

## **WADA 1<sup>st</sup> Global Athlete Forum**

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Calgary, Alberta, Canada



As co-chair of our Athletes Committee, I participated in WADA's First Global Athlete Forum that took place in Calgary, Canada earlier this month, together with 104 athletes from 54 countries across all continents.

Under the theme, *The sport we want*, we were very lucky to interact with a high level panel of renowned experts in the anti-doping field such as Sir Craig Reedie, President of World Anti-Doping Agency and Olivier Niggli, Director General of WADA as well as Professor Richard McLaren and Richard Pound, member of WADA Board and IOC Member.

Together with all athletes representatives I took part in different round table discussions on the key developments in anti-doping including the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights, the Speak-up! whistleblower program and the latest advancements made to ADAMS. The key outcomes are available in WADA official report attached.

This forum has helped me realized how the level of information within all sport federations is different regarding anti-doping. For example, the project of the Athletes' Charter is not very well known by most of us. However following the latest doping scandal revealed before Rio 2016 and the answers given by IOC and CAS, we can now enjoy a strong athletes 'mobilisation on the matter.

I find very promising that today more athletes are eager to take control of their destiny and to get involved.

Being part, as a former athlete, of this global ethical project which enables us to raise very important issues such as anti-doping but also gender equity and even income distribution of the Games is a very positive sign showing that the sport movement is now actively involving athletes in the discussion and the decision making process. Representing my fellow athletes at all this different platforms is very dear to my heart and I remind all of you that I am always happy to hear from all of you on any matter that you would like to raise.

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