

# Charter of Independence

## Statement of Independence

Climate Strategies constitutes a network of climate policy researchers to produce innovative, cross-cutting and policy-relevant research. Climate Strategies seeks to provide analysis relevant for all stakeholders and above the interests of any individual government, company or institution, whether or not they provide Climate Strategies with funding. Climate Strategies is an independent, non-partisan organisation. Its members enjoy full academic freedom in speech and written word.

## Legal Form and Governance

Climate Strategies is a not-for-profit membership organisation. Upon proposal by existing Members, new Members are appointed on a personal title by the Board. Members are drawn from universities, renowned think tanks, or not-for-profit research institutions across the world. Exceptions are occasionally made where a member without such affiliation would add exceptional value to Climate Strategies.

Climate Strategies is governed by a Board that serves as its executive committee. Members of the Board are drawn from the Climate Strategies membership. They are proposed by either an existing Board Member or a regular Member. The Board is led by a Chair.

The Climate Strategies day-to-day business is conducted by a Secretariat, led by a Managing Director. The Managing Director participates in the Board meetings as a secretary.

## Funding

By relying on a range of funders, Climate Strategies seeks to protect the intellectual independence of its research and strengthen the influence and impact of its work. Wherever possible, Climate Strategies intends to blend funding sources of various natures for each project.

## **Projects, Meetings and Publications**

Where Climate Strategies holds workshops, discussions are generally held under the Chatham House rule of non-attribution. Funders do not receive exclusive access to meetings.

Climate Strategies publications require the full consent of all authors and the Secretariat. Climate Strategies conducts a rigorous process of peer review over its publications and other outputs to ensure high levels of academic quality. Decision-makers are invited to participate in the thinking. Funders do not hold a right to object to a Climate Strategies publication.

Climate Strategies issues regular newsletters and email updates on its activities to its network and stakeholders, including funders.

## **Intellectual Property Rights**

Unless otherwise agreed, Climate Strategies and its research contributors hold all intellectual property and publication rights for the analysis and research conducted by projects led/convened by Climate Strategies.

## **Logo**

The use of the Climate Strategies' logo requires the explicit and written consent of the Managing Director.

*(The Charter of Independence was adopted by Climate Strategies Members at the Annual Meeting on 09.05.2017)*