

SCHEDULE A: CODE OF ETHICS

Agrologists have an obligation to conduct all business in an ethical manner, and share a moral and legal responsibility to protect the public interest, employers, clients, other agrologists and the profession of agrology.

The profession demands and holds agrologists accountable for integrity, competence and objectivity in their conduct as they fulfill their professional responsibilities to protect the public interest, the employer or client, the profession and other agrologists.

PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE PUBLIC

- Practise only in those fields where the agrologists' training, ability and experience make them professionally qualified.
- Express a professional opinion only when it is founded on adequate knowledge and experience, and where agrologists have an understanding of the situation and context against which this opinion is being offered.
- Advocate and practise good stewardship of agriculture, food and the environment based on sound scientific principles.
- Extend public knowledge of agriculture and promote truthful and accurate statements on sustainable agricultural systems and environmental matters.

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE EMPLOYER OR CLIENT

- Act conscientiously and diligently in providing professional services on behalf of the employer or client.
- Maintain the confidentiality of employer or client information unless given explicit consent, except, as the law requires.
- Obtain a clear understanding of the employer's or client's objectives.
- Inform the employer or client of any action planned or undertaken by the employer or client that agrologists believe is detrimental to good stewardship or in breach of known laws or regulations.
- Refuse any assignment that creates a conflict of interest, defined as:
 - Where there is reason to believe that a decision may be unduly influenced by a factor other than what is in the best interest of the employer or client; or
 - A situation where one may be tempted to place one's private interest above one's duty to the employer or client.

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PROFESSION

- Inspire confidence in agrology by maintaining high standards in conduct and work at all times.
- Support activities for the advancement of the profession.

- Report to the Institute (Registrar) any alleged illegal practices, professional incompetence, professional misconduct or any breach of the Act or bylaws.
- State clearly on whose behalf professional statements or opinions are made.
- Sign and seal only those plans, reports and other documents for which agrologists are professionally responsible and which were prepared by them or under their direction.

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE OTHER AGROLOGISTS OF THE INSTITUTE

- Abstain from undignified or misleading public communication with or about agrologists.
- Give credit for professional work to whom credit is due.
- Share knowledge and experience with other agrologists, mentor new agrologists and contribute to building a strong network of professionals.