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ACFID Guidelines for Commenting on a Blog

ACFID aims to encourage vibrant discussions about the important issues affecting international development practice.

We encourage your comments and welcome constructive debates and different opinions, and we ask that all users adhere to the spirit of respectful dialogue. And of course, we require you to obey the laws of Australia.

We ask that commenters identify themselves by their full names unless there are good reasons for not doing so.

ACFID monitors all posts and reserves the right to remove any comment which breaches these Moderation Guidelines:

Threats

Statements which are threatening or abusive will not be tolerated.

Discrimination

Discriminatory remarks are unacceptable; this includes, but is not limited to, racism, sexism or homophobia. For more information about what constitutes discrimination we recommend <http://www.hreoc.gov.au/>.

Slander & Libel

Don't make false or malicious claims about other people or organisations.

Spam

All comments are filtered through spam filtering technology. The technology isn't perfect, so a human being makes a final decision on the appropriateness of all contributions.

Advertising

ACFID is an independent, not-for-profit discussion platform for the international development sector. Talking about your organisation is fine, but this is not a platform for advertising goods and services.

Offensive Language

Please don't swear or use offensive language. We don't want to have to remove any comments with valuable ideas because of offensive language. Different people have different opinions about what constitutes offensive language and ACFID will review offensiveness based on severity and context in each particular instance.

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Relevance

While we appreciate wide-ranging discussions, we'd like to avoid derailed threads. Please don't use the opportunity to make a comment that is not relevant to the blog topic or thread of discussion.

Identity

We encourage you to use your real, full name so that this is a platform for building networks and linkages and sector connectedness. Please never impersonate another person.

Privacy

In addition to being mindful of your own privacy, please always consider and respect other people's privacy. For more information about privacy we recommend <http://www.privacy.gov.au/> and <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/>

Web Links

You are welcome to include links to material on other websites that are relevant to your comment. ACFID administrators will check these links and reserve the right to remove any which lead to material reasonably considered offensive in line with these Guidelines or material which is irrelevant to the blog topic or discussion thread. .

Illegal Activity

Do not use this website to conduct any illegal activity or solicit the performance of any illegal activity.

Intellectual Property

Do not publish another person's intellectual property without their written and express consent. The intellectual property of all material published on this website remains with the author. Any material published on this website may be reproduced only with the following acknowledgment:

"Originally authored by (insert name of author) and published on ACFID (www.acfid.org.au) here (embed hyperlink to corresponding page of ACFID webpage) on (insert date published on ACFID)".

Widgets

Do not attempt to upload the coding for any device designed to effect the functionality or operation of this site or its servers or the functionality or operation of any users' computer systems (for example, by transmitting a computer virus or other harmful component, whether knowingly or not).

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Uniqueness

Organisations must not post comments on behalf of their individual members. Comments must be submitted by individuals. The ACFID Blog is designed to allow individuals to express their unique points of view.

Moderation

ACFID's normal practice is to allow user's comments to be published automatically in real time.

If you wish to alert ACFID site administration to a comment you believe breaches our Guidelines please contact our [ACFID Media and Communications Coordinator](#). This will bring it to our attention for review.

If your comment is removed due to a breach of our Moderation Guidelines, please feel free to post a new comment that expresses your point of view whilst adhering to our Moderation Guidelines.

If you have any questions about our guidelines, contact our [ACFID Media and Communications Coordinator](#).

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