

# iNADO Board Meeting 29 May 2024 – Record of Decisions

Governing Board Meeting  
Wed, 29 May 2024 14:00 PM - 16:00 PM (CEST)

**Present:** Anders Solheim (Chair), Lindsey Stafford (Vice Chair), Béatrice Bourgeois (BB), Li Zhiquan (LZ), Sarah Benson (SB), Deslyn Pather (DP), Teemu Japison (TJ, from 14:40 PM)

**Apologies:** Tony Josiah,

**In attendance:** Andrea Gotzmann (AG, CEO), Andrea Herrera (Communication and Office Manager until Agenda item 4)

## I. Welcome and approval of the Agenda – for approval

The Chair welcomed all participants to the second Board meeting and confirms the quorum (6 out of 8 members are present at this time). He asked to what extent there are conflicts of interest among the members and noted that this is not the case at least for issues requiring a vote.

At the suggestion of the members, the following items are added to Agenda item 5 “Any other issues”:

- DP: Rules of conduct for inquiries from journalists to Board members
- BB: Current situation of the Director of NADO Tunisia and further possible action by iNADO.

**Outcome of the decision:** The board members approved the draft agenda with the suggested new changes above.

## II. iNADO Board Meeting 18 April 2024 – Minutes – for approval

AG addresses the Board and asks for approval of the minutes of the last Board meeting. She asks whether the members would like to make changes to the structure and summary of the minutes in future.

Vice Chair suggests sharing the minutes with the iNADO CEO Group for transparency purposes.

**Outcome of the decision:** The minutes were accepted.

**Suggestion/Direction:** For future minutes, the decision(s) must be clear when the topic is for decision or direction. When the content requires more detail, a reference should be included in that specific section.

### III. Strategic Issues

#### 1. Latest update and next steps regarding the questions sent to WADA on the Chinese contamination cases – [for information](#)

AG provided a timeline as context of the questions addressed by iNADO members to WADA. The questions submitted by iNADO members were sent to WADA on 29 May to obtain further information and answers from the WADA experts.

**Direction:** Respond to the members with the quote from Tom May.

iNADO Secretariat needs to draft for decision on this proposal consensus of questions with SB, which questions need to be followed up and identify the questions that are not answered.

#### 2. MoU between iNADO and World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists (WAADS) – [for information and approval](#)

AG provided a context of the MoU between iNADO and WAADS. The Board considers this cooperation with the WADA-accredited laboratories to be important to achieve a better understanding between the parties in the future

**Outcome and decision:** The agreement was approved and supported by the Board to be signed by the CEO. If major changes are made after sharing it with the WAADS president, Prof Henrique Marcelo, the MoU will be discussed again in BaseCamp for further approval of the Board.

#### 3. MoU between iNADO and International Testing Agency (ITA) – [for information](#)

AG reports on her exchange the day before with Michael Ask (ITA), about the future cooperation between both organisations. The possibility of holding joint webinars in different languages was discussed (e.g. French, Spanish). Such a project is to be prioritized and implemented soon. This approach serves the purpose of reaching a broader audience and serving regions where English is not the first language.

**Outcome and decision:** Outcome and decision: Continuing collaboration with ITA. Open dialogue with ITA as part of the collaboration, also taking critical issues into account.

#### **IV. Operational Items**

##### **4. Update CEO recruitment process – oral update - for information.**

AG presented the following timeline for the CEO recruitment process.

**Outcome of the discussion:** The Board agreed to the timeline and the further course of action for the iNADO CEO recruitment process.

#### **IV. Any other issues:**

##### **(1) Rules of conduct for inquiries from journalists to Board members**

Some Board members have been approached by journalists regarding information in the Chinese case of 23 TMZ cases within a confidential ad hoc Board meeting. Rules for a necessary standardized procedure in such cases were discussed.

**Outcome and decision:** iNADO office will develop guidelines for communicating with journalists. Inquiries should primarily be forwarded to the CEO and the Chair. Both will coordinate the next steps. In addition, a WhatsApp group including all Board members will be set up to inform each other as quickly as possible.

##### **(2) Current situation of the Director of NADO Tunisia (ANAD) and further possible action by iNADO.**

The arrest of Tunisian General Director Hambli remains a cause for great concern. A letter sent on behalf of the iNADO Board members was not answered due to the circumstances.

**Outcome and decision:** The matter will continue to be pursued vigorously by iNADO. Coordination with WADA, Tom May is to be carried out by AG. Furthermore, the involvement of human rights organizations in Tunisia is being considered. Further information will be provided to all iNADO members in the near future.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, **29 August 2024** – 10 AM (CEST)