



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ARBITRATION



P-20 Partnerships and External Relations Policy

International Federation of Arbitration (IFA)

1. Definition

This Policy establishes the framework governing partnerships and external relations of the International Federation of Arbitration (IFA), including collaboration with governmental entities, international organizations, academic institutions, private sector partners, and other stakeholders.

2. Objective

The objective of this Policy is to build strategic alliances, enhance institutional reach, strengthen collaboration, and support the Federation's mission through effective external engagement.

3. Scope of Application

This Policy applies to all partnerships, cooperation agreements, memoranda of understanding (MoUs), and external relations activities undertaken by the Federation.

4. Governing Principles

This Policy is based on the principles of mutual benefit, transparency, integrity, strategic alignment, professionalism, and respect for international cooperation standards.

5. Identification of Partners

Potential partners shall be identified based on relevance, credibility, shared objectives, and the ability to contribute to the Federation's goals.

6. Due Diligence

Appropriate due diligence shall be conducted to assess the legal status, reputation, capacity, and credibility of potential partners.

7. Partnership Agreements

All partnerships shall be formalized through written agreements, clearly defining roles, responsibilities, objectives, and terms of cooperation.

8. Approval Process

Partnerships and agreements must be reviewed and approved by authorized bodies to ensure alignment with institutional policies and strategies.

9. Management of Relationships

Partnerships shall be actively managed to ensure effective communication, coordination, and achievement of agreed objectives.

10. Monitoring and Evaluation

Partnership performance shall be monitored and evaluated to assess effectiveness, outcomes, and mutual benefits.



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11. Representation and Communication

All external relations must be conducted through authorized representatives, ensuring consistency and protection of the Federation's interests.

12. Compliance with Policies and Laws

All partnership activities must comply with applicable laws, regulations, and internal policies of the Federation.

13. Conflict of Interest

Potential conflicts of interest in partnerships must be disclosed and managed appropriately to maintain integrity.

14. Termination of Partnerships

Partnerships may be terminated in cases of non-compliance, breach of agreement, or misalignment with institutional objectives.

15. Documentation and Record Keeping

All partnership agreements and related documents must be properly recorded and maintained for reference and accountability.

16. Confidentiality

Confidential information shared within partnerships must be protected and used only for agreed purposes.

17. Violations

Violations include unauthorized agreements, breach of partnership terms, misrepresentation, or actions that harm the Federation's reputation.

18. Sanctions

Sanctions may include termination of partnerships, disciplinary action, or legal consequences depending on the severity of the violation.

19. Review and Amendment

This Policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with evolving partnership strategies and international practices.

20. Annexes

Annexes may include MoU templates, partnership evaluation forms, due diligence checklists, and cooperation frameworks.