

2026-2027 Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Increase of the Anti-Doping Convention's Impact, Sustainability, Governance and Effectiveness

Comparative table between the current governance mechanisms of the 2005 International Convention against Doping in Sport¹ and of the Subsidiary Committee of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

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1. Composition	<p>6 members, one from each UNESCO Electoral Group. Current members – COP10 Bureau elected by Resolution 10CP/3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson: Mr Farid Gayibov (Minister of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan) – Group II • Rapporteur: Ms Safa Koçoğlu Gürsoy (Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Türkiye) – Group I <p>Vice-Chairpersons (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil – Group III • India – Group IV • Zambia – Group V(a) • Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Group V(b) 	<p>6 members, one from each UNESCO Electoral Group. Current Committee elected by Resolution 10CP/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group I: Spain • Group II: Russian Federation • Group III: Guyana • Group IV: Australia (Chairperson: Mr Luke McCann) • Group Va: The Gambia • Group Vb: United Arab Emirates 	<p>18 members, three from each UNESCO Electoral Group. <u>Current members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group I: Greece, Switzerland, Türkiye • Group II: Azerbaijan, Estonia, Lithuania • Group III: Brazil, Colombia, Mexico • Group IV: China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Republic of Korea • Group Va: Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Zambia • Group Vb: Egypt, Lebanon, State of Palestine

¹ Beyond the Conference of Parties (COP) as sovereign body, the two permanent governing bodies are the COP Bureau and the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport.

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<p>2. Terms of reference</p> <p><u>2.1. Functions</u></p>	<p>Source: Rule 4 (4.1 to 4.7) of the COP Rules of Procedure</p> <p>Elected by the COP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the work of the Conference and order of business of the session; • Strengthen the implementation of the Convention by the States Parties; • Coordinate the work between sessions of the Conference and contribute to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference, in cooperation with the Secretariat; • Promote the purpose of the Convention and contribute to enhancing the cooperation with stakeholders involved in the fight against doping in sport; • Perform any other function assigned to it by the Conference. <p>COP10 Bureau Workplan, based on COP10 Resolutions</p>	<p>Source: Established by Resolution 2CP/4.3²</p> <p>Elected by the COP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main role: oversee the allocation of the Fund (in line with its rules, regulations and procedures), including by analysing all applications submitted by States Parties. • Additional roles as per COP10 Resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mobilize resources among States Parties and explore avenues for investments in the Fund by the private sector and other potential partners. ✓ Ensure that funding allocation is made in accordance with the order of priorities set by COP10 (as per Resolution 10CP/11). <p>Workplan of the current Approval Committee (Annex II) Approved provisional expenditure plan for 2026 (Annex III)</p>	<p>Source: Established by Resolution 2.MSP 3 of the Meeting of States Parties. Rules of Procedure³ of the Committee.</p> <p>Elected by the Meeting of States Parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the purposes of the Convention, as set forth in the Convention; • Review national reports presented to the General Conference by the States Parties to the Convention with a view to identify problem areas, trends and challenges to strengthen the implementation of the Convention; • Exchange best practices, and prepare and submit to the Meeting of the States Parties recommendations and guidelines that may contribute to the implementation of the Convention; • Identify problem areas, trends and challenges arising from the implementation of the Convention, including issues relating to the protection and return of cultural property; • Initiate and maintain co-ordination with the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation in relation to capacity building measures combating illicit traffic in cultural property; • Report to the Meeting of States Parties on the activities it has carried out.

² Working methods of the Approval Committee endorsed through [Decision 9AP/3](#) (Baku, Azerbaijan, 5 March 2024).

³ Adopted by the Subsidiary Committee at its Fourth Ordinary session in Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, 26-28 September 2016 and revised by the Ninth Session of Subsidiary Committee to the 1970 Convention (Paris, 28 May 2021) and the Thirteenth Session of the Subsidiary Committee to the 1970 Convention (Paris, 22 May 2025).

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<u>2.2. Working Methods</u> <u>2.2.1. Working Languages</u>	English and French.	English and French.	English and French. (other official languages of UNESCO subject to extrabudgetary funding)
<u>2.2.2. Public meetings</u>	No provisions.	No provisions.	Yes.
<u>2.2.3. Observers</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ States Parties, either online or in person. ✓ The Chairperson may invite other Observers, as well as any individual or body, to attend the Bureau meetings, on an ad hoc basis. ✓ The World Anti-Doping Agency shall be invited whenever appropriate, as an Advisory Organization, at its own expense without any voting rights. ✓ Approval Committee members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Committee can invite, in an advisory capacity without the right to vote, the World Anti-Doping Agency. ✓ The Committee can also invite representatives from UNESCO's Education Sector, as well as the Sector for Priority Africa and External Relations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ States Parties to the Convention which are not Members of the Committee and other Member States of UNESCO, Associate Members and permanent observer missions to UNESCO. ✓ Representatives of the United Nations, organizations UN system and other IGOs with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements. ✓ Other IGOs, NGOs, public and private organizations as well as individuals, having interests and activities in the field covered by the Convention (subject to authorization by the Committee).
<u>2.2.4 Subsidiary bodies</u>	No.	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Bureau of the Committee consists of the Chairperson, four Vice Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, in conformity with the principle of equitable geographical representation. It coordinates the work of the Committee. It performs the tasks set out in the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the Convention and any other task assigned by the Committee through its own decisions.

