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Fight Against Corruption in Major Sport Event: UNODC's Perspective

Integrity & Opportunity in the Business of Sport

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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVE



- To contribute to the efforts of relevant stakeholders in enhancing governance, transparency, and accountability to safeguard the integrity and legacies of Australia's upcoming sports events

Recognition at International Level

CoSP resolution 7/8, on corruption in sport

CoSP resolution 8/4, on safeguarding sport from corruption

G20 High-Level Principles on Tackling Corruption in Sport

GA resolution 77/27

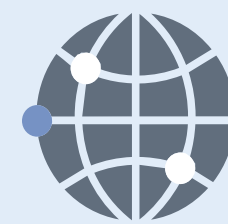
GA resolution 78/228

CoSP Follow-up to Marrakech Declaration – Article 33

Safeguarding Sport from Corruption

The sports sector has experienced significant transformations in recent decades

Trends in Transformation



Rapid globalization, increased funding at elite levels, and technological advancements, including sports betting, have transformed the playing, organization, and consumption of sports.

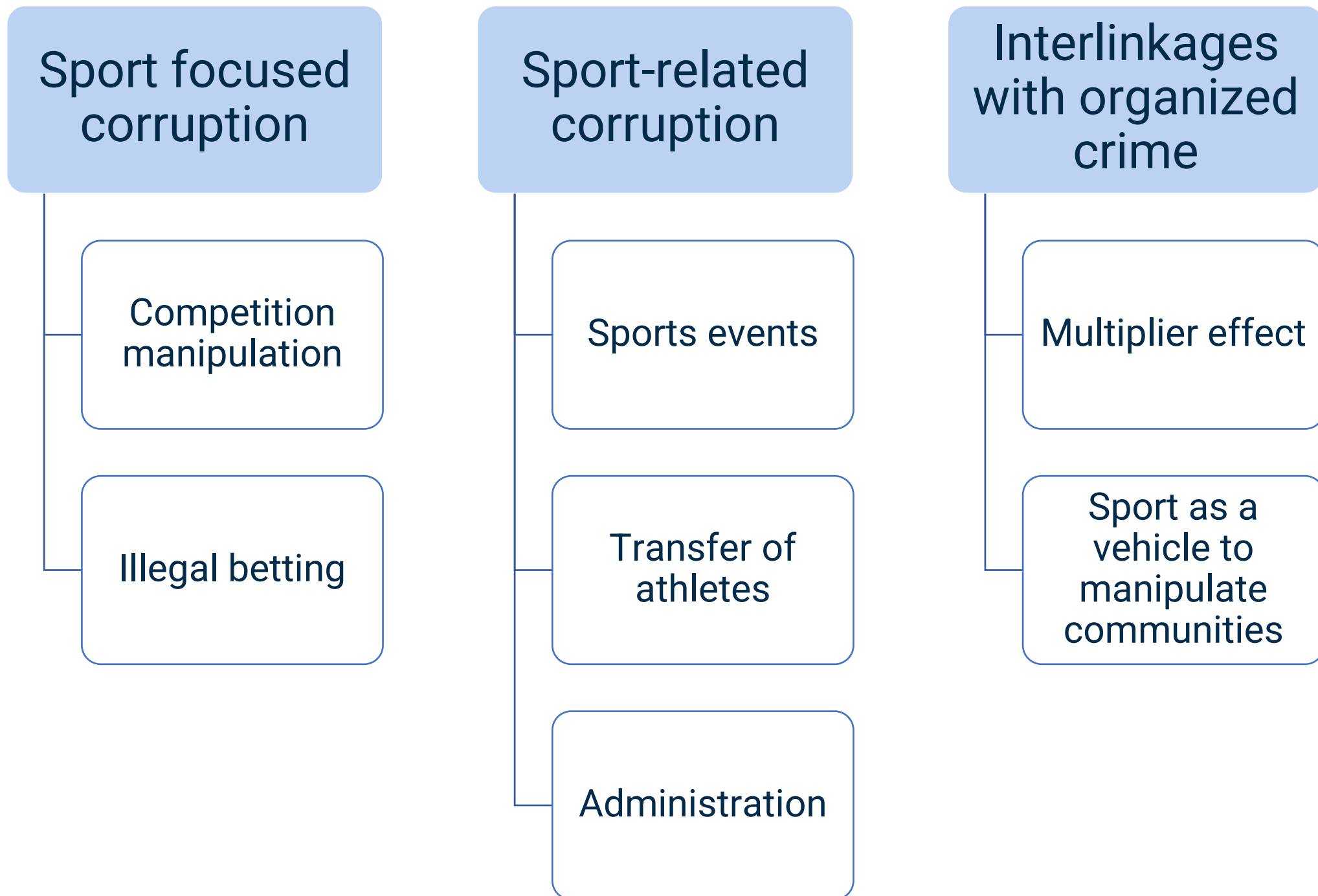


The surge in sports commercialization has led to a significant increase in organized crime infiltrating sports organizations and engaging in corruption.

