On August 26th, iNADO hosted the fourth webinar in our Guiding Principles series on the 4th principle: Governance. Good governance insulates institutions from harmful undue influence, and this principle treats it as a prerequisite for confidence in the anti-doping system. To explore this theme, we heard from:

- Lea Krüger, OLY – Fencing, Vice Chair, Supervisory Board, NADA Germany
- Frederique Reynertz, Managing Director, FRConsulting
- Shin Asakawa, CEO JADA
- Marc Van der Beken, Director Flemish NADO
- Anders Solheim, Chairperson iNADO

The webinar was moderated by Andy Parkinson, Director of 2AC International, who guided the panellists through an engaging discussion addressing – amongst others - the impact of cultural differences in governance expectations, the role of financial support in fostering pluralistic governance, and discrepancies between the expectations on NADOs versus other clean sport bodies.

Key takeaways:

👉 Given the intrusive nature of anti-doping, governance of organisations in anti-doping should undergo the same level of scrutiny as public bodies in democratic countries

👉 Good governance must be supported by clear lines of responsibility and align with the principles of the Rule of Law

👉 Implementing good governance allows for trust in the system, especially for the athletes who are expected to abide by the rules and demands of the system, and therefore calls for meaningful athlete engagement

👉 One-size-fits-all approaches can overlook differences in culture and capacity

👉 Good governance is not only about structures, it is also about sustaining the people and capabilities that make those structures work

👉 Anti-Doping should not exclusively be recognized as a sporting responsibility, but also as a public (health) policy responsibility

👉 Operational Independence is meant to limit the impact of adverse interests on institutions, and therefore is to the benefit of all Code Signatories

Recordings of the webinar are available on the iNADO website: https://inado.org/what-we-do/guiding-principles-for-the-future-of-anti-doping/