



Corruption Prevention Network

Code of Ethics

Preliminary

The Corruption Prevention Network (CPN) is an independent body concerned with raising awareness about fraud control and corruption prevention. The CPN Code of Ethics applies to CPN organising committee members and those holding CPN executive office.

The CPN recognises that each CPN member has a primary obligation to their employer and to their employer's Code of Conduct/Ethics. If there is an inconsistency between a potential member's obligations to their employer's Code of Conduct/Ethics and the CPN Code of Ethics, the member is required to state this upon joining the CPN committee, or when affirming acceptance of this Code. Significant clashes of this kind will need to be managed appropriately, preferably in accordance with public sector guidelines for managing conflicts of interests.

Integrity

Members are expected to act with the highest standards of professional integrity thereby enhancing the public reputation of the CPN. Members are expected to act with self-control, tolerance and understanding, carrying out their responsibilities with skill, care and courtesy. Members are expected to support CPN objectives through a collaborative, people-centred, co-operative and sustained approach.

Impartiality and independence

Members are expected to carry out CPN activities without fear or favour and be free from discrimination.

Accountability

Members are to demonstrate professional integrity and promote a culture of fair and ethical behaviour in carrying out CPN activities. Members are expected to comply with all applicable laws and standards both within their own organisations and in the public arena generally, including the reporting of corrupt practices and breaches of law to appropriate authorities.

Leadership

Members are committed to advancing the CPN and the sharing of ideas and strategies in ethical standards to promote the prevention of fraud and corruption.

Honesty

Members should be honest and trustworthy and not act in a dishonest, corrupt or fraudulent manner.

Transparency

The CPN is concerned with the dissemination of better practice in fraud control and corruption prevention and as such CPN activities should be transparent. CPN expects individuals to disregard any self-interest in conducting CPN activities, or when acting in their capacities as CPN members. Members are expected to advise the Committee of any possible conflicts of interest when acting on behalf of the CPN.

Confidentiality & Privacy

To the greatest extent permitted by law, members will protect all confidential information, personal and private information that comes to their attention in relation to any CPN activity.