



ACFID Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held online on 19 August 2022.

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 11 November 2022.

CCC Governance

The terms for two elected positions, currently filled by Nimarta Khuman and Josh Edwards, end later this year. Election for the two positions will be held in October.

Bandula Gonsalkorale will complete his term as the Accounting Specialist in December 2022. This position will be advertised throughout September-October. Rebecca MacFarling has notified the Committee that she will resign as the Marketing and Fundraising specialist in December 2022. The Committee is taking time to consider what specialist skills are most needed on the Committee, in the current operating context.

Code Review 2022-23

The consultation phase of the ACFID Code review is underway and the CCC was joined by Julianne Rose and Andrew Johnson from the Social Economy Group, who facilitated a discussion on the review objectives.

The Committee reflected on the relationship between the Code and other standards relevant to ACFID members, particularly DFAT Accreditation, and opportunities to support members who are meeting multiple standards. The CCC also confirmed the importance of hearing from diverse voices throughout the review process, including the full spectrum of ACFID member organisations.

DFAT ANCP Review

The Committee discussed the ongoing evaluation of the DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and potential implications for the Code. The CCC noted the different purposes of the Code and DFAT Accreditation process, and the value of the Code as a self-regulatory standard of good practice that is relevant and applied by a broad range of organisations beyond the ANCP.

Political and advocacy environment

The Committee welcomed ACFID CEO, Marc Purcell, who provided an update on the current political environment. The CCC discussed ACFID's advocacy priorities and engagement with the new government, including the recent civil society roundtable with the Foreign Minister and lobbying on the ongoing global food security crisis.

New membership applications

The CCC approved Reach for Nepal Foundation and St John of God Outreach Services for Code Signatory Status and recommended them for full interim membership at the next meeting of the ACFID Board.

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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