



Declaration of Interest (DOI) Policy

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1. Purpose

ACCELERATE is committed to transparency, integrity, and independence in all its activities. The purpose of this Declaration of Interests (DOI) Policy is to ensure that potential or perceived conflicts of interest are disclosed and appropriately managed.

This policy applies to all individuals engaged in ACCELERATE governance and scientific activities, including members of the Board, General Assembly, Scientific Steering Committee, and Working Groups. For speakers, moderators, and panellists participating in ACCELERATE scientific events (Annual Conference, Paediatric Strategy Forums, Workshops, and similar meetings), a simplified event-specific disclosure form will be required.

2. Definitions

Conflict of Interest (COI): A situation where an individual's personal, professional, or financial interests could improperly influence, or be perceived to influence, their judgment, decisions, or actions in relation to ACCELERATE activities.

Declaration of Interests (DOI): A formal statement made by an individual disclosing relevant interests, whether actual, potential, or perceived.

3. Principles

<u>Transparency</u>	All relevant interests must be declared openly.
<u>Proportionality</u>	The existence of an interest does not imply misconduct but allows ACCELERATE to assess whether mitigation measures are needed.
<u>Accountability</u>	ACCELERATE leadership and staff are responsible for ensuring that declarations are collected, reviewed, and acted upon where necessary.

4. Scope of Interests to Declare

All individuals must declare interests from the past 3 years and any current that may be relevant. These include, but are not limited to:

1. **Employment and leadership positions** (paid or unpaid)
2. **Financial interests** (shares, ownership, stock options)
3. **Consultancies, honoraria, or speaker fees**
4. **Research funding or grants** (industry, foundations, etc.)
5. **Intellectual property** (patents, royalties, licenses)
6. **Other relevant relationships or circumstances**

5. Process

<u>Submission</u>	All individuals must complete a DOI form upon joining an ACCELERATE activity and update it annually, or whenever a relevant change occurs.
<u>Review</u>	The ACCELERATE staff reviews DOI forms and maintains records. Potential conflicts are referred to the Chair and/or Board of Directors for consideration.
<u>Management</u>	Where conflicts exist, mitigation measures may include public disclosure, recusal from certain discussions or decisions, or other measures deemed appropriate.
<u>Publication</u>	A summary of declared interests will be published in meeting materials to ensure transparency.

6. Confidentiality

Full DOI forms are kept confidential by the ACCELERATE Secretariat. Only summary disclosures are made public, unless explicit consent is given.

7. Compliance

Failure to disclose relevant interests may result in exclusion from certain activities, or in serious cases, removal from a role within ACCELERATE.

8. Contact

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