This initiative aligns with the third theme of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace – Resource mobilisation, programming and implementation.</p> <p>Specifically, the partnership seeks to contribute to objective (b) to identify and tackle negative effects associated with sport contexts from a collaborative approach among parties involved, by bringing together multiple governments, international organisations and sporting bodies to tackle the issue of corruption.</p>
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The launch of the partnership, website and comms. ● Over 50 governments attended the IPACS Steering Committee meeting in December 2019. ● TF 1 has completed a comprehensive report with recommendations on how to reduce the risk of corruption in procurement relating to sporting events and infrastructure. ● TF 2 has examined the current ISOs’ procedures and practices for managing conflicts of interest relating to the voting for hosting major sports events. Having examined the regulations, the taskforce has produced a report that concentrates on building on existing standards by encouraging each ISO to publish a conflict of interest policy.

