



ACFID Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held online on 12 November 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 17-18 February 2022.

Climate and Environment Charter - ICVA

To assist in its current focus area of Environmental Sustainability, the Committee was joined by Keya Saha-Chaudury, Regional Representative for the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). Keya briefed the Committee on the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations](#) and how ICVA is supporting the implementation of the Charter. The Charter intends to provide a clear vision and principles to guide humanitarian action in the face of the climate and environment crises.

The Committee discussed the relevance of the Charter to ACFID members and the Code of Conduct. In doing so they noted the importance of organisations developing indicators to measure success and remain accountable.

CCC Governance

This was the final meeting for outgoing Chair Clare Petre, who will complete her term in December 2021. ACFID and the Committee thanks Clare for her outstanding leadership and commitment to the CCC over many years. Incoming Chair, Alan Cameron, will begin his term in January 2022.

The Committee discussed nominations for the Australian Community Member and appointed Peter Woods to the position. Peter has a strong background in governance, public policy and environmental issues and will begin his term in January 2022. The CCC were pleased to have received many nominations for the position and were impressed with the high quality of the candidates.

At the ACFID AGM in November, Leah Odongo (Australian Lutheran World Service) was re-elected to the Committee for a second term. Merewyn Foran (Hagar Australia) was also elected to the Committee and will begin her term in January 2022.

The CCC thanks outgoing members Simon Rice and Josh Edwards for their commitment and valuable contributions to the CCC.

New membership applications

The CCC approved DAISI and Project Rozana for Code Signatory Status and recommended them for full interim membership at the next meeting of ACFID's Board.

Managing complaints

As part of their commitment to continuous learning, the Committee discussed the current process for receiving and responding to complaints via social media. The Committee reflected on ASIC's updated regulatory guideline on complaint handling released in September 2021 and discussed its relevance to the Committee's policy and procedures.

Session with ACFID CEO

The Committee welcomed ACFID CEO, Marc Purcell, who gave an overview of ACFID's current priorities and Australia's international response to COVID-19. The Committee also reflected on key issues raised at ACFID's national conference in September, including the role of standards in driving and supporting changes in practice.

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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