

UNFCCC SB 56 COVID-19 CODE OF CONDUCT

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Context

The UNFCCC secretariat is pleased to welcome all participants to the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2022, including the 56th sessions of the subsidiary bodies; the pre-sessional meetings; and other meetings organized by the UNFCCC secretariat, for example the meeting of the CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to collectively as “SB 56” or “the Conference”).

The Conference has to be organized in such a manner that it can take place safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Protecting the health of participants and the local community while enabling an effective, inclusive and safe Conference is of utmost importance. Everyone participating has an important role to play in ensuring safety.

To this end, all participants accredited (badged) by the UNFCCC secretariat to attend the Conference must adhere to the SB 56 COVID-19 requirements stipulated below. They build on the regulations in place according to the host country and local authorities. Violations of COVID-19 requirements are a risk to everyone's safety, and as such they will be taken very seriously and may lead to the revocation of accreditation (de-badging).

The Conference is guided by the highest ethical and professional standards, and all Participants are expected to behave with integrity and respect towards all other Participants. The code of conduct for UNFCCC conferences, meetings and events is available on the [UNFCCC website](#).

Applicability

The requirements below apply to all participants, including those who travel to attend or facilitate SB 56 but don't end up actually attending or facilitating the Conference.

Health Protocols

Registration / Vaccine Status

- Participants should declare their COVID-19 vaccination status as part of the registration process in the UNFCCC Online Registration System prior to downloading their acknowledgement letter.
- Accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccination status of participants will help to inform health and safety related planning for the event.

Before arrival in Germany

- Regarding any COVID-19-related restrictions on travel to Germany, participants should consult the appropriate German diplomatic mission as well as the German Federal Foreign Office website at <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268> and follow the provided instructions accordingly.
- Full vaccination is strongly encouraged for all those attending the Conference.

During the Conference

- All Participants must be mindful of general hygiene precautions such as regular washing and/or sanitizing of hands, coughing/sneezing etiquette, etc.
- To ensure the health and safety of participants and the local community, participants will be required to fully comply with and adhere to the following COVID-19 health and safety regulations:
 - Full vaccination is strongly encouraged.
 - All participants will be expected to perform a rapid antigen self-test daily for the duration of their participation in the conference.
 - Access to the conference venue is not conditional on proof of full vaccination or a negative antigen test, but daily testing is expected.
 - Participants with a positive test result will need to:
 - Self-isolate immediately.
 - Inform the head of the participant's delegation.
 - Conduct a PCR test to confirm the antigen test result.
 - Mask wearing is obligatory when indoors/in the venue except when eating or drinking or when speaking in a meeting room or at an event.
- Physical distancing is currently not implemented in the venue, but participants are encouraged to maintain a safe distance wherever and whenever possible.
- Participants should make frequent use of hand sanitizers.
- Participants suffering from respiratory symptoms are required to immediately contact the nearest emergency medical team for further assistance.

Outside the Conference premises

- Outside the Conference premises, including in public spaces, hospitality venues, accommodation and on public transport, all Participants must adhere to the relevant local COVID-19 measures and restrictions in force at the time.

- These include the wearing of masks on public transport unless medically exempt.

Breaches of the code of conduct

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with by the UNFCCC secretariat. The UNFCCC secretariat will take adequate measures to address such breaches as soon as possible and usually within 24 hours. Such breaches may lead to a temporary suspension of the involved Participants from the Conference; serious breaches may lead to de-badging.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of serious breaches:

- Providing false information on vaccination status or false personal identification data.
- Failure to comply with the required testing regime and COVID-19 protocols.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, failure to observe isolation protocols.
- Failure to comply with COVID-19 regulations and instructions from the host country's health authorities.