

SPEAKING NOTES

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GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION (JADCO) SYMPOSIUM. IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE TODAY, AS WE DISCUSS THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN IN JAMAICA.

AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, THE SPORTING COMMUNITY HAS BEEN FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF DOPING AND NON-COMPLIANCE. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE TO REMAIN RESOLUTE IN OUR EFFORT TO KEEP NOT ONLY OUR ATHLETES INFORMED ABOUT ANTI-DOPING, BUT ALSO THOSE THEY TRUST MOST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CAREER, YOU THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

SINCE THE START OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE COMMISSION HAS IMPACTED APPROXIMATELY 1,020 ATHLETES AND 246 ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL THROUGH WORKSHOPS. AS A RESULT, INDIVIDUALS FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SPORTING DISCIPLINES INCLUDING BODY BUILDING, TABLE TENNIS, FOOTBALL, RUGBY, CYCLING, GYMNASTICS, SQUASH, ATHLETICS AND OTHERS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM JADCO WORKSHOPS. WE HAVE ALSO SUCCESSFULLY IMPARTED ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION TO MANY OTHER ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL THROUGH OUR JADCO BOOTH WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP AT SEVERAL SPORTING EVENTS.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT LAST YEAR WAS AN OLYMPIC YEAR, WE PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION TO OLYMPIANS

AND PARALYMPIANS AHEAD OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE RIO 2016 GAMES. WE ALSO COMPILED A RIO 2016 ANTI-DOPING CHECKLIST, WHICH PROVIDED ATHLETES WITH THE GAMES SPECIFIC ANTI-DOPING MATERIAL. THE ZIKA VIRUS WAS ALSO OF CONCERN AND WITH THE HELP OF OUR THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) COMMITTEE, ATHLETES WERE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION TO SAFEGUARD THEMSELVES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, IN SOME JURISDICTIONS, ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION COMES AT A COST TO THE FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CAPITALISE ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE YOUR ATHLETES AND YOURSELVES.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY IS MAURICE WILSON, HEAD COACH OF THE SPRINTC TRACK CLUB. SPRINTC HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MANY CLUBS WHICH HAS RECEIVED ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION FROM US AND HIS PRESENCE HERE TODAY AS GUEST SPEAKER SHOWS THAT SPRINTC TAKES ANTI-DOPING VERY SERIOUSLY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THROUGHOUT OUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO EVALUATE THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN SPORT IN JAMAICA AND THE WORLD. SEE HOW YOU CAN ENSURE THAT YOUR ORGANISATION IS COMPLIANT WITH THE ANTI-DOPING RULES. LET US KNOW HOW JADCO CAN BETTER SERVE YOU AS WE SEEK TO ENSURE THAT JAMAICA REMAINS COMPLIANT.

MAY WE HAVE A PRODUCTIVE SESSION. THANK YOU.