

ANTI-DOPING STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTS FIRST REPORT TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT

31 MARCH 2023, MONACO: Member of the Anti-Doping Steering Committee spearheading the fight against doping in Kenyan athletics, Brett Clothier, says the Kenyan Government's US\$25 million commitment to the special project for the next five years gives the Committee the financial muscle to deal with the major problem.



Speaking in Nairobi today as the Committee presented its first Kenya Anti-Doping Report to the Kenyan Government, Clothier - who is Head of the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) - lauded the Government for supporting the eradication of doping in Kenyan athletics.

"We must commend the Government of Kenya for the excellent commitment, which will help neutralise the doping menace and keep Kenya's athletics arena clean. This will be a long road, but as the AIU, we are very glad to contribute to this government initiative that seeks to end doping in Kenya," said Clothier (*pictured above*).

The Anti-Doping Steering Committee - comprising representatives from the AIU, the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) and Athletics Kenya (AK) - has developed a roadmap geared at combatting the doping scourge among Kenyan athletes, with a view to reducing doping substantially. Among the plans outlined in its first report, the Committee has indicated it will draw upon the extensive expertise of a multi-agency team to investigate and prosecute doping matters. It will also increase testing among Kenyan athletes as well as enhance educational and integrity programmes for athletes and athlete personnel. Clothier stressed, however, that in its quest to clean up Kenyan athletics, the Steering Committee expects to initially be confronted with a higher number of doping cases as it ramps up testing and its overall integrity vigilance.



CAPTION: Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports, the Honourable Jonathan Mueke, addressed the media after the meeting.

Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports, the Honourable Jonathan Mueke, and Chief Administrative Secretary for the department, the Honourable Wesley Korir (2012 Boston Marathon winner), received the report on behalf of the Kenyan Government. Mueke commented that the report presented an implementation strategy that will see Kenya eradicate doping from its sporting ecosystem.

“The ministry is satisfied with the work that has been done by this Committee, culminating in the establishment of this report,” he said.

“We are confident that, with the strategies contained in this report, we are going to completely bring the doping menace under control in Kenya.”

Stating that doping is a matter of strategic interest to Kenya, Mueke stressed no effort will be spared to ensure the scourge is neutralised. He challenged Kenyan athletes to continue flying the Kenyan flag high by running cleanly.

Athletics Kenya President Lt Gen. Jackson Tuwei added that Kenya is a globally-known sporting nation - an athletics powerhouse - and therefore it is the country's responsibility to maintain an international reputation of competing without cheating.



CAPTION: Officials listen to remarks from Athletics Kenya President Lt Gen. Jackson Tuwei. Far right is the Chief Administrative Secretary for the State Department for Sports, the Honourable Wesley Korir (2012 Boston Marathon winner).

About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - both doping and non-doping - for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to

drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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