



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Sport and Community Development

## **Message to the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO)**

**from**

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I wish to join the Caribbean community in extending warm greetings to the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organisation on its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Caribbean RADO has gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote and coordinate the battle against doping in the Caribbean, remaining an ever present face and voice for member states on the international stage, and working hand in hand with our governments and other stakeholders to ensure the implementation and harmonization of best practices in our local anti-doping organizations and programs.

Doping in the sport continues to be a serious and dangerous threat to the integrity of sport, thus undermining the hard work, skill and dedication of athletes and promoting reward for duplicitous efforts. As the world prepares for a unique staging of the Summer Olympics in Japan next year, we must redouble our anti-doping efforts to ensure that the games are devoid of such scandals. With the complications caused by COVID-19, regional chapters of anti-doping bodies will face immense challenges in administering safe and timely testing regimes for athletes. In this light, I wish to commend the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) for devising a comprehensive guide on how athletes, coaches and healthcare professionals will achieve effective results in their routines. We are extremely grateful for the guidance, direction and assistance of our Caribbean RADO in helping to foster consistency, promote compliance and ensure our sporting fraternity is indeed ready.

Despite the many challenges that continue to affect both the member-states and the Organisation, the Caribbean RADO has managed to rise to every occasion, serving the region with diligence, distinction and professionalism. As RADO expands its capacity and reach, I am confident that the region would make significant strides in upholding fair play, clean competition and preserving the values of sport.

The government of Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to partner with the Caribbean RADO as we work with the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) to develop and

strengthen our National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). Caribbean RADO remains an invaluable asset to our athletes, sporting and our government in organizing our work programmes and improving our practices, rules and regulations.

I take this opportunity once again to extend most hearty congratulations on this auspicious occasion. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to our continued partnership with Caribbean RADO as we take local and regional sports to the next level.