

ACFID Code of Conduct Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held online on 13 November 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 on 18-19 February 2021.

CCC Governance

The Committee thanked out-going CCC members Simon Miller and Greg Cadman for their commitment and valuable contributions to the Committee. They will both finish their second term on 31 December 2020.

The Committee was pleased to see the strong interest in the CCC from ACFID members, with six nominations received for the two elected member positions. The Committee welcomes Trisha Hopper (The Fred Hollows Foundation) and Tricia Keys (Australian for UNHCR) who will join the Committee in January 2021.

Rebecca MacFarling (Marketing & Fundraising specialist) and Renee Martin (Programs and Partnerships specialist) were re-appointed for a second three-year term.

CCC Focus Areas

The Committee reflected on the outcomes and lessons from the previous focus areas which have now concluded – Prevention of financial wrongdoing and Images and messages. The Committee noted the importance of working in collaboration with other stakeholders, including ACFID's Communities of Practice when implementing focus area activities. The individual targeted feedback provided to members as part of their Code reporting was also identified as a valuable activity which should continue.

The Committee discussed the activities for the new focus areas – PSEAH, Environmental Sustainability and Disability-inclusive Development. Upcoming activities include: the development of a PSEAH pictorial code of conduct for members to use with partners, new policy guidance which addresses disability inclusion, and research to scope the current resource and compliance landscape around environmental sustainability.

New membership application

The CCC approved Care For Africa for Code Signatory status and recommended them for full interim membership at the next meeting of ACFID's Board.

PIANGO Regional Framework for Accountability

The Committee discussed ACFID's partnership with PIANGO, and the current work being done to develop a draft Regional Framework for Accountability in the Pacific. This forms part of ACFID's work on [the Global Standard](#), a reference standard that civil society organisations can adopt and implement to strengthen their accountability practices. The Committee reflected on several existing codes of conduct from Pacific civil society organisations and discussed how the Global Standard could be applied in different contexts.

Mapping the ACFID Code and DFAT accreditation

The Committee discussed the recent mapping of the ACFID Code of Conduct and DFAT Accreditation criteria and noted its benefits for members and ACFID. The Committee reaffirmed the need to remember the different purposes of the two standards, but that opportunities to advance inter-operability should be pursued where possible. Further opportunities to streamline the reporting process and avoid duplication for members were discussed.

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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