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## **CODE OF CONDUCT of the Science-Policy Interface**

Members and observers of the Science-Policy Interface (SPI) are expected to comply with the present code of conduct to ensure a respectful and conducive working environment throughout their work, activities and meetings. They should:

- Comply with the principles and values of the United Nations;
- Maintain the reputation of the SPI and support its products;
- Maintain the highest standards of scientific and technical excellence;
- Maintain the highest standards of professionalism and collegiality;
- Perform their work honorably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously;
- Treat each other with dignity, honoring their value. There will be no tolerance for abuse, use of derogatory remarks, personal insults, threats or any form of discrimination by race, religion, nationality, gender or for any other reason;
- Deal with each other in an open, honest and respectful manner;
- Respect the views of others;
- Have equal opportunity to speak and express their opinions and views;
- Respect the role of the co-Chairs;
- Keep information, which is agreed by consensus or still under discussion, confidential, if marked to be kept confidential;
- Participate in discussions by all means available, including electronic means, and actively contribute to the achievement of the goals of the SPI;
- Comply with the conflict of interest policy and communications strategy of the SPI;
- While capitalizing on the contribution of the UNCCD secretariat to the work of the SPI, be respectful in all communications and cognizant of constraints related to time, resources and procedures;
- Agree to the terms of reference of the SPI and contribute to the work of the SPI accordingly.

Should a member or observer of the SPI not comply with the present code of conduct, the co-Chairs of the SPI will inform the UNCCD secretariat which will take appropriate measures, as relevant, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology.

*I hereby declare having read the code of conduct and to agree and comply with it.*

Date:

Signature

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