

Annex B

Code of Conduct for WHO Experts

Should be sent with the DOI form

WHO values and relies upon the normative and technical advice that is provided by leading subject matter experts in the context of its advisory/technical committees, meetings and other similar processes. Such advice contributes to the formulation of public health policies and norms that are promulgated by WHO for the benefit of its Member States.

In order to ensure the integrity of such processes, thereby contributing to their credibility in the eyes of WHO's stakeholders, it is critical that experts appointed by WHO to render technical or normative advice

- a. fully and honestly disclose all relevant interests and biases on the DOI Form that may give rise to real or perceived conflicts of interest. Such disclosure must also be made orally to all fellow expert committee, meeting or group members at the outset i.e. unless this is done by the Chairperson or Secretariat.
- b. spontaneously report any material changes to their disclosed interest on an on-going basis during the period in which the expert serves the Organization;
- c. respect the confidential nature of committee or meeting deliberations or of the advisory function assigned by WHO and not make any public statements regarding the work of the committee or meeting or regarding the expert's advice without prior consent from WHO;
- d. undertake not to engage in activities that may bring reputational harm to the WHO process that they are involved in;
- e. undertake to represent their views in a personal and individual capacity with the best interest of WHO in mind as opposed to representing the views of their employers, other institutions or governments.
- f. actively and fully participate in discussions and deliberations within the relevant advisory group, committee or meeting.