



Jose Foundation Safeguarding in Sport Conference

Hogan Lovells, 140 West Street, Sandton



Hosted in partnership with South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May 2019

Dear SASCOC Members

We would like to invite your organisation to send a delegate to a conference on safeguarding in sport to be held on the 25th and 26th May 2019 at Hogan Lovells, 140 West Street, Sandton, Gauteng. The Jose Foundation Safeguarding in Sport Conference is being hosted in partnership with the South African Sports Commission and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) and under the patronage of UNESCO.

The conference is being sponsored by the Jose Foundation, Hogan Lovells, The Guardian and is being supported by the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, The Commonwealth, Commonwealth Games Federation, British High Commission, UNICEF, UK Sport, LimeCulture and Safe Sport International.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of an organisation to make sure their staff, volunteers, operations and programmes do no harm to children or vulnerable persons, or expose them to harassment, abuse or exploitation. It is, however, increasingly becoming best practice to think about how we always safeguard everyone in an organisation, including protecting staff and volunteers from inappropriate behaviour such as bullying and harassment. Appropriate policies and measures should therefore be put in place in sport to safeguard both children, whose safety is paramount, and vulnerable adults, who may be vulnerable for a variety of different reasons.

In 2016, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) highlighted that “It is incumbent upon all stakeholders in sport both to adopt general principles for safe sport and to implement and monitor policies and procedures for safe sport which state that all athletes have a right to be treated with respect and protected from non-accidental violence. In 2017, the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI), hosted by UNESCO, recognised that children, youth and women are particularly vulnerable to maltreatment, abuse or neglect, impairment to their health and development, and circumstances that run counter to the provision of safe and effective care. The conference agreed Kazan Action Plan which identified three main policy areas of which the third “Protecting the Integrity of Sport” includes the specific policy of “Protect children, youth and other vulnerable groups”.

This conference seeks to assist National Sports Organisations implement their responsibilities as set out by the IOC and the Kazan Action Plan.

It is therefore important that the delegate(s) that represent you at the conference are senior management staff or board members who will be able to sponsor the development of safeguarding policies and measures within your organisation.

The conference will examine the moral and legal “duty of care” sports organisations have in putting in place safeguarding policies and measures, cover the risks of failing to do so, and the speakers will share advice and their experience of implementing safeguarding policies and measures both in Southern Africa and internationally.

The conference is free to attend and delegates should [register on line here](#). Delegates are responsible for their own transport and accommodation costs.

The venue is easily reached from OR Tambo International via the [Gautrain](#) and is in walking distance of the Sandton station. The venue is well served by hotel accommodation and we recommend using [booking.com](#) to find a suitable hotel or guest house in the area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman D Brook." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Norman David Brook
Conference Director
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