ACFID Code of Conduct Committee Meeting

The national and international context and key issues for self-regulation

The Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) welcomed guest presentations from ACFID CEO Marc Purcell, as well as representatives from DFAT and the ACCC. These presentations provided an overview and opportunities for questions and discussion on the current operating landscape for the sector and the ACFID Membership, and the current and emerging issues in the charitable sector.

The CCC also received a briefing on the DFAT review of ANCP Accreditation criteria and provided input to the process.

Transition to the revised Code

The CCC discussed with the Code Secretariat some of the questions that have arisen from existing and potential new members in implementing the revised Code of Conduct. The Code Secretariat in consultation with the CCC will develop further guidance on the types of evidence members can refer to in order to support their responses of compliance against Code requirements.

The CCC received an update on the development of the Code compliance portal and the progress on the first submission on compliance documents against the revised Code. CCC members commented on the user-friendly nature of the portal and ease of access and navigation. The CCC noted the significant proportion of members who had already submitted their reports and welcomed the self-reporting of non-compliance in both exceptions reporting and the CSA. They reaffirmed the approach of the Code secretariat to work with members over the next 12 months to reach full compliance.

The CCC also discussed and supported the Code Secretariat's proposal to highlight different Quality Principles of the Code with the aim of improving understanding of the revised Code and sharing learning and resources. They welcomed the aim of engaging and highlighting the work of members in this process and encouraged an approach that focuses on practice.

Annual performance review

The CCC discussed the outcome of their annual performance review. In this discussion, the CCC welcomed the strengths of the Committee in working well, both together and with the Code Secretariat, and noted areas that could be further strengthened.

CCC Governance

The CCC elected members for each of its standing committees for the year including the Compliance Standing Committee, the Emergency Response Standing Committee, the Financial Review Standing Committee and the Membership Admissions Committee. The CCC also discussed the 2 casual vacancies for elected members that recent resignations have created in the CCC. In line with its Terms of Reference, the CCC is able to nominate individuals to these vacancies. The CCC, with the support of the Code Secretariat agreed to seek members with MEL and Rights experience (to complement existing skills and experience in the Committee) to fill the 2 casual vacancies through relevant ACFID COPs.

Planning for FY 18/19

The CCC discussed the upcoming priorities for FY18/19. It supported the key priority of developing guidelines for ethical fundraising frameworks. The CCC also noted the potential pressure the identified priorities, embedding the revised compliance framework, and potential external issues could place on the resources of the Code Secretariat and supported ongoing discussions of priorities throughout the year.

The next CCC meeting will be held on **18 May 2018**.

Information about the Code of Conduct Committee including Committee members and the Terms of reference can be found on the [ACFID Website](#).

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