

Code of Conduct

For Members of SAI Platform Aust Inc

SAI Platform Aust Inc (hereinafter SAI Platform) recognizes that sustainable operational models for agriculture should be developed within the context of each agricultural system. The underlying purpose of the Platform is to stimulate improved sustainable practices and facilitate their uptake for the benefit of Australian communities, environment and businesses.

The Platform aims to contribute to this is by being a highly valued gateway to the Australian food and beverage sector on sustainable agriculture. Members share a common sustainable agriculture vision and bring practical skills, knowledge and practices to Australian agricultural production and supply chain processes.

In this pursuit, SAI Platform will be an inclusive forum the membership of which includes participants across the agriculture, food and beverage value chain and which also seeks the collaboration of key stakeholders such as growers and growers' organizations as well as industry, academia, research centers and consumer, government and non-governmental organizations.

It is fundamental to the integrity, credibility and continued progress of the Platform that every member supports, promotes and works towards the production, procurement and use of sustainably produced goods. All Members must act in good faith towards this objective and commit to adhering to the principles set forth in this Code.

This Code is to be read in conjunction with the Rules of the Association and its Guidelines as amended from time to time.

1. Promotion and Commitment

1.1 Members will acknowledge the articles of association of SAI Platform through informed and explicit endorsement.

1.2 Members will be encouraged to acknowledge their membership of SAI Platform sustainable agriculture principles through informed and explicit endorsement.

1.3 Members will promote and communicate this commitment throughout their own company and to their value chain stakeholders where appropriate.

1.4 Members must ensure that their representative or representatives attend a majority of General Meetings held by the Platform within their membership year and participate in as many of the other events undertaken by the Platform as possible.

2. Highest ethics and integrity

2.1 Members agree to conduct themselves in all activities related to their commitments to the SAI Platform with the highest standard of ethics and integrity.

2.2. Members agree to operate in accordance with all applicable laws when undertaking any activities undertaken in conjunction with SAI Platform.

3. Transparency, reporting and claims

3.1 Members will not make any misleading or unsubstantiated claims about the production, procurement or use of any products produced in accordance with the SAI Platform principles.

3.2 Members are expected to report on progress of at least one sustainable agriculture initiative every financial year and are also encouraged to report annually on progress of key sustainable agriculture activities.

4. Implementation

4.1 Members will refer to the Platform's sustainability Guidelines to guide their work.

4.2 Members are responsible for ensuring that their commitment to the objectives of SAI Platform is underpinned by adequate resources within their company.

4.3 Delegates of members will be provided appropriate information by the Secretariat and members of the Platform to enable them to work towards the objectives of SAI Platform in their work. Each member also has a responsibility to ensure their Delegates are well briefed where members change their nominated representatives, and notify this change to the Secretary.

4.4 Members will share with other members their experiences in the design and implementation of activities to support sustainable agriculture.

4.5 Members may identify themselves as SAI Platform members in advertising and marketing materials, but may not infer SAI Platform endorsement of their products or services.

5. Anti-trust Law

5.1 Members will abide by the SAI Platform Trade Practices Principles and refrain from any behavior which could be construed as anti-competitive. They will seek counsel should there be any questions regarding practices which may result in antitrust concerns.

6. Conflict of Interests

6.1 SAI Platform and its members will seek to avoid any activity that results in a conflict of interests. Where a member perceives a conflict of interest may arise either with another member or members or between the member and the SAI Platform, the member should declare the conflict with the member(s), and then raise the issue with the President for discussion to agree a pathway to resolution. The President may at their discretion seek further advice from the Management Committee or other experts as required. All conflicts of interest are to be recorded.

7. Breaches of this Code

7.1 Members will seek to resolve grievances directly with other members in a timely fashion, and will not make unsubstantiated allegations of breaches against other members.

7.2 Breaches of this Code, or the articles of association, statement of purposes and Trade Practices Principles may lead to exclusion of the member from the organization.

7.3 Prior to taking public action in cases of unresolved allegations of breaches of this Code, members will report breaches to the Committee of Management, which will deal with the alleged breaches appropriately.

7.4 Committee of Management Members, as office bearers of the association, carry an additional level of responsibility. If a Committee of Management Member is found, after due inquiry, to have breached this Code, the member will be replaced on the Management Committee.