

ACTIVITY REPORT: IPACS TASK FORCE ON COOPERATION BETWEEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITIES AND SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Task Force on Cross-Sector Cooperation is co-chaired by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Task Force aims to enhance cooperation between criminal justice authorities and sports organisations. The high risk of corruption in sport calls for effective action at the local, national, regional and international levels. The complexity of the phenomenon requires governmental action and coordination with sports organisations to efficiently protect the integrity of sport.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS

Guide on the prosecution of bribery in sport

Following the publication by the Task Force of the guide “IPACS Legal approaches to tackling bribery in sport” in 2023, a new legislative guide is being prepared on the challenges related to the prosecution of cases involving sports-related bribery. The process of preparing the guide began with an exploratory consultation with the Task Force during its 2024 meeting. The guide was subsequently drafted by barrister Louis Weston and the Task Force reconvened for a consultation of the draft in hybrid format on 10 September 2025.

Collaboration with International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)

Following discussions between the IPACS Support Office and the IAP, a webinar was held on 26 September 2025. The webinar, “Tackling sports corruption: Enhancing cooperation between sports organisations and prosecutors”, featured panellists from UNODC and the IOC along with Louis Weston, the author of the guide on the prosecution of bribery in sport. This initiative helped fulfil two purposes, the sensitisation of new audiences on IPACS and the promotion of cross-sector cooperation in the fight against corruption in sport. 125 prosecutors from 60 jurisdictions attended the webinar.

3. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

In terms of next steps, the Task Force will:

- Finalise and disseminate the finished **guide on the prosecution of bribery in sport**;
- Support the organisation of a side event during the **11th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**;
- Proceed with discussions on the development of more **permanent cooperation mechanisms** between sports organisations and criminal justice authorities.