

### The SABS committee code of conduct for committee members

We, the committee members, acknowledge the responsibility to participate in the development of standards. We agree to adhere to this code of conduct to support the productive participation by all members in the development of national standards and other deliverables (see annex B), in accordance with the terms set out herein.

Rule	Description
<b>Work for the net benefit of the South African community</b>	We recognize that the development of standards is for the net benefit of the South African community, over and above the interests of any individual, company or representative organization.
<b>Uphold the consensus process</b>	We shall uphold the principles of our consensus-based process through openness, transparency, balance and respect for each member in alignment with internationally recognized principles of consensus in the development of standards.
<b>Agree to a clear purpose and scope</b>	We shall commit to the development of a clear shared purpose, objective, agenda and project plan to ensure the timely and efficient development and maintenance of standards and related products.
<b>Respect others in meetings</b>	We commit to respecting others and the professional culture of the SABS standards. We shall attend meetings fully briefed and prepared. We commit to upholding etiquette and the rules of engagement.
<b>Participate actively</b>	We agree to our roles and responsibilities and shall actively participate in standards development projects. We shall engage and consult with our nominating organizations to ensure that our constituency is informed and that their views are represented.
<b>Declare all relevant interests</b>	We shall behave in a transparent manner by declaring all conflicts of interest. We shall manage or remove potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest, to facilitate the resolution of competing interests via the open and structured process that forms the basis of consensus standardization.
<b>Escalate and resolve issues</b>	We shall identify and escalate issues and disputes in a timely manner to ensure rapid resolution. We shall uphold the agreed escalation and dispute resolution processes.
<b>Behave ethically and legally</b>	We shall act in good faith and with due care and diligence. We shall conduct ourselves in a manner whereby the interests of the consumer, as provided for in the Consumer Protection Act, 2008 (Act No. 68 of 2008), are of paramount importance. We shall promote a culture of fair and ethical behaviour and encourage the reporting of unethical behaviour, breaches of the Act and matters detrimental to the SABS and its reputation.
<b>Uphold this code</b>	We actively encourage compliance with this code at all times. We accept and encourage the rapid initiation of action to address poor, unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour and breaches of this code.