

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

### Introduction

- 1. Alexony ("we" or "us") has committed to building a sustainable practice by establishing systems and processes to manage our adverse impacts on human (including labour) rights, environment (including climate) and anti-corruption (the "three areas of fundamental responsibility"). Part of this commitment involves recognising that we may also cause such adverse impacts through our business relationships; thus, we expect all our business partners to meet the expectations set forth in this Code of Conduct for Business Relationships (the "Code"). Failure to establish systems to manage impacts on these three areas of fundamental responsibility may impact our partners' ability to do business with Alexony in the future.
- 2. The terms of this Code apply to all our customers, suppliers and partners. It shall be our business relationships' responsibility to ensure that their own business relationships also have processes to manage their adverse impacts on human (including labour) rights, environment (including climate) and anti-corruption.

# **Legal Compliance**

- 3. This Code sets the minimum expectations from our business relationships and is based on the United Nations Global Compact's principles, as derived from the International Bill of Human Rights, International Labour Organisation's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, and made operational by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.
- 4. Alexony expects business relationships to adhere to applicable laws of their areas of operation. Where national laws provide for better or lesser protection of human (including labour) rights, environment, and anti-corruption, the higher standard shall apply. Where there is a conflict between national law and the provisions of this Code, the business relationship shall report this to Alexony and try, to the extent possible, to honour the Code's provisions while adhering to national regulation.

# **Process Requirements**

5. Alexony expects our business relationships to implement systems and processes to manage their adverse impacts on human (including labour) rights, environment (including climate) and anti-corruption.

# 5.1. A Policy Commitment

This shall be approved by the business relationship's senior management and made publicly available. It shall stipulate expectations regarding human (including labour) rights, environment (including climate) and anti-corruption from employees and business relationships.



# 5.2. A Due Diligence Process

The process shall regularly assess potential and actual impacts on the three areas of fundamental responsibility, and integrate impact assessment findings across relevant internal processes and functions, so as to ensure the prevention and mitigation of identified adverse impacts; and account for and report to Alexony how impacts are being addressed.

# 5.3. A Remediation System

If a business relationship discovers or is informed that it causes or contributes to an adverse impact, the business relationship shall enable access to remedy through legitimate processes for those affected and/or inform the relevant authorities. The remediation process must be legitimate, accessible, predictable, equitable, transparent, aligned with international principles, continually-updated and based around dialogue. To address adverse impacts early, business relationships could establish or participate in operational-level or sector-based grievance mechanisms accessible to businesses, individuals and/or communities. If a business relationship did not cause nor contribute to an adverse impact, but is linked to it through its value chain, the business relationship shall use leverage to make the causing entity prevent reoccurrence, provide remedy to those affected and inform relevant authorities.

## **Principles and Standards**

**Human Rights** 

Business relationships' policy statements, continuous due diligence processes and remediation systems shall cover the globally-endorsed principles on the three areas of fundamental responsibility described below:

**Environmental Areas** 

**Economic Principles** 

#### . Right to self-determination (indigenous peoples' rights) 14. Right not to be subjected to slavery, servitude or 1. Climate change mitigation 1. Accurate books and records, including data on income forced labour (ICCPR art. 8) (ICESCR art. 1 & ICCPR art. 1) . Climate change adaptation from past five years. 15. Right to liberty and security of person (ICCPR art. 9) . Right to non-discrimination 3. Sustainable use and protection of water and marine 2. Bribes to or corruption of public officials (including (ICESCR art. 2 & ICCPR art. 2) . Right of detained persons to humane treatment both 'active' and 'passive' corruption, also called 3. Right to work (training, contract, termination) (ICCPR art.10) 4. Transition to a circular economy 'extortion' or 'solicitation'). 17. Right not to be subjected to imprisonment for an Bribes to or corruption of private counterparts 4. a. Equal pay for equal work (ICESCR art. 7) inability to fulfil a contract (ICCPR art 11) 6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity and (including both 'active' and 'passive' corruption, also 4. b. A living wage (minimum wage) (ICESCR art. 7) 18. Right to freedom of movement (ICCPR art. 12) 4. c. Safe and healthy working conditions (ICESCR art. 7) 19. Right of aliens to due process when facing expulsion 7. Use of energy 4. Trading in influence in relation to business partners. (seeking asylum) (ICCPR art. 13) government officials or employees d. Equal opportunity for everyone to be promoted 8. Use of raw materials (in particular scarce natural 20. Right to a fair trial (ICCPR art. 14) (ICESCR art. 7) 5. Bribes, corruption or trading in influence through the . Rest, leisure and paid holidays (ICESCR art. 7) 21. Right to be free from retroactive criminal law . Right to form and join trade unions and right to strike (ICCPR art. 15) 10. Use of ozone depleting substances or persistent 6. Use of facilitation payments unless you are subject to (ICESCR art. 8) Right to recognition as a person before the law threats or other coercion. (ICCPR art. 16) . Right to social security, including social insurance 11. Handling, transportation and waste management of 7. Political contributions, charitable donations and (ICESCR art. 9) 23. Right to privacy (ICCPR 17) sponsorships in expectation of undue advantages. Protection of mothers before and after childbirth Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion 12. Surface water emissions 8. Offering or accepting gifts beyond stated value (ICESCR art. 10) (ICCPR art. 18) (approvals). 13. Soil and groundwater emissions 25. a. Right to freedom of opinion (ICCPR art. 19) . b. Children's and young people's protection from 14. Noise emissions and light emissions 9. Permitting or participating in money laundering. exploitation (no child labour) (ICESCR art. 10) 25. b. Right to freedom of expression (ICCPR art. 19) 25. c. Right to freedom of information (ICCPR art. 19) Hiring government employees whose jobs create Right to adequate food and its fair distribution 16. Animal welfare conflict of interest with former job duties of such (ICESCR art. 11) 26. a. Right to freedom from war propaganda (ICCPR art. 20) 17. Wastewater management employees. 8. b. Right to adequate clothing (ICESCR art. 11) 18. Solid waste management 11. Abstain from cronvism and nepotism 26. b. Right to freedom from incitement of racial, religious c. Right to adequate housing (ICESCR art. 11) 19. Food waste management 2. Clearly define job duties based on skills, qualifications or national hatred (ICCPR art. 20) Right to water and sanitation (ICESCR art. 11) . Use and diffusion of environmentally-friendly and experience. Right to health (ICESCR art. 12) 27. Right to freedom of peaceful assembly (ICCPR art. 21) technologies O. Right to education (ICESCR art. 13 & art. 14) 28. Right to freedom of association (ICCPR art. 22) 14. Fraud or embezzlement 1. a. Right to take part in cultural life (ICESCR art. 15) 29. Right to protection of the family and the right to marry . Anti-trust and -competition . Right to benefit from scientific progress 16. Tax evasion. (ICESCR art. 15) 30. Right to protection of the child and right to acquire a nationality (ICCPR art. 24) . Right to material gains from inventions (ICESCR art. 15) 31. Right to participate in public affairs (ICCPR art. 25) 32. Right to equality before the law, equal protection of . Moral rights of authors (protection of copyright) (ICESCR art. 15) the law and rights of nondiscrimination 12. Right to life (ICCPR art. 6) (ICCPR art. 26) a. Right not to be subjected to torture, cruel. 33. Rights of minorities (culture, religious practice and inhumane, or degrading treatment (ICCPR art. 7) language) (ICCPR art. 27) b. Right to free, prior and informed consent to medical/scientific experimentation (ICCPR art. 7)