

ACTIVITY REPORT: IPACS WORKING GROUP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND CORRUPTION IN SPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

On 2 July 2024 the IPACS Steering Committee decided to establish a new IPACS Working Group to explore the relationship between AI and corruption in sport. During the 2024 IPACS Annual General Conference, participants were informed of the new Working Group's mission and future activities. These include considering the potential corruption-related risks and anti-corruption benefits of AI for sport as well as legal and ethical frameworks for the implementation of AI in sport.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS

Following the adoption of the Working Group's Terms of Reference during the 2024 IPACS Annual General Conference, the IPACS Support Office invited members of the IPACS community to express their interest in joining the Working Group. On 13 December 2024, the IPACS Steering Committee approved the composition of the Working Group based on the expressions of interest that were received. The agreed composition reflected a number of requirements, including the need for balanced representation from sports organisations, governments and intergovernmental organisations; geographical and gender diversity; and the need to keep the Working Group a manageable size.

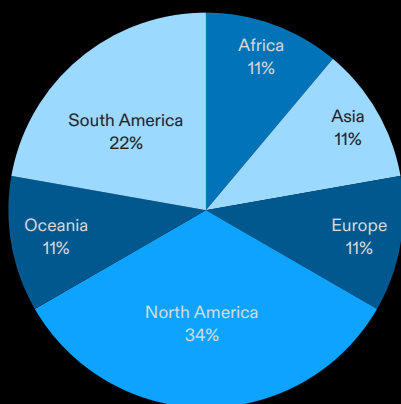


Figure 1. Geographical distribution of governments and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) represented in the Working Group

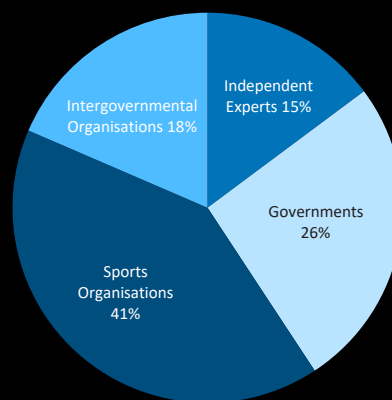


Figure 2. Distribution of types of organisations represented in the Working Group

The Working Group was convened for the first time on 3 February 2025. This inaugural online meeting served as an opportunity for the Working Group experts to get acquainted with one another and to begin discussions on priorities and potential activities within the thematic areas of potential risks, potential benefits, and regulatory frameworks in relation to AI and corruption in sport. The main outcome of these discussions was the need for a mapping to better understand the current relationship between AI and the fight against corruption in sport.

To deliver on this need, IPACS Support Office developed a questionnaire in consultation with Working Group experts that was distributed across the IPACS community. 43 responses were received from across the full spectrum of IPACS stakeholders (67 percent from sports organisations, 19 percent from governments, 7 percent from intergovernmental organisations, 7 percent from other stakeholders). The responses demonstrated a limited awareness of the implications of AI for corruption and anti-corruption in sport as well as an interest in case studies and model policies that could offer guidance to sports organisations on this subject. The Working Group was convened a second time on 9 July 2025 to discuss the outcomes of the questionnaire and practical next steps including the organisation of awareness raising activities and the provision of guidance.

3. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Working Group will plan its next activities in line with the options discussed during its most recent meeting, including:

- The development of a **white paper** to establish the Working Group's position on the risks, benefits and regulatory needs of AI in relation to the fight against corruption in sport;
- A **mapping** of the practical tools that are currently available;
- The formulation of a brief **factsheet** on AI and corruption in sport that includes an explanation of key terminology;
- The planning of **awareness raising activities** on the subject that are catered to specific audiences and draw on existing best practices.