



## **ANTI-BRIBERY, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY**

### **1. Objective**

The Association Congolaise pour les Énergies Renouvelables et Décentralisées (ACERD) (Congolese Association for Renewable and Decentralised Energies in English), a non-profit association under Congolese law, commits to abide by national and international anti-bribery, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering regulations, as well as any relevant ethics standards in force in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This includes the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, which has been ratified by the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as Law No. 04/016 of 19 July 2004 on the Fight against Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism. ACERD affirms its rejection of all forms of corruption and money laundering, which are illegal and subject to prosecution under the relevant national legislation.

### **2. Persons covered**

This Anti-Bribery, Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Policy applies to all ACERD Members including their governing bodies (Board of Directors and Management Committees) as well as their employees and any other person acting on behalf of ACERD. The policy requires any Member detecting suspicious activity to report it immediately to the relevant authorities. Beyond this Policy, all ACERD Members must comply with the Anti-Bribery, Anti-Corruption, and Anti-Money regulations in each country where they operate.

### **3. Definitions**

- **Anti-Money Laundering**  
Money laundering is the concealment of the origin of money or other types of financial assets derived from criminal or unlawful activity. Following a series of actions, these assets appear to be derived from legal activities and thus to be legitimate.
- **Fight against corruption**  
Corruption is defined as the misuse of power entrusted for profit and for the benefit of private relations.

The fight against corruption aims to prohibit any concerned person from offering, making or authorising payment to a public official. This policy prohibits the offering or giving of valuable property to a public official for the purpose of persuading him or her to misuse his or her functions for the benefit of the Association or its Members.

- **Payment**  
No payment or gift of any kind can be promised, offered or made to a public official or a representative of the State. This payment is not only the delivery of a sum of money but also of any valuable goods.
- **Beneficiary**  
This Policy prohibits the payment of bribes to a public official or any representative of the State. "Public Agent" includes both lower-ranking officers and senior civilian or military officials; members of the judiciary; and local and provincial government agents.
- **For commercial purposes**  
This Policy prohibits payments made for the purpose of obtaining benefits for ACERD or its Members. This benefit to ACERD or its members can take many forms, including special favours or treatment, and the non-application of laws and regulations intended to govern the activities of ACERD or its Members.

#### **4. Responsibility**

The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director are jointly responsible for the execution of this Policy.

#### **5. Communication**

ACERD's Executive Committee ensures the adoption of this Policy, as well as any changes made thereto. In addition, it ensures the communication to and understanding of the provisions of this Policy by all ACERD Members and employees, as well as to any other person working on behalf of the Association.

#### **6. Violation of the Provisions of this Policy and Sanctions**

Any violation of the provisions of this Policy by either a Member of ACERD or a representative of the Association, exposes the responsible person and or organization to disciplinary action and, if applicable, termination of their relationship with the Association.