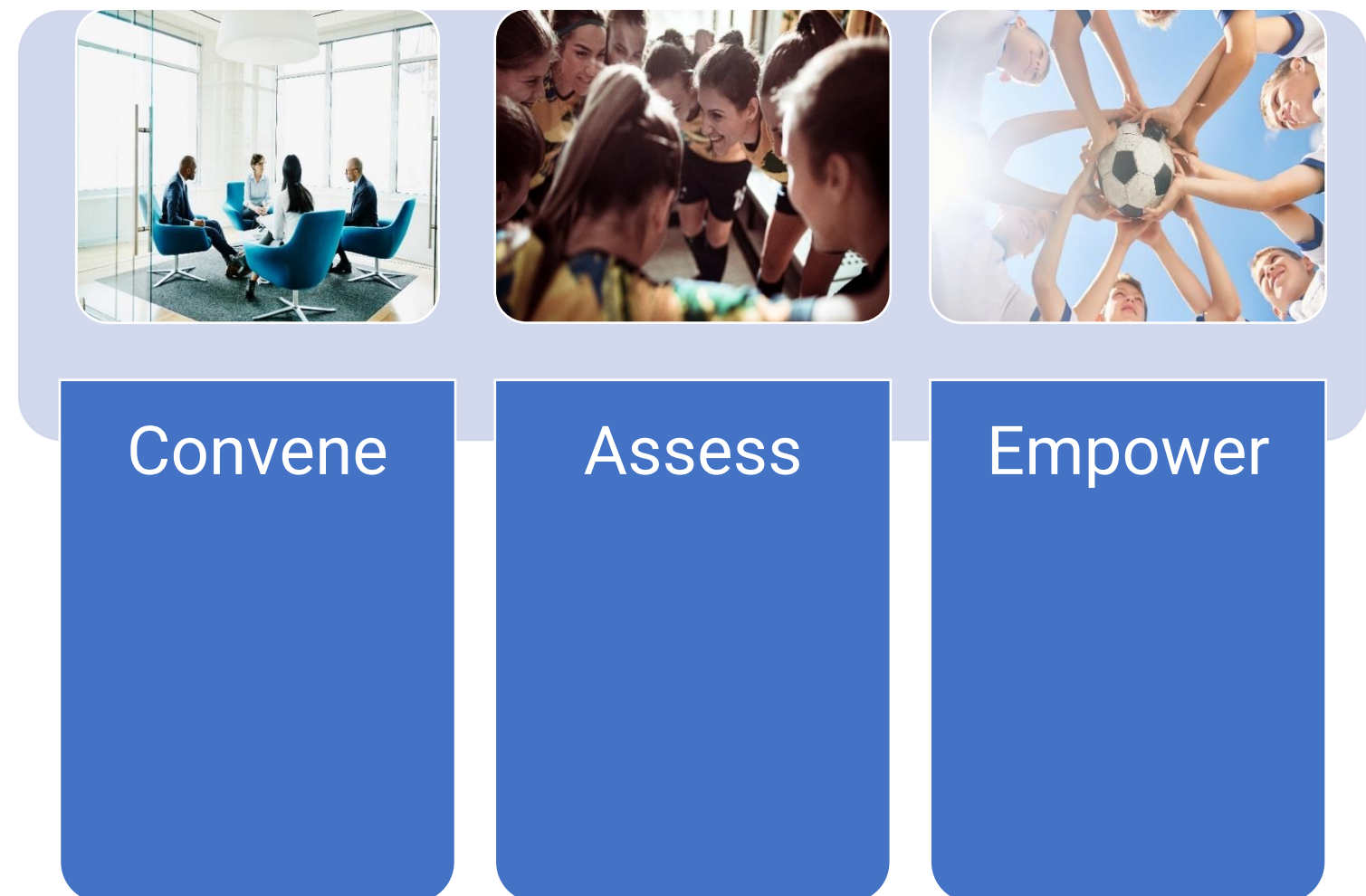


These changes have impacted major sports events, evidenced by scandals involving corrupt practices.

