

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
Between the Estonian Ministry of Culture
and
the Botswana National Commission for UNESCO
on Estonia's financial participation in the Regional Capacity-Building Programme

Preamble

The Estonian Ministry of Culture, hereinafter referred to as the "Estonia" and the Botswana National Commission for UNESCO, hereinafter referred to as the "Botswana", hereinafter together referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

Intending to conclude an Agreement on Estonia's financial participation in the Regional Capacity-Building Programme hereinafter referred to as the "Programme" organized in cooperation between Botswana, Estonia, and UNESCO in Gaborone, Botswana.

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 – Purpose of the Agreement

1. The purpose of this agreement is to confirm Estonia's cooperation with Botswana and UNESCO in the Programme for countries from Group V(a) that have been declared non-compliant under UNESCO's International Convention against Doping in Sport, and formalize Estonia's financial participation in the Programme.
2. Estonia agrees to provide a financial contribution of EUR 27,500 (twenty seven thousand five hundred euros) with the support of the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the travel costs of one (1) participant from each country from Group V(a) that have been declared non-compliant under UNESCO's International Convention against Doping in Sport to Botswana for this specific purpose, to be paid in euros *via* bank transfer to Botswana's bank account, upon receipt of a valid invoice sent to Estonia. The contribution shall be paid by bank transfer within 30 calendar days of receipt of a valid invoice.
3. Any unused portion of the financial contribution may be used for other costs directly related to the organization of the Programme only with the Estonia's contact point's prior written approval.
4. If the Programme is cancelled, substantially modified, or not implemented in accordance with the approved concept note, Estonia may require repayment of all or part of the financial contribution already paid.

Article 2 – Responsibilities

1. Botswana is responsible for:

- Organising and arranging the travel for one (1) participant from each country from Group V(a) that have been declared non-compliant under UNESCO's International Convention against Doping in Sport.
- Organising any additional activities and covering any other costs agreed under this agreement.
- Ensuring that all travel and participation costs are paid in accordance with the Programme budget and the purpose set out in Article 1.
- Providing Estonia with all receipts, supporting documentation and other information relating to the expenditure of the financial contribution.
- Within 30 days after completion of the Programme, Botswana shall submit a financial report detailing the use of the financial contribution together with supporting documentation.

2. Estonia shall not be held liable for any obligations beyond the agreed financial contribution.

Article 3 - Programme

The Programme shall be organized in close cooperation between Estonia, Botswana and UNESCO Anti-Doping Secretariat. The concept note is attached as Annex 1 to this Agreement and forms an integral part thereof.

Article 4 – Acknowledgement and Visibility

Botswana shall acknowledge the cooperation and financial support of the Republic of Estonia in official communications, publications and promotional materials relating to the Programme.

Article 5 – Competent Authorities/Contact Points

The competent authorities for the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement are:

a) The Estonian Ministry of Culture, Registry Code: 70000941

Located at Suur-Karja 23, 15076 Tallinn, Estonia

Legally represented by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Culture

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b) The Botswana National Commission for UNESCO

Located at 5th Floor, Varsha House, CBD, Gaborone

Legally represented by the Secretary General of the Botswana National Commission for UNESCO

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Article 6 – Entry into Force and Duration

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by the Contracting Parties, that they have received a version of this Agreement duly signed by both Contracting Parties and remains valid until completion of the Programme and related reporting obligations.

Article 7 – Miscellaneous

1. The parties hereby confirm that this is not a grant or service contract.
2. Any modification to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Contracting Parties. This agreement is governed by Estonian law.
3. Any dispute arising from or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved through negotiations between the Contracting Parties. If no settlement is reached, the dispute shall be submitted to the competent courts of Estonia.

Done in two original copies, one for each Contracting Party

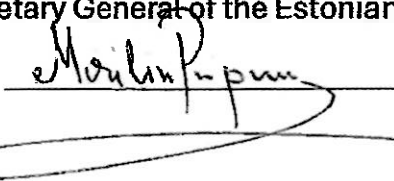
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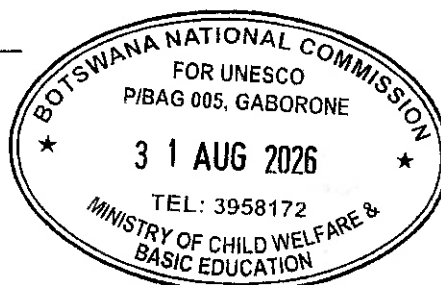
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Name: Itseng Kwelagobe

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Background and Rationale

The UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport provides the global legal framework for governments to safeguard sport values, ethics, and integrity. While widely ratified, a number of States Parties continue to face challenges in fully meeting their obligations. In the African region, 16 States Parties have been declared as Non-Compliant by the tenth session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention¹ (October 2025), either due to non-responsiveness or insufficient implementation levels. These challenges are often linked to limited institutional capacity, unclear coordination mechanisms, and gaps in legal, structural and operational frameworks.

In line with COP10 outcomes (Resolution 10CP/6) and the established RCBP, there is a need to **provide targeted, hands-on support to assist these countries** - particularly as they are all Least Developed Countries (LDCs) - in addressing compliance gaps and strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

Objective

The Programme aims to support **16 Non-Compliant African States Parties** in strengthening their capacity to meet their obligations under the Convention and progress toward compliance.

Targeted participants

Government officials² from the authority responsible for the implementation of the International Convention against Doping in Sport, preferably at **managerial/senior operational level, overseeing policy development and implementation, as well as coordination**.

Scope and Content

The Programme will focus on:

- Follow-up to COP10 Resolutions, notably on the roles and responsibilities of States Parties within the anti-doping ecosystem;
- Strengthening compliance through the ADLogic monitoring system;
- Providing practical guidance on strategic implementation tools developed under the Convention, including the Model Strategic Framework (MSF), Sport Integrity Guidelines (SIG);
- Access to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport;
- Strengthening national coordination mechanisms, including National Compliance Platforms;
- Emerging areas such as traditional pharmacopoeia and sport values, ethics, and integrity.

The methodology will be interactive, combining plenary sessions, roundtable discussions, and peer-to-peer exchanges tailored to countries facing similar implementation challenges. Interpretation in English and French will be provided throughout the workshop.

Expected Outcomes

- Improved compliance levels among participating States Parties;
- Strengthened national legal and institutional frameworks;
- Enhanced use of ADLogic, alongside available tools and resources, to improve the quality of national reporting;
- Increased access to the Anti-Doping Fund for countries that have not previously benefited or have benefited for maximum 2 initiatives, in particular those facing implementation challenges;
- Adoption of country-specific strategic action plans;
- Reinforced national/regional cooperation and peer learning.

Logistic arrangements

The participation costs of one government representative per beneficiary country will be covered. The organizers will cover international airfare, accommodation (2–6 November 2026), meals, and domestic transportation between Gaborone Airport, the accommodation, and the workshop venue. Further logistical information will be communicated in due course.

¹ Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritius, São Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda.

² One Government Representative per Beneficiary Country.