

Code of Conduct for IARC/WHO Experts

IARC/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 IARC/WHO for the benefit of Participating/Member States.

In order to ensure the integrity of such processes, thereby contributing to their credibility in the eyes of IARC/WHO's stakeholders, it is critical that experts appointed by IARC/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 IARC/WHO;
- c. respect the confidential nature of committee or meeting deliberations or of the advisory function assigned by IARC/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 IARC/WHO;
- d. undertake not to engage in activities that may bring reputational harm to the I A R C / W H O process that they are involved in;
- e. undertake to represent their views in a personal and individual capacity with the best interest of IARC/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.