



ACFID Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held in Sydney on 3 November 2023.

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 8-9 February 2024.

Implementation of revised Code

The Committee acknowledged and welcomed ACFID Council's approval of the amendments to the ACFID Code of Conduct at the ACFID AGM in October. The revised Code will come into effect on 30 June 2024. The CCC discussed the Implementation Plan for the revised Code, including proposed learning activities and resource development to support members with their understanding and implementation of the amendments.

A Code Roadshow will be held in April 2024, and the CCC looks forward to the opportunity to engage directly with ACFID members through this and other learning events in early 2024.

The Committee also discussed potential new CCC focus areas. Focus areas are used by the CCC and Code Secretariat to improve Code compliance and good practice in selected areas of the Code. The Committee has decided to adopt two new focus areas in 2024 – climate change and locally-led action, with an additional focus on risk management. Further details will be provided to members following the Committee's meeting in February 2024.

CCC Governance

At the ACFID AGM in October, Trisha Hopper (The Fred Hollows Foundation) and Tricia Keys (Act for Peace) were reelected to the Committee for a second term.

Josh Edwards (Global Development Group) resigned from the Committee in October, and Lauren Hallett (Femili PNG Australia) has been appointed to the Committee as an elected member.

This was the final meeting for outgoing Program and Partnership specialist Renee Martin who has served two terms on the Committee. The Committee discussed nominations for the Program and Partnership Specialist and will present their recommendation to the ACFID Board in December. The CCC were pleased to have received many nominations for the position and were impressed with the high quality of the candidates.

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

DFAT Accreditation & Funding Policy Refresh

The Committee discussed the ongoing Accreditation and Funding Policy Refresh of the DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and opportunities to leverage the Code for members. A paper which outlines several approaches for maximizing efficiency through greater use of the Code in DFAT Accreditation has been approved by the Committee and will be shared with DFAT to inform ongoing conversations.

ACFID Development Standard

The CCC reflected on a recent event co-hosted with the Australian International Development Network (AIDN) at ACFID Conference, 'Global Development leadership Design Series' and how work on the ACFID Development Standard is being progressed. The Committee discussed the outcomes of this event and the types of offerings that ACFID could be considering, in terms of potential uses of the Code to address key issues facing the broader sector.

The Committee also discussed the value of a good practice guide for donors, which sets out what the NGO sector would like donors to understand about how they work. The CCC will continue to discuss and provide input to this work.

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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