

CODE OF CONDUCT

Cases of actual or perceived conflicts of interest related to members and alternates of the Board or its advisory bodies may be raised with the Chair of the Board. Any final decision on whether there is an actual conflict of interest is made by the Board.

Each member and alternate of the Adaptation Fund Board shall:

1. Discharge his/her duties with honesty, integrity and full regard for his/her responsibilities as a Board member or alternate member.
2. Observe the principles of independence, accuracy and integrity in dealing with other Board members and alternates, the secretariat, the trustee and other stakeholders.
3. With regard to the rules on conflict of interest outlined in section VII of the rules of procedure of the Adaptation Fund Board, each member or alternate shall disclose:
 - a) Activities, including business, government or financial interests which might influence his/her ability to discharge his/her duties and responsibilities objectively;
 - b) Any financial, contractual or personal relationship or link with an Implementing Entity seeking or receiving funding from the Fund, or with an Executing Entity involved in a project/programme proposal submitted to or in execution under the Adaptation Fund;
 - c) Activities or interests of his/her spouse or personal partner or dependant that would influence his/her work with respect to the subject matter being considered by the Board or its advisory bodies;
 - d) Any actual or perceived conflicts of interest of a direct or indirect nature of which s/he is aware and which s/he believes could compromise in any way the reputation or performance of the Board or its advisory bodies.
4. Disclose such activities or relationships before starting consideration of a subject matter for which s/he has an actual or perceived conflict of interest.
5. Be absent during the deliberations and adoption of the recommendations or decisions related to proposals for funding and any other matter for which s/he has an actual or perceived conflict of interest.
6. Exercise personal discretion in deciding whether s/he has an actual or perceived conflict of interest with respect to any matter under consideration by the Board or its advisory bodies. S/he may also seek the advice of the Chair and Vice-Chair as to whether a conflict of interest exists. Cases of conflicts of interest or likely conflicts of interest related to the Committee's Chair may be raised with the Chair of the Board.
7. Remain committed to observing, developing and implementing the principles embodied in this Code in a conscientious, consistent and rigorous manner.