Key issues UNODC is focused on



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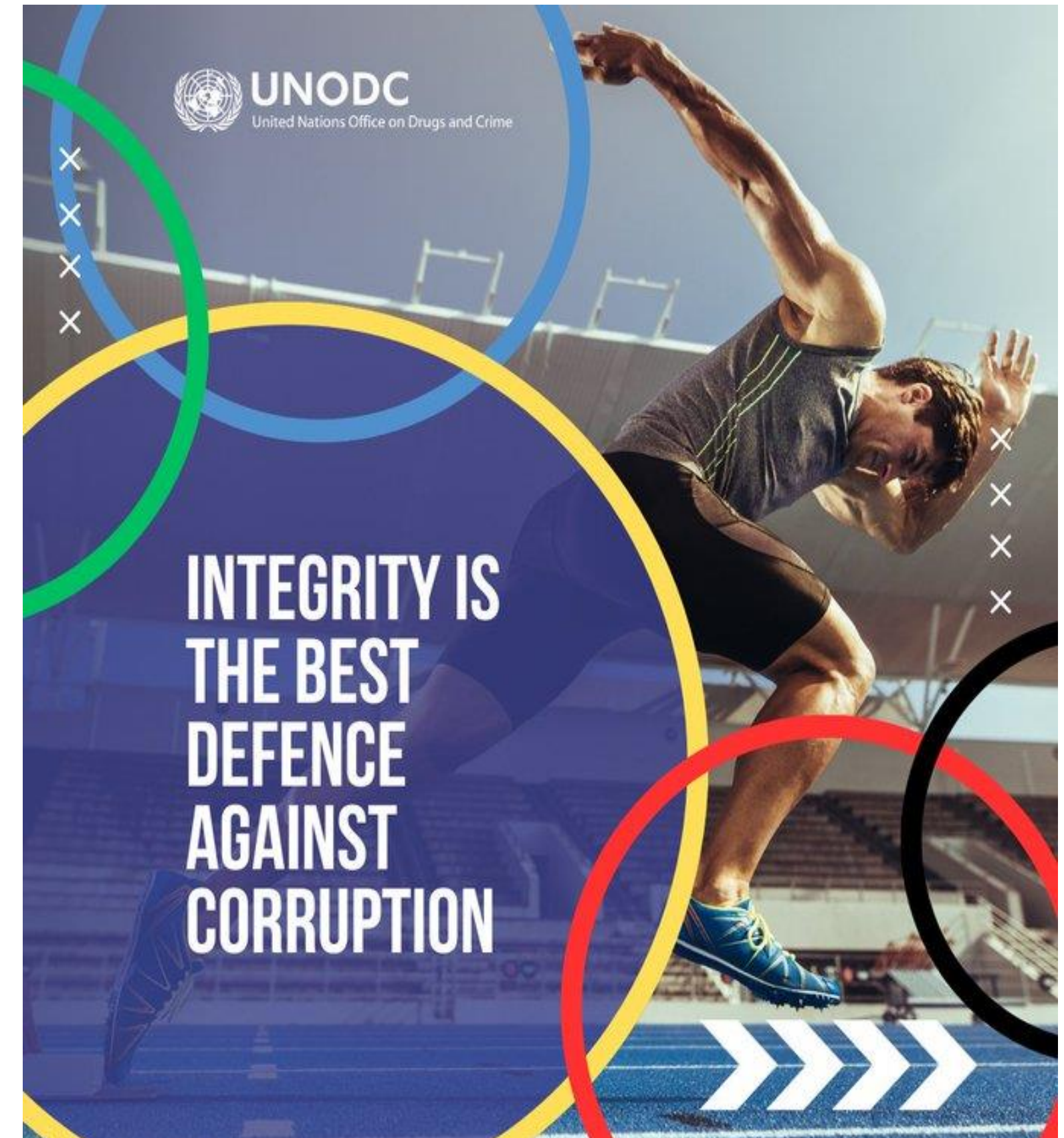
Threats to the major sport events



Four distinct stages can be identified:

1. Conceptualization
2. Planning and implementation
3. Legacy ownership transfer
4. Post-event operations and governance

Each stage faces specific corruption risks.

