

# IPACS

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For in-person participants: Conference Room CR6 (7<sup>th</sup> Floor), Vienna International Centre  
For online connected participants: [Click here to Join Online](#)

## 1. Background

IPACS is a multi-stakeholder initiative which aims at ‘bringing together international sports organizations, governments, inter-governmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen and support efforts to eliminate corruption and promote a culture of good governance in and around sport.’

## 2. Aims of the Conference

The aims of the IPACS Annual General Conference are to discuss progress, raise awareness of and generate further support for IPACS among key stakeholders.

## 3. Participants

Representatives of governments, sports bodies and intergovernmental organizations.

## 4. Language and format

The language of the Conference will be English. It will be organized as a hybrid event (in-person and online participation).

All the tools and information about IPACS can be found at the official website: [www.ipacs.sport](http://www.ipacs.sport).



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**Tuesday, 12 September 2023**  
**12:00 to 15:00 Central European Time (CET)**

11:45 – 12:00	Get connected
12:00 – 12:15	<p><b>Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Session objectives:</b> <i>To introduce participants to the objectives of the General Conference, outline progress in the work of IPACS and general considerations on the latest trends in corruption in sport.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christos Vlassis</b>, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Associate, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shervin Majlessi</b>, Officer-in-Charge, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC</li> <li>• <b>Pâquerette Girard Zappelli</b>, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, International Olympic Committee (IOC), Chair of IPACS</li> </ul>
12:15 – 13:15	<p><b>Session one: Preventing corruption in sport through good governance.</b></p> <p><b>Session objectives:</b> <i>To provide participants with information and updates on the work of IPACS to prevent corruption in sport through good governance, with presentations focused on: reducing the risk of corruption in procurement related to sport; implementing the IPACS Sport Governance Benchmarks and; an overview of the terms of reference for the new IPACS Task force on the Promotion of Good Governance to Prevent Corruption in Sport.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Francisco Lima</b>, Director of Governance and Institutional Affairs, Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matthieu Cahen</b>, Deputy Head of Unit of Public Procurement, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• <b>Niels Lindholm</b>, Compliance and Risk Officer, World Athletics</li> <li>• <b>Sophie Kwasny</b>, Executive Secretary, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>



<p>13:15 – 14:15</p>	<p><b>Session two: Enhancing cooperation between criminal justice authorities and sports organizations.</b></p> <p><b>Session objective:</b> <i>To provide participants with information and updates on the work of IPACS to promote cooperation to tackle bribery in sport with a focus on relevant tools, initiatives and experiences aimed at enhancing cooperation between law enforcement, criminal justice authorities and sports organisations at national and international levels.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Giuseppe Deleonardis</b>, Deputy Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, IOC</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ute Stiegel</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Migration and Home Affairs (HOME), Directorate for International and Horizontal Affairs, Unit A4 Legal affairs and Anti-corruption</li> <li>• <b>William Rauch</b>, Head of Strategic Legal Service, Federal Office for Sports, Switzerland</li> <li>• <b>Ronan O’Laoire</b>, Responsible for the UNODC Programme on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption and Economic Crime</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<p>14:15 – 14:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>14:30 – 14:55</p>	<p><b>Session three: Next steps of IPACS – presentations and discussion.</b></p> <p><b>Session objectives:</b> <i>Open discussion to allow participants to raise issues and share ideas to inform the next steps of IPACS, including its strategic roadmap, communications and website.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christos Vlassis</b>, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Associate, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<p>14:55 – 15:00</p>	<p><b>Closing remarks.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christos Vlassis Curia</b>, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Associate, UNODC</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ronan O’Laoire</b>, Responsible for the UNODC Programme on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption and Economic Crime</li> </ul>

