

# CODE OF ETHICS



IAP2 Federation's Code of Ethics is a set of principles that guides us in our practice of enhancing the integrity of the public participation process. As practitioners, we hold ourselves accountable to these principles and strive to hold all participants to the same standards.

## 1 Purpose

We support public participation as a process to make better decisions that incorporate the interests and concerns of all affected stakeholders and meet the needs of the decision-making body.

## 2 Role of Practitioner

We will enhance the public's participation in the decision-making process and assist decision makers in being responsive to the public's concerns and suggestions.

## 3 Trust

We will undertake and encourage actions that build trust and credibility for the process among all the participants.

## 4 Defining the Public's Role

We will carefully consider and accurately portray the public's role in the decision-making process.

## 5 Openness

We will encourage the disclosure of all information relevant to the public's understanding and evaluation of a decision.

## 6 Access to the Process

We will ensure that stakeholders have fair and equal access to the public participation process and the opportunity to influence decisions.

## 7 Respect for Communities

We will avoid strategies that risk polarising community interests or that appear to "divide and conquer."

## 8 Advocacy

We will advocate for the public participation process and will not advocate for a particular interest, party, or project outcome.

## 9 Commitments

We will ensure that all commitments made to the public, including those made by the decision maker, are made in good faith.

## 10 Support of the Practice

We will mentor new practitioners in the field and educate decision makers and the public about the value and use of public participation.