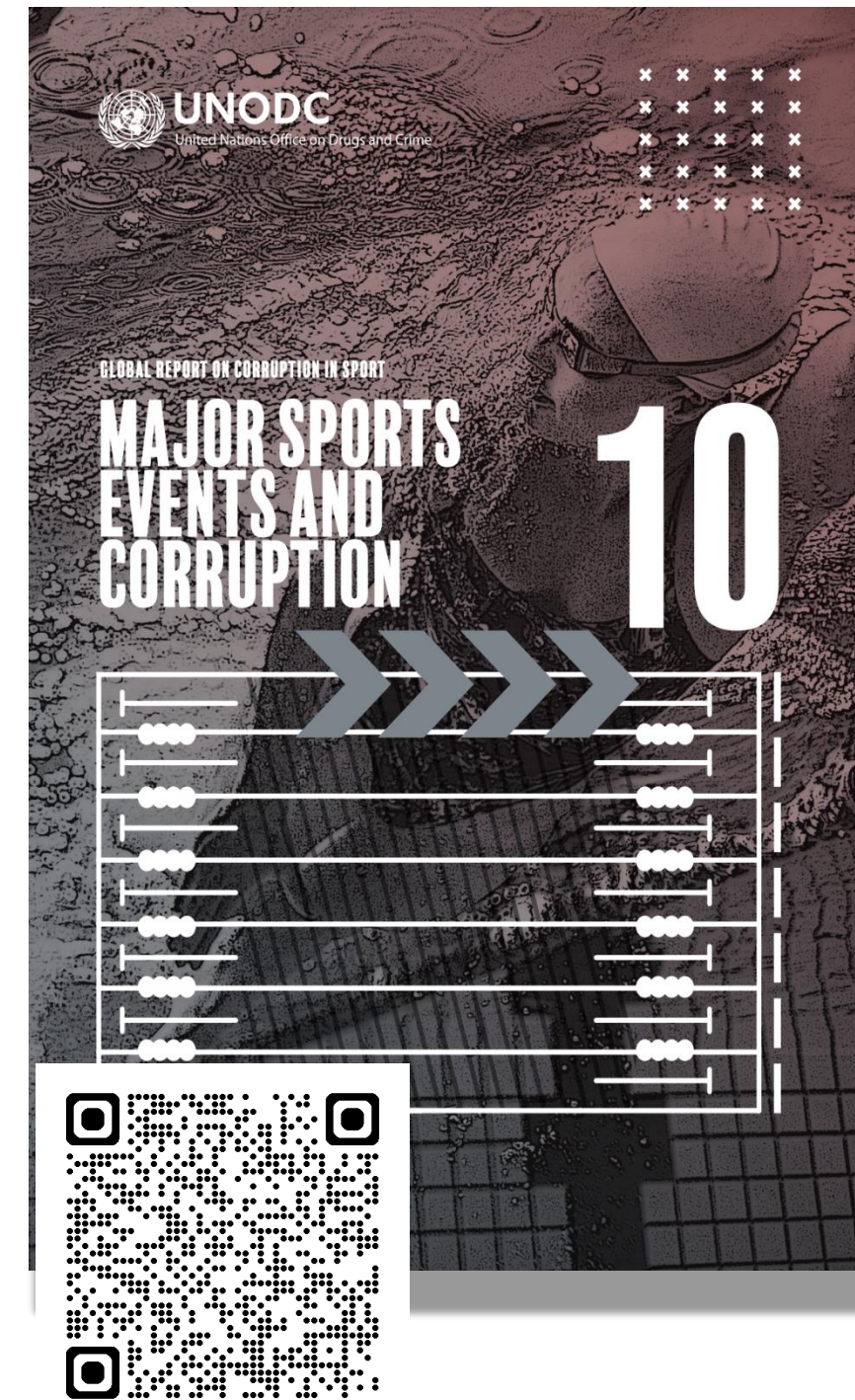
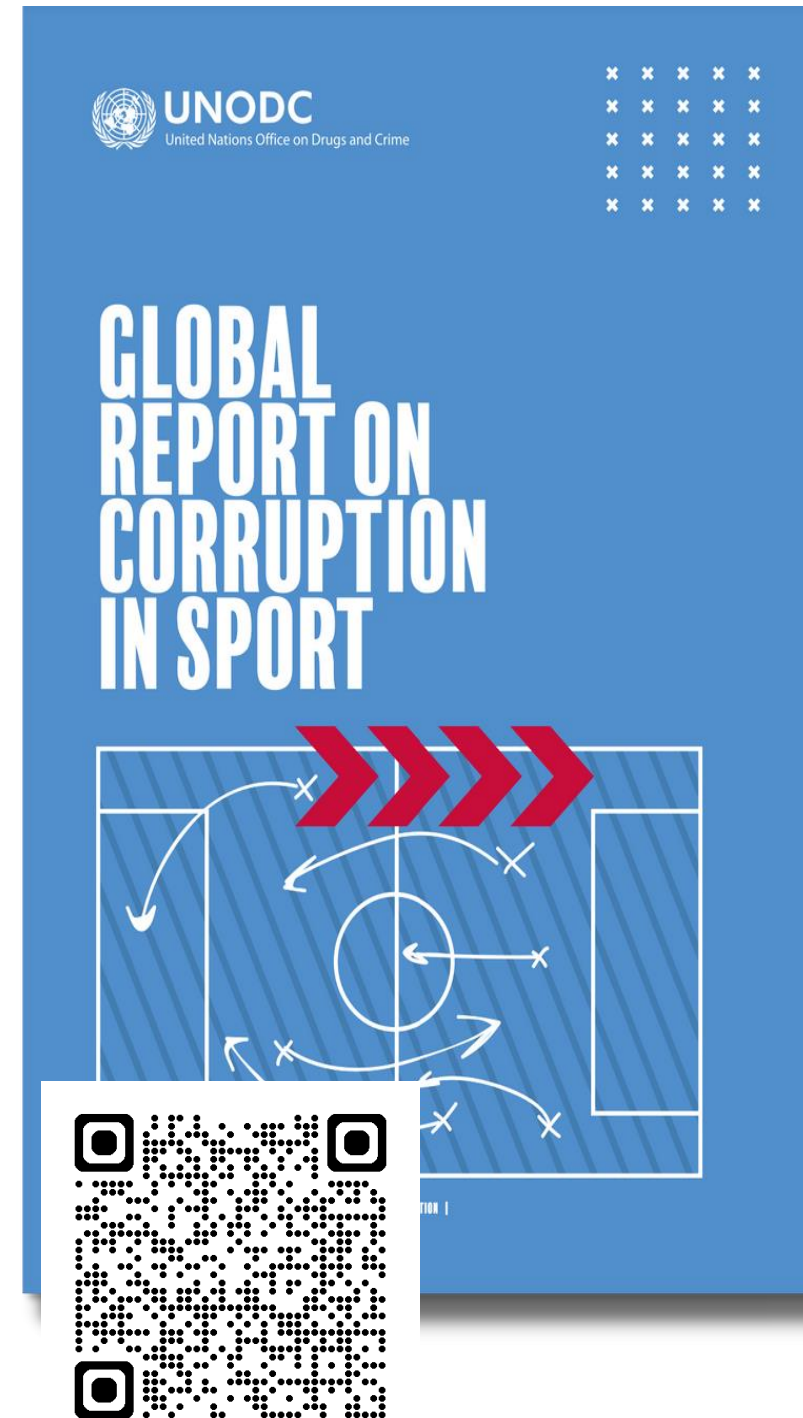
