

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN
THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA)
and
THE GLOBAL ACCREDITATION COOPERATION
INCORPORATED (Global ACI)**

1 General Consideration and Purpose

- 1.1 Wishing to co-ordinate their efforts within the framework of the competencies assigned to them;
- 1.2 Recognising the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency (hereinafter referred to as WADA) as the independent international agency leading a collaborative worldwide movement for doping-free sport, including the promotion of harmonised rules, disciplinary procedures, sanctions and other means of combating doping in sport;
- 1.3 Acknowledging that on January 1, 2026, the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as Global ACI) assumed the roles of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), becoming the single international authority on the accreditation of laboratories, certification bodies, inspection bodies, proficiency testing providers, validation and/or verification bodies, reference material producers and biobanks, and the specialised body administering and maintaining a multilateral recognition arrangement (MRA) between member accreditation bodies;
- 1.4 Noting the fact that Global ACI and WADA have been cooperating since 2003 by way of an ILAC-WADA MoU and have established a Joint Working Group known as the Global ACI/WADA Liaison Group which has been and will continue to be the main forum for achieving confidence in their complementary roles in the accreditation of sports anti-doping laboratories, particularly in the conduct of harmonised laboratory assessments, and the reduction in duplication of activities;
- 1.5 The Chair of Global ACI and the President, the Director General and the Senior Science Director of WADA, on behalf of their respective members and in accordance with the constitution and relevant rules of both organisations, agree upon the following MoU to govern future cooperation of their activities in areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive; and
- 1.6 Global ACI and WADA (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”) accept the provisions of this MoU.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties:

- 2.1 agree to ensure the exchange of relevant information on matters related to the criteria for the assessment and accreditation of anti-doping laboratories;
- 2.2 agree to inform the other about the progress of work related to activities of common interest;
- 2.3 will strive to develop guidelines to harmonise and optimise the application and practice of the above criteria (e.g., scopes of accreditation, technical issues, assessor training, joint assessments, etc);
- 2.4 will identify opportunities for mutual representation on selected committees and working groups, which are engaged in activities of common interest;
- 2.5 will inform their respective memberships on developments in the cooperation;
- 2.6 agree to meet at least on an annual basis, virtually or in-person;
- 2.7 agree to invite representatives as observers to each other's annual and associated meetings, including the Global ACI General Assembly and the WADA Foundation Board;
- 2.8 ensure that the body of knowledge represented by WADA and Global ACI is used to further improve the sports drugs testing process as a whole.

3. Implementation

- 3.1 This MoU shall retroactively come into force as of January 1, 2026, and will remain in force until terminated in accordance with the provisions hereafter defined;
- 3.2 This MoU will be reviewed and re-signed by the Parties every five (5) years.

4. Amendments

This MoU may be amended at any time by a written agreement between the Parties.

5. Independent Organisations

- 5.1 Nothing in this MoU is intended to, or shall be deemed to, create any joint venture, agency, or employment relationship between the Global ACI and WADA.

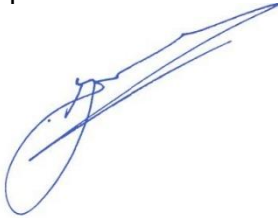
6. Termination

- 6.1 This MoU may be terminated by either Party at any time, for any reason, by providing a six (6) months prior written notice to the other Party, or by mutual written agreement of both Parties.

7. Applicable Law

- 7.1 This MoU shall be governed by the laws of Switzerland.

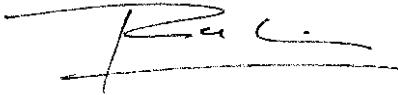
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MoU through their duly authorised representatives.



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Date: 8 April 2026



Olivier Niggli
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Date: 7 April 2026



Prof. Olivier Rabin
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Brahim Houla
Chair
Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated
Global ACI
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