

CODE OF CONDUCT
APPLICABLE TO PEOPLE ATTENDING THE EVENTS OF THE ESCAZÚ AGREEMENT

1. Objective

Create an inclusive, safe, and respectful environment at Escazú Agreement events for all attendees.

2. Reach

Applies to all in-person and virtual events organized, sponsored, or hosted by the Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement, at any place. It covers all attendees of such meetings such as conferences, symposiums, assemblies, receptions, technical and/or scientific events, expert meetings, workshops, exhibitions, parallel events and any other forum that the Secretariat organizes, hosts or sponsors in whole or in part, at any place.

The Secretariat may take any necessary action in order to maintain security, including denying access to the venue of sessions and meetings. Attendees must cooperate and comply with the requests and instructions of United Nations officials and security personnel regarding the use, access and conduct in the facilities.

3. General guidelines

- Safety of people and facilities: guarantee the physical well-being of people attending events, as well as the correct use and maintain the good condition of the venues and facilities used.
- Equality and non-discrimination: ensuring that anyone can participate equally, without exclusion, harassment or limitations due to their gender, race, culture or other characteristics.
- Respectful dialogue: express visions, ask questions and debate issues in an atmosphere of cordiality and professionalism.
- Sustainability: carefully managing resources to meet current needs without compromising the resources of future generations.
- Human Rights: respect and act in accordance with human rights, dignity, and value of all people without distinction.

4. Expected behaviors:

- **Follow the protocol and respect the nature of the event:** your participation must comply with the [Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties](#). act in accordance with the rules and procedures established for United Nations meetings, allowing the smooth and respectful development of the meeting.
- **Follow instructions from United Nations personnel:** Instructions given by United Nations personnel, including security personnel, must be followed. This guarantees security and order during the event.
- **Enter only authorized places:** you can access only the rooms or venues to which you are allowed to enter, in accordance with the event program and the respective assigned rooms.
- **Speak only with authorization:** you may speak if you have been given authorization, either by the Presidency, Secretariat or whoever exercises the respective moderation at the event. This guarantees an orderly flow of discussion and an environment conducive to dialogue.
- **Always carry your credential:** you must always maintain and carry the credential with you. The credential is a form of identification that may be necessary to access certain locations or participate in specific activities.

- **Respect intervention times:** designated times for interventions and comments must be observed during sessions. The allotted time should not be exceeded to allow the equal participation of all participants.
- **Choose respectful language and behavior:** polite and respectful language should be used in all verbal and written communications.
- **Maintain respect for cultural differences:** cultural, linguistic, and different points of view must be recognized and respected. Avoid expressions that may be offensive or misinterpreted by people from different cultural backgrounds.

5. Participation of minors

- Minors will be understood as those who are considered to be minors in the country hosting each meeting. In the case of the ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, they are those under 18 years of age.
- Minors may register to participate in Secretariat events as long as:
 1. Provide written authorization, legally authorized in accordance with the legislation of their country of origin, from their parent(s) or whoever is their legal guardian, or
 2. In the event that they are not accompanied by their parent(s) or whoever is their legal guardian, provide their consent and designation in writing, legally authorized in accordance with the legislation of their country of origin, of a person of legal age according to the country hosting each meeting, who must be registered at the event, to supervise, guard and accompany them at all times, and who will assume full responsibility and risks of the minor during the event or at the venue (hereinafter "chaperone").
- Both the minor and his chaperone must be properly registered to participate in the event.

6. Prohibited conduct

- **Prohibition of harassment:** your participation must comply with the [United Nations Code of Conduct to prevent harassment](#). Harassment is any inappropriate or disruptive behavior that could reasonably be expected to cause or be perceived as causing offense or humiliation to another person. Any form of harassment, especially sexual harassment, based on gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, physical appearance, ethnicity, race, national origin, political affiliation, age, religion, or other reasons is prohibited.
- **Prohibition of the use of violence:** participants must behave at all times in a peaceful and non-violent manner.
- **Unauthorized use of rooms and spaces, including common, transit or open spaces:** use of the rooms and spaces of the meeting location may only be made with prior authorization from the Secretariat.
- **Prohibition of interfering with the agenda:** any action that hinders or interferes with the official agenda of the meeting is prohibited, such as blocking hallways, interrupting people who are speaking or making it difficult to enter and/or exit rooms and premises in a negligent or treacherous manner.
- **Display or distribution of unofficial materials:** only United Nations officials may authorize the display or distribution of materials at events. In the case of discussions or documents that require confidentiality, sharing confidential or sensitive information, internal discussions or other files or elements without proper authorization is not permitted.
- **Unauthorized photography or recording:** capturing images or recording audio/video is not permitted without the prior consent of all parties involved when it puts at risk an environment of open and respectful dialogue, the privacy, integrity, and security of the participants, among others.

- **Unauthorized use of electronic devices:** it is not permitted to use electronic devices during meetings or sessions that distract or interrupt the normal flow, such as making loud phone calls or playing audible sounds.
- **Prohibition of use of designated seats:** it is prohibited to occupy seats that are not intended for your specific group or participation status.

The list of behaviors is not exhaustive, and the Secretariat reserves its right to take reasonably appropriate measures that are necessary to guarantee an inclusive and participatory environment, as well as security and respect for the development of activities.

7. Reporting mechanism

The Secretariat will act ex officio if any non-compliance is observed. Likewise, any person may inform the Secretariat of relevant facts or events through the email secretaria.escazu@cepal.org or in person with its staff.

The Secretariat is governed by the rules and procedures of the United Nations and will take measures that are appropriate in accordance with its applicable policies, standards, and rules.

Nothing in the foregoing shall constitute or be deemed a limitation on or waiver, express or implied, of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.