



MACOLIN COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF SPORT BY COMBATTING ILLEGAL BETTING

With the support of “La Marocaine des Jeux et des Sports”
Public operator holding the monopoly on sports betting in Morocco

7 November 2023 | 9:30 AM-6.00 PM (GMT)

Rabat, Morocco

PROGRAMME



MORNING SESSION

9:30-10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00-10:15 OPENING BY **MR CHAKIB BENMOUSSA**, *Minister of National Education, Preschool and Sport, Morocco*

10:15-10:45 SETTING THE SCENE

Ms Carmen Morte-Gomez, *Head of the office, Council of Europe, Rabat*

Ms Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, *President of GREF (Gambling Regulators' European Forum), France*

Mr Georgios Mavrotas, *Chair of the Follow-up Committee (Macolin Convention) and Secretary General of sport (Greece)*

10:45-11:45 ILLEGAL BETTING AND SPORTS COMPETITION MANIPULATION: UNRAVELING THE PHENOMENON

Mr Christian Kalb, *Independent expert* | Mapping the risks associated with illegal betting for civil society, the public order, and the sports world

Mr Luca Esposito, *General director (World Lottery Association)* | Manipulations of sports competitions: exploring the landscape and the illegal betting market

Mr James Porteous, *Senior Manager, Due Diligence and Research, Hong Kong Jockey Club* | State of Illegal Betting and How Organised Crime Operates Illegal Betting, Cyber Scams & Modern Slavery

Ms Zoe Flood, *Independent filmmaker* | The impact of sports betting on vulnerable populations across Africa, through a Uganda lens

Questions and answers

11:45-12:00 BREAK

12:00-13:00 OPERATING METHODS IN THE FIELD OF ILLEGAL SPORTS BETTING: AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Mr Moses Swaibu, *Former football professional player (MS5 Solutions)* | Impact of underground gambling: personal story and community consequences

Mr Dieter Braekeveld, *Training officer, strategic and capability developments operations co-ordinator (INTERPOL)* | The importance of international police cooperation in addressing illegal sports betting

Mr Khalid Naili, *Special Adviser (La Marocaine des Jeux et des Sports)* | Analysis of the strategies and practices of underground operators in Morocco

Mr Philippe Auclair, *Investigative journalist* and **James Sandy**, *Journalist (Financial Times)* | The Elusive Prey: how illegal sports gambling operators stay ahead of the game, evading scrutiny or sanctions

Questions and answers

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:30-15:15 TOWARDS A NEW ERA: REGULATING SPORTS BETTING AND GAMBLING POLICIES

Mr Philippe Vlaeminck, *Lawyer* | The fight against illegal gambling: lessons to learn from the caselaw of the court of Justice of the European Union on gambling

Mr Tunde Adebisi, *PhD Researcher (School of Sport, Ulster University)* | Regulatory Gap in Africa: Revenue Generation vs Responsible Gamings

Mr Evangelos Alexandrakis, *Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (IOC)* | The Olympic Movement Guidelines on Sponsoring of sports organisations by betting operators

Mr Patrick Wilson, *Chief Legal Officer (International Cycling Union)* | Sponsorship by betting operators in cycling

Questions and answers

15:15-16:15 BEST PRACTICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL SPORTS BETTING: INITIAL APPROACHES

Mr Patrik Eichenberger, *Deputy Director (Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority)* | Fighting illegal sports betting in Switzerland

Mr Kristian Johnsen Hjetland, *Senior Advisor (Norwegian Gambling Authority)* | Regulatory measures against illegal betting operators in Norway

Mr Patrick Kwakye, *Former compliance manager (Gaming Commission of Ghana)* | Addressing illegal betting and match-fixing in Africa: insights on gambling regulation and virtual currencies

Mr Jean-Yves Lourguouilloux, *Deputy Public Prosecutor (France) and President of the international network of magistrates responsible for sport (MARS)* | The international dimension of the fight against sports competitions manipulation and illegal betting

Mr Eugenio Curia, *Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Associate, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)* | UNODC perspectives on tackling competition manipulation

Questions and answers

16:15-16:45 BREAK

16:45-17:45 INTERACTIVE GROUP SESSION FOR COLLECTIVE REFLECTION

The participants, divided into groups, will discuss best practice, possible solutions and improvements to cooperation in the fight against illegal betting

17:45-18:00 CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING

Mr Christian Kalb, *Independent Expert* | Summary of interactive group discussions and recommendations

Ms Sophie Kwasny, *Head of Division, Council of Europe* | Summary of the conference and possible next steps