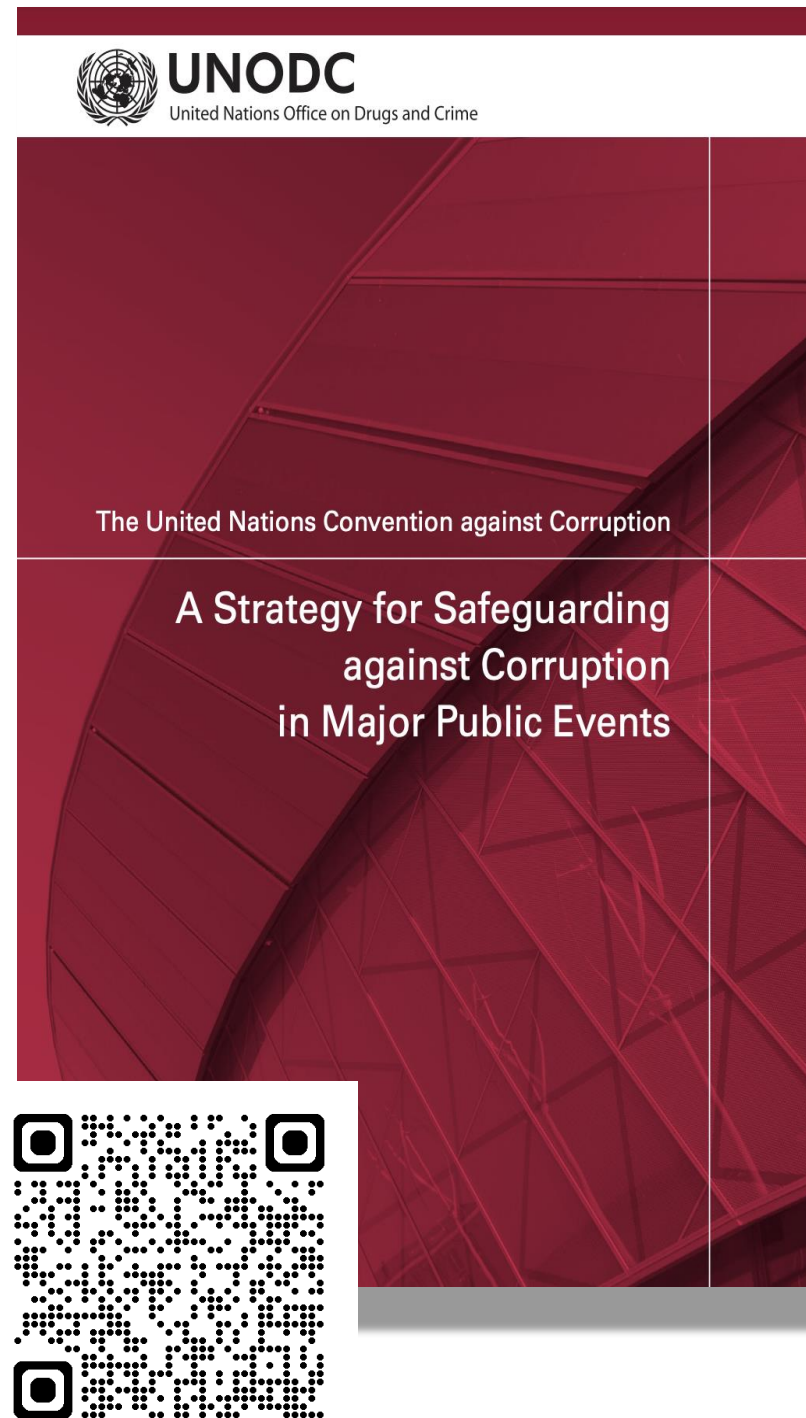


