



## **Agencia de Acreditación de Programas de Ingeniería y de Arquitectura**

### **Ethical principles**

**For accreditation council members, technical committees,  
peer evaluators and observers in the accreditation  
processes.**

#### **Purpose:**

The present statement is intended to point out the principles that should govern the actions of the members of the accreditation council, technical committees, peer evaluators and observers in the performance of its evaluation functions, accreditation or training.

#### **General statement:**

The designation as member of the accreditation council, technical committee, peer evaluator or observer of an accreditation process, is an academic recognition and a high honor within the professional community of architects and engineers, so at all times they should express with their words and actions an integral behavior, consistent with such distinction.

#### **Ethical principles:**

1. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers of accreditation processes must comply with the provisions of the Code of Ethics of the Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica.
2. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers of accreditation processes should, in the exercise of their functions, contribute to achieving the objectives and purposes of the accreditation agency and promote a positive image of it.

3. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers of accreditation processes should warn any conflict of interest or particular situation that contravenes the statements and principles of value contained herein, to be recused from the evaluation processes or accreditation, as appropriate.
  
4. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers of accreditation processes should treat the information made available, with confidentiality, objectivity, honesty, equity and impartiality.
  
5. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers of accreditation processes must make judgments of value or merit of the programs under evaluation, in exclusive attention to the established criteria. Any other opinion is irrelevant.
  
6. The accreditation council members, technical committees, peer evaluators or observers should, in the exercise of their functions guide their actions, words and decisions, by the following axiological principles: Trust, objectivity, impartiality, transparency, confidentiality, responsibility, honesty, respect, independence, equity and commitment.