



ACFID Code of Conduct Committee (CCC) Meeting

This is a summary of the CCC meeting held in Canberra on 8-9 February 2024.

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 May 2024.

Racial Justice and Decolonisation

The CCC was pleased to welcome Dr Salmah Eva-Lina Lawrence to facilitate a session designed to strengthen the Committee's knowledge of issues around decolonisation and racial justice as part of their commitment to continuous learning. Dr Lawrence is the Director Systemic Change & Partnerships at IWDA, and Honorary Associate Professor at ANU. The Committee reflected with Dr Lawrence on the opportunities and challenges for organisations to engage in transformative change, and the importance of language in these discussions.

The Committee was also joined by Nuria Morató, who shared a case study of the work IWDA is doing on the 'River of Change', an organisational transformation program with a focus on diversity, inclusion and organisational culture. A key component of the program is to drive systemic and individual change to support IWDA in becoming an anti-racist organisation.

Civil society partners

The Committee was also joined by Sin Putheary, Executive Director of Cooperation Committee for Cambodia ([CCC](#)) and Harsh Jaitli, CEO of Voluntary Action Network India ([VANI](#)). Putheary and Harsh shared with the Committee their insights and experiences regarding the current state of civil society and civic space in their respective countries. CCC and VANI are members of the Global Standard Partnership alongside ACFID, and discussed how they are using standards and accountability mechanisms to protect and strengthen the work of civil society.

Implementation of the revised Code

The CCC discussed opportunities to promote the ACFID Code and the work of members as part of the launch of the revised Code. 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 2024.

Engagement with ACFID

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.

Representatives from ACFID's Development Practice Committee shared their current priorities and discussed with the CCC opportunities to collaborate on shared areas of interest, particularly around climate change and locally led action.

DFAT Accreditation & Funding Policy Refresh

The Committee has been monitoring the progress of the ongoing Accreditation and Funding Policy Refresh of the DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), specifically as it relates to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Committee met with the new DFAT Assistant Secretary Global Programs & Partnerships, Jane Chandler, to discuss opportunities to maximize efficiency for members through greater use of the Code in DFAT Accreditation and its associated reporting systems and processes.

CCC Focus Areas

The Committee discussed new CCC focus areas which will begin in 2024. 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 chosen climate change and locally led action as the new focus areas. Learning activities to support members' compliance with these areas in the Code will be implemented over the next 3-4 years.

As part of the climate change focus areas, Members will be required to submit documentation as part of their triennial Code Self-Assessment to demonstrate their compliance with Indicators 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 in the [revised Code](#). No additional documentation will be requested at this stage for the locally led action focus area. Further information and guidance will be provided to Members in the next couple of months.

CCC Membership

The Committee welcomed two new members whose terms began 1 January 2024: Lauren Hallett (Femili PNG Australia) and Batya Atlas (Program and Partnership Specialist).

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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