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<u>2.2.5 Correspondence and electronic consultation</u>	Yes.		Yes, for the Bureau of the Subsidiary Committee.
<u>2.2.6 Working documents</u>	Communicated by the Secretariat at least seven days before the meeting to the members of the Bureau and to the States Parties.		Distributed to Committee Members not later than four weeks before the beginning of the session. They are provided in electronic form to States Parties not Members of the Committee and to public or private organizations, individuals and observers.
<u>2.2.7 Additional provisions</u>	Bureau members shall share information and consult with their Electoral Groups before each Bureau meeting.		Additional provisions on the meeting agenda, private meetings, order and time-limit of speeches, texts of proposals, voting, points of order, procedural motions, report to the Meeting of States Parties, amendments to the Committee's ROP, Secretariat.
3. Frequency and duration of meetings	Six formal one-day meetings per biennium ⁴ , as well as potential extraordinary meetings (usually back-to-back with the Approval Committee of the Fund)	Six to seven formal one-day meetings per biennium (usually back-to-back with the COP Bureau)	Two formal meetings (usually two days each) per biennium (one per year)

⁴ Rule 4.4. of the COP Rules of Procedure: During the first meeting of the newly elected Bureau, it decides on the tentative calendar of meetings for the biennium in function of the mandate given to them by States Parties.

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4. Costs per biennium and funding source(s)⁵	<p>N.B. Standard costs for meetings at UNESCO Headquarters as at 21 May 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English-French interpretation for one day (2 sessions of 3 hours each): 4,500 USD - Costs for technical needs and logistics vary depending on the room, functionalities (e.g. webcast, sound recording, etc.), number of participants, etc. 		
<u>4.1. Funding sources</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport • In-kind contributions by hosting COP Bureau or Approval Committee members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO's Regular Budget • The 1970 Fund can cover, upon request, participation costs of developing countries⁷. 	
<u>4.2. Direct costs per biennium</u>	<p>The amount varies, depending mainly on the number of meetings hosted at or away from Headquarters.</p> <p>Overall direct costs range between 18,000 USD and 95,000 USD, as detailed below.</p> <p><u>Scenario A: At Headquarters</u></p> <p>When UNESCO hosts the meetings at Headquarters, costs are covered by the Anti-Doping Fund⁶.</p> <p>For reference, the costs of the first formal meeting of the COP10 Bureau held in hybrid format at Headquarters and online on 26 March 2026, amount to approx. 7,500 USD to cover English-French interpretation and logistics.</p>		<p>Between 54,000 USD and 60,000 USD</p> <p>Budget includes English-French interpretation, English-French translation of documents, logistics.</p>

⁵ The Anti-Doping Convention's work relies mainly on extrabudgetary funding. UNESCO's Regular Budget covers one P5 Fixed-Term staff. The operational envelope (e.g. 180,000 USD in 2024-2025; 109,000 USD in 2026-2027) is dedicated to covering (part of) the organization of COP sessions.

⁶ Based on the COP-approved Operational Plans of the Fund.

The Operational Plan of the Anti-Doping Fund for 2026-2027 was adopted through Resolution 10CP/11 and is available at the following address (page 20), notably the line "Ad-hoc assignments authorized by the COP10 Bureau", which includes the organization of COP Bureau meetings: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000396227/PDF/396227eng.pdf.multi>

⁷ For example, in 2024 the amount covered for this purpose was of 2,036.68 USD.

Source: Report on the use of the Fund of the 1970 Convention, document C70/25/8.MSP/14 available at <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000393386/PDF/393386eng.pdf.multi>

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	<p>If all twelve formal meetings (6 of the COP Bureau, 6 of the Approval Committee) are hosted in hybrid format at Headquarters and online with English-French interpretation (one day), the overall direct costs per biennium would range between 75,000 and 95,000 USD.</p> <p><u>Scenario B: Away from Headquarters</u> <i>In-kind contributions by hosting Bureau and/or Approval Committee members.</i></p> <p>The majority of Bureau and Approval Committee meetings are organized and hosted by either Bureau or Approval Committee members, who cover the organization costs (English/French interpretation, logistics, etc.).</p> <p>Under this scenario, the Anti-Doping Fund only covers (partly) the mission costs (in particular the flights) of the Secretariat members (2 or 3). Depending on the destination, the amount directly covered from the Fund would range between 3,000 USD and 6,000 USD, on average.</p> <p>If all twelve formal meetings (6 of the COP Bureau, 6 of the Approval Committee) are organized back-to-back and hosted away from Headquarters, the overall direct costs would range between 18,000 USD and 36,000 USD on average.</p>		