Recommendations for WC26 and LA28

Five key focus areas were identified to support safeguarding these major sport events:

- 1. Legal and Regulatory Frameworks:** Update and strengthen laws to combat corruption and related crimes in sports.
- 2. Coordination and Cooperation:** Improve collaboration among criminal justice authorities, sports organizations, and other stakeholders.
- 3. Corruption Prevention Strategies:** Develop comprehensive anti-corruption policies tailored to these major events.
- 4. Reporting and Detection Mechanisms:** Strengthen and optimize systems for reporting and detecting corruption.
- 5. Investigation and Prosecution:** Build capacity for effectively investigating and prosecuting sports-related corruption cases.





<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/safeguardingsport/resources.html>

International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport – Platform for Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

Established in 2017, IPACS was created to facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue. The goal is to develop practical tools to combat corruption in sports.

Key Partners in IPACS:

1. Governments
2. Sport Organizations
3. Inter-Governmental Agencies



Key Focus Areas for Integrity in Major Sports Events:

1. Prevention, Education, and Good Governance
2. Procurement and Infrastructure
3. Conflict of Interest Management
4. Good Governance Standards
5. Enhanced Cooperation

**Case Study – 2024 Paris
Olympic Games – France**

Integrity, Compliance and
Oversight



Identifying examples: initiatives that have taken place for sport events

**Case Study – 2024 Paris
Olympic Games – IOC**

Multi-Stakeholder Approach
OM Group on PMC



CONCLUSIONS

 The organization of major sports events requires a comprehensive risk management strategy to effectively prevent corruption.

 There is a need for multi-stakeholder, public-private and cross-jurisdictional cooperation, through the whole cycle of a (major) sport event.

 The organization should be treated as a laboratory to develop, experiment with and perfect new anti-corruption and risk mitigation strategies and to demonstrate their effectiveness and social benefits beyond sport.



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