2022 Council of Delegates
of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

WORKSHOP

Strengthening integrity within the Movement

OUTLINE

Context
The Statutory Meetings of the Movement in 2019 took on the issue of trust in the Movement as a major theme. They acknowledged the extraordinary stresses on public trust experienced by many traditional institutions due to social, political and technological changes around the world. In this environment, a key element for the Movement to continue enjoying the trust of the public, governments, partners and donors is our ability to demonstrate the highest commitment to and practice of integrity. At the 2019 Council of Delegates, the Statement on Integrity of the Movement was adopted and highly welcomed by the participants. It expresses the seriousness with which the Movement takes the issue of integrity and reiterates that the integrity and ethical behaviour of each component of the Movement is fundamental at both the individual and institutional level.

Overall objective and expected outcomes of the workshop
The workshop will consider how integrity is understood within the Movement and what steps can be taken, individually and collectively, to strengthen it. The session builds upon previous events where the subject of integrity was addressed and engages the participants through concrete case studies and interactive methods in reflecting further on opportunities, challenges, risks and solutions. The session will also include a brief presentation of the Working Group for follow-up on the Movement Integrity Statement and the highlights of its report to the Council of Delegates. Overall, the workshop is expected to improve the participants’ common understanding of requirements to protect integrity and identify what more Movement components can do together to strengthen their integrity.

The session will be moderated by members of the Movement Integrity Statement Working Group, and the workshop outcomes will contribute to the Working Group’s future work.
Key questions to be considered in the workshop session

The session aims to answer the following questions:

1) What do we understand by integrity and what are the existing requirements and commitments relating to Movement components protecting their integrity?

2) What progress has been made since the Statement on Integrity of the Movement was adopted at the 2019 Council of Delegates?

3) What steps can be taken by Movement components, individually and collectively, to strengthen integrity within the Movement? Discussion of concrete cases of situations where integrity was at risk and how they were addressed.

Supporting document:

- Statement on Integrity of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement