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Child Protection Guidelines

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1. Introduction

The Climate Change and Food Security Association (CCFSA) recognizes the critical importance of timely and accurate information sharing to effectively address the interconnected challenges of climate change and food security. These guidelines provide a comprehensive framework for the dissemination and exchange of information within the CCFSA network and with external stakeholders, including researchers, policymakers, farmers, civil society organizations, and the general public.

2. Objectives

- **Promote Collaboration:** Foster a culture of open communication and collaboration among CCFSA members and partners, encouraging joint research initiatives, data sharing, and the co-creation of knowledge.
- **Enhance Knowledge:** Facilitate the sharing of a wide range of information, including research findings, best practices, case studies, policy briefs, technical reports, and innovative solutions related to climate change and food security.
- **Inform Decision-Making:** Provide stakeholders with credible and relevant information to support informed decision-making on climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the food system, including policy development, agricultural practices, and investment decisions.
- **Raise Awareness:** Increase public understanding of the complex links between climate change and food security, highlighting the impacts of climate change on food production, access, and nutrition, and the urgent need for action at all levels.
- **Empower Communities:** Equip vulnerable communities with the knowledge and information they need to adapt to the impacts of climate change on food security and build resilience.

3. Guiding Principles

- **Accuracy and Reliability:** Information shared should be accurate, evidence-based, and from reputable sources. CCFSA will strive to ensure the quality and credibility of information disseminated through its channels.
- **Transparency and Openness:** CCFSA is committed to transparent and open communication, ensuring that information is accessible to all stakeholders in a clear and understandable format.
- **Relevance and Timeliness:** Information should be relevant to the needs of different stakeholders and disseminated in a timely manner to enable effective action.
- **Inclusivity and Equity:** CCFSA promotes inclusivity and equity in information sharing, ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives are represented, including those of women, youth, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities.
- **Confidentiality and Privacy:** Respect confidentiality and privacy concerns when sharing sensitive information, adhering to ethical guidelines and data protection regulations.
- **Accessibility:** Information should be made available in multiple languages and accessible formats (e.g., plain language summaries, audio-visual materials) to reach a wider audience.

4. Information Sharing Mechanisms

- **CCFSA Website and Online Platform:** A dynamic and user-friendly platform serving as a central hub for sharing publications, reports, data, news, event information, and interactive tools.
- **Regular Newsletters and Bulletins:** Disseminate key updates, research findings, policy briefs, and announcements to members and subscribers, tailored to different audiences.
- **Conferences, Workshops, and Webinars:** Organize a variety of events to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration among stakeholders, including international conferences, regional workshops, and online webinars.
- **Social Media Channels:** Utilize social media platforms strategically to engage with a wider audience, share information in an accessible format, and promote dialogue on key issues.
- **Partnerships and Networks:** Collaborate with other organizations and networks, including research institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and community groups, to expand the reach of information dissemination efforts.

- **Community Forums and Outreach:** Establish platforms for direct engagement with communities, such as local forums, workshops, and participatory initiatives, to share information and gather feedback.

5. Information Sharing Protocols

- **Attribution and Citation:** Always properly attribute and cite sources when sharing information, giving credit to the original authors and promoting transparency.
- **Data Sharing:** Encourage the sharing of research data in accordance with ethical and legal guidelines, promoting open access and collaboration.
- **Peer Review:** Promote the peer review of research findings before widespread dissemination to ensure quality and reliability.
- **Language and Accessibility:** Make information available in multiple languages and accessible formats whenever possible, considering the needs of diverse audiences.
- **Feedback and Evaluation:** Establish mechanisms for gathering feedback on the effectiveness of information sharing activities, continuously improving communication strategies.
- **Content Moderation:** Implement clear guidelines for content moderation on online platforms to ensure that information shared is respectful, inclusive, and constructive.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

- **CCFSA Secretariat:** Responsible for managing the CCFSA website and online platform, producing newsletters and bulletins, organizing events, and coordinating information sharing activities.
- **CCFSA Members:** Actively contribute to information sharing by submitting publications, data, and other relevant materials, participating in events, and engaging in online discussions.
- **Partners and Stakeholders:** Engage with CCFSA in information exchange and collaboration, sharing their own knowledge and expertise, and contributing to the development of communication strategies.
- **Communication Team:** A dedicated team responsible for developing and implementing communication strategies, managing social media channels, and ensuring the accessibility and effectiveness of information sharing.

7. Conclusion

These expanded guidelines provide a comprehensive framework for effective information sharing within the CCFSA network and with external stakeholders. By adhering to these guidelines and continuously adapting communication strategies, CCFSA can strengthen its efforts to address the complex and evolving challenges of climate change and food security, empowering individuals and communities to take informed action.