

ACFID Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held online on 17-18 February 2022.

The CCC meets four times each year. Communiques 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 13 May 2022.

Committee membership

The CCC welcomed four new members whose terms began 1 January 2022, including the Committee's new Chair:

- Alan Cameron (independent Chair)
- Josh Edwards (Global Development Group)
- Merewyn Foran (Hagar Australia)
- Peter Woods (Australian Community Member)

The CCC thanked outgoing member Karen Kandur (ActionAid Australia), who has taken on a new role outside the ACFID membership, for her valuable contributions to the CCC.

Decolonising Aid and Locally Led Development

The CCC was pleased to welcome Peni Tawake (independent consultant) to facilitate a session designed to strengthen the Committee's knowledge of issues around decolonising aid and locally led development as part of their commitment to continuous learning. Drawing on the 2021 Discussion Paper 'Yielding and Wielding Power' the CCC was challenged to consider their role in promoting change at an individual, organisational and systemic level. The Committee reflected on the role of standards in promoting or blocking locally led action.

Pacific perspectives

The Committee was also pleased to be joined by Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Executive Director of PIANGO to discuss how standards/codes of practice can be used to drive local ownership and leadership. Siale shared PIANGO's experiences and plans for building strong accountable civil society institutions in the Pacific, both to demonstrate they are 'walking the talk' with government and communities and to help shift conversations beyond 'due diligence' with donors. [In this 15 minute video](#), Siale shares her perspectives on the process of developing the Regional CSO Accountability Framework and what PIANGO hopes to achieve with it.

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 and for ACFID.

CCC Governance

Tricia Keys and Nimarta Khuman will continue as the CCC representatives on the Membership Admissions Committee (MAC) in 2022.

The CCC has several sub-committees (Emergency Response, Compliance, and Financial Review) and members were appointed to each of these for 2022.

The Committee reviewed its performance during 2021, 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 benefits of meeting face-to-face.

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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