



# ACFID Code of Conduct Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held in Canberra on 18-19 February 2021.

The CCC meets four times each year. Communiqués of each meeting are produced so that ACFID's members can read and understand the work of the CCC. The next meeting will be held on 21 May 2021.

## Committee membership

The Committee welcomed three new members whose terms began 1 January 2021: Trish Hopper (The Fred Hollows Foundation), Tricia Keys (Australia for UNHCR) and Josh Edwards (Global Development Group).

In December 2021 Clare Petre will complete her term as the independent Chair of the Committee. Expressions of interest for the position of Chair will be sought over the next few months and will be publicised on ACFID's website.

The Committee reviewed its performance during 2020, based on feedback from CCC members through a confidential survey. Overall, Committee members were satisfied with the operations, relationships and management of the CCC, but noted the challenges created by travel restrictions in 2020.

## Priorities for 2021

The Committee reviewed the priorities for the Code Secretariat and CCC for 2021 and discussed key projects related to the Code. These include pursuing opportunities to expand the reach of the Code through a standard for international development as outlined in ACFID's Strategic Plan 2020-25. Other priorities include reducing duplicative reporting for members as part of the development of a new compliance portal, implementation of the CCC focus areas and strengthening systems and resources to support members' implementation of the Code.

## Environmental sustainability and the climate crisis

The CCC was pleased to have Kate Duggan, Director at Griffin Natural Resources Management, facilitate a session designed to explore the impact of the climate crisis on development and the Australian NGO sector. Kate shared examples of good practice and explored some of the barriers facing NGOs who want to strengthen their work in this space. In reflecting on Kate's presentation, the Committee discussed the opportunities for ACFID and its members to support knowledge sharing and contextualized information at a local level. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to supporting ACFID members in improving their own knowledge and practice through the current Environmental Sustainability focus area.

## Disability inclusion workshop

The Committee welcomed Jen Blyth and Courtney Innes from CBM's Inclusion Advisory Group who facilitated a half-day workshop on disability inclusion. The Committee was challenged to consider the impact they could have on promoting inclusivity in their own operations and through the Disability Inclusive Development focus area activities. The Committee discussed how ACFID and its members can advance disability inclusive development and considered examples of good practice across the membership.

## CCC Governance

The CCC has several sub-committees (Emergency Response, Compliance, and Financial Review) and members were appointed to each of these for 2021. Two Committee members were appointed to serve alongside members of ACFID's Board on the Membership Admissions Committee (MAC). The MAC reviews applications and makes recommendations to the CCC and ACFID Board about organisations who have applied to become ACFID members.

## Political and sector updates

The Committee was joined by ACFID's CEO, Marc Purcell, who provided an update on the current national and international political context and critical issues within the development sector. The Committee reflected on ACFID's work on localisation, diversity within the sector, climate change and COVID-19, and the role of the Code in supporting these activities.

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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