



ACFID Code of Conduct Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held online on 21 May 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 August 2021.

Annual Compliance Report

The Committee discussed the annual compliance report for 2020-21. This report is used to assist in the continuous improvement of the Code and to inform future learning opportunities.

The Committee noted that this was the first report which captures all members' first Code Self-Assessment under the revised Code. This is a significant milestone and provides useful insights into compliance and good practice across the whole membership. Supporting members to implement the PSEAH requirements introduced in late 2019 will continue to be a priority. The Committee also discussed ways to continue improving the Code reporting process to reduce the time and effort required by members.

New membership applications

The CCC approved Pacific Assist, Pollinate Group and 40K Foundation for Code Signatory Status and recommended them for full interim membership at the next meeting of ACFID's Board.

Environmental sustainability standards research

The Committee was joined by Rebecca Vann, an intern with the Australian National Internship Program, who discussed her research into standards and guidelines related to environmental sustainability and climate change. The Committee noted the value of this research in identifying the approaches taken by other standards to environmental sustainability relevant to the international development sector. The research findings will help inform a future review of the Code.

International Development Standard

The Committee was joined by Joe Zabar (ACFID) to discuss a key project under [ACFID's Strategic Plan](#), exploring opportunities for expanding the reach and influence of the Code. The Committee was briefed on the initial project scope and discussed the potential value of the Code for other actors in the sector. A sub-group of the Committee will participate in the project Reference Group to oversee the implementation of phase one.

CCC focus areas

The Committee noted recent activities to progress the CCC's focus areas. These include: the development and promotion via a [webinar](#) of detailed [guidance on the development of a disability inclusion policy](#); tailored feedback for members on PSEAH, complaints handling and disability inclusion policies; collation of resources related to environmental sustainability and the climate crisis; and research into environmental standards and guidelines.

CCC Governance

The Committee approved updates to the CCC's 'Assessment on Application' policy which outlines the requirements that new applicants must meet to qualify for full ACFID membership. This included clarifying the eligibility criteria around what constitutes an 'Australian' organisation, to reflect trends in the sector in relation to the composition of Boards.

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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