



ACFID Code of Conduct Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held in Canberra on 20-21 February 2020.

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 in Sydney on 22 May 2020.

General Code discussion

The Committee discussed the wider regulatory framework, and interactions with the ACFID Code. An update on compliance assessments was provided, and the Committee discussed potential focus areas which will come into effect in the second half of 2020. The four areas shortlisted for further discussion in May include environmental sustainability, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, risk management and inclusive development.

Quality Assurance Framework updates

The Committee approved updates to the Quality Assurance Framework, specifically compliance indicators 8.2.4 and 8.3.2, which aim to correct technical terminology and ensure consistency. These updates will be provided to the ACFID Board at their March meeting for their noting and communicated to ACFID members.

ACFID CEO update

ACFID's CEO, Marc Purcell, provided the Committee with an overview of the current national and international political context, particularly in relation to the Government's Aid Policy Review.

ACFID's Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed ACFID's Strategic Plan, focusing on potential strategic opportunities for the ACFID Code of Conduct. The key points from the discussion will be fed back to ACFID to help finalise the Strategic Plan for ACFID 2021 – 2026.

Gender and diversity

The CCC welcomed Jo Hayter, gender equality specialist and ex-CEO of IWDA, to facilitate a session on issues around gender equality and diversity. Drawing on Jo's insightful presentation, the CCC discussed how its values and position on representation might be articulated in the Committee's Governance Framework. The final wording for this section of the Governance Framework is to be finalised at the CCC's next meeting.

Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP)

The Committee was joined by members of DFAT's ANCP team, who provided an overview of the ANCP accreditation

process. The CCC and the ANCP representatives engaged in an open discussion around the alignment and differences between ANCP accreditation and assessment with the ACFID Code of Conduct.

New membership application

The CCC approved the Global Evergreening Alliance for Code Signatory Status and recommended them for full interim membership at the next meeting of ACFID's Board.

CCC Governance

The Committee agreed on a final version of the CCC Governance Framework, with the exception of some additions around gender and diversity which will be considered at the May CCC meeting. This document will sit alongside the updated CCC Terms of Reference and replace the previous TOR and Operating Guidelines.

The Committee reviewed the information on complaints handling currently on ACFID's website and agreed to create a working group to consolidate and refine this further.

The CCC has several sub-committees (Emergency Response, Compliance, Membership Admissions, and Financial Review) and members were appointed to each of these for 2020.

Committee membership

The Committee welcomed two new members whose terms began 1 January 2020: Karen Kandur from ActionAid Australia (elected role) and Bandula Gonsalkorale (independent consultant appointed as Accounting Specialist).

The Committee reviewed its performance during 2019, based on feedback from CCC members through a confidential survey. Overall, Committee members were satisfied with the operations, relationships and management of the CCC.

Since the CCC's February meeting the suspension of Sport Matters' Code Signatory status has been removed.

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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