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1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

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Interacting with such a broad range of organisations and partners brings great benefits and strengths to NCDA's work, but also demands a clear understanding of the actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest (COI) that may arise at the organisational level, in order to protect the integrity and reputation of NCDA and its members. NCDA's reputation remains central to achieving its strategic objectives, and we are committed to ensuring the highest levels of integrity and transparency throughout its governance, policies, procedures, partnerships and operations.

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This organisational COI policy covers a summary of definitions and typologies of conflict of interest; a summary of the types of engagement and partnerships NCDA enters into; the benefits, overarching principles and criteria for engagement and partnerships; a rigorous step-by-step due diligence process for developing and managing formalised partnerships; processes in place to manage and mitigate conflicts of interest; and processes to ensure transparency.

This policy builds upon the NCDA Constitution and the Governance Framework, and is aligned with the NCDA Due Diligence Process for Partnerships and the NCDA Risk Management Policy. This policy does not cover in detail individual conflict of interest by NCDA officials (such as board members, staff or volunteers). This is covered in a separate and aligned Individual Conflict of Interest Policy, with an established process for declaration of interest on an annual basis, as well as for board members ahead of each board meetings. These policies can be accessed on the NCDA website.

2. **DEFINITIONS AND TYPOLOGIES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The NCD Alliance is an independent, non-governmental organisation registered in Switzerland with membership comprised of organisations around the world committed to preventing and controlling NCDs. NCDA is governed by its member organisations, which elects the NCDA Board and elects the President at a biennial General Assembly meeting.

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