



DECLARATION OF INTENT

Responding to the Sport Integrity Global Alliance's call for action, over 20 leading Universities and Research Institutes from around the world (Annex 1) gathered to address, in a spirit of mutual respect and recognition, common concerns and shared priorities relating to the Integrity of Sport.

Following an informed, inclusive and constructive high-level discussion, the participants declare the intent to pursue the following action points:

1. To formalise the creation of the **SIGA University Network (SUN)**, united by their commitment to produce meaningful and tangible outputs, underpinned by academic rigour, but specifically tailored to meet the needs of the broader sports stakeholder landscape and in alignment with SIGA's overarching [mission and vision](#).
2. To collaborate, within the framework of the SUN, on one or more of the following three key areas:
 - **Research:** to act as a platform for collaboration between academia and stakeholders intended to cultivate synergies between research and implementation. Research will focus upon Sport Integrity issues and underpin multi-stakeholder thought leadership initiatives. Emphasis will be placed upon the commercialisation of research and cultivating projects capable of attracting funding and investment from a variety of sources.
 - **Knowledge Transfer:** to ensure that Sport Integrity becomes a key component of university curriculum through additions to existing courses and bespoke **Executive Education** initiatives.
 - **Future Leaders Programme:** to deliver integrated development, recognition and enrichment opportunities that create a bridge between the university and practitioner environments, specifically tailored to help shape the leaders of tomorrow. This will include high-level internship opportunities for university students with SIGA, our Members and Committed Supporters.
3. To support and participate, as institutional academic partners, on the SIGA **Sport Integrity Week**, taking place, worldwide, between 07 and 11 September 2020.

The next meeting of the SUN will occur during the above mentioned SIGA Sport Integrity Week.



Annex 1

This document lists a selection of contributing Universities and Research Institutes that participated in the inaugural meeting of the SUN held on 02 July 2020, and constitutes an integral part of the Declaration of Intent adopted on the same date. Participants included:

- **SIGA:** Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros (CEO)
- **SIGA:** Katie Simmonds (General Counsel & Senior Director, Global Partnerships)
- **SIGA:** Dr. Iain Lindsay (Director, Research, Knowledge and Innovation)
- **Qatar University:** Professor Ahmad Al Emadi
- **Qatar University:** Cesar Wazen
- **Qatar University:** Associate Professor Mahfoud Amara
- **Institute of Sports Science & Technology (Pune, India):** Dr. Vipul Lunawatt
- **Institute of Sports Science & Technology (Pune, India):** COO Suunil Bhattia
- **LaTrobe University Business School (Australia):** Professor Geoff Dickson
- **Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa):** Dr. Pamela Serra
- **George Washington University (USA):** Associate Professor Lisa Delpy Neirotti
- **New York University (USA):** Clinical Associate Professor Bri Newland
- **UNLV: International Gaming Institute (USA):** Professor Brett Abarbanel, Director of Research
- **UNLV: International Center for Gaming Regulation Gaming Institute (USA):** Executive Director Joe Bertolone
- **UNICRI:** Odhran McCarthy, Programme Officer
- **UPEACE:** Professor Lidija Petrovic
- **Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University (Ukraine):** Vice Dean, Assistant Professor Olena Yarmoliuk
- **ISDE (Spain):** Academic Project Manager Ines Elorriaga Llor
- **The Institute of Legal-Political Sciences of the Law School of Lisbon (Portugal):** Professor Joao Miranda
- **The High Institute of Economic, Finance and Fiscal Law of the Law School of Lisbon (Portugal):** Associate Professor Nuno Cunha Rodrigues
- **The Sport Ecology Group, SUNY Cortland (USA):** Madeleine Orr, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sport Management
- **University of Paris Saclay (France):** Professor Michel Desbordes
- **University of Portsmouth (UK):** Dr. Christina Philppou
- **De Montfort School of Business and Law; Centre of Research for Innovation, Sport Technology and Law (CRISTAL) (UK):** Director Genevieve Gordon
- **De Montfort School of Business and Law; Sporting Integrity (UK):** Director Michele Verroken
- **Dr. Michael Anagnostou (UK)**
- **Lecturer, Michelle Dorgan (UK)**