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QUEST'26

Motus Mentium — Movement of Minds

CODE OF CONDUCT & CONFERENCE POLICIES

Official Participant Handbook

Confidential — For Authorized Participants Only

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The measure of a great society is found not in its wealth or power, but in the conduct of its members and the integrity of its discourse.

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— Adapted from the principles of QUEST'26

01. PREAMBLE

QUEST'26 is convened as an institution of intellectual rigour, entrepreneurial vision, and diplomatic exchange. Participants are invited as stewards of this forum — expected to engage with discipline, intellectual honesty, and a commitment to the highest standards of professional conduct. The conference upholds the values of collaborative inquiry, ethical leadership, and respectful discourse. Every participant — regardless of delegation, function, or seniority — is bound by the principles enshrined in this handbook.

02. DELEGATE REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION POLICIES

- All participants must complete official registration through channels designated by the Organizing Committee. Unregistered attendance is not permitted.
- Each delegation must submit verified authorization credentials. The Secretariat reserves the right to request supporting documentation at any stage.
- Delegate information submitted during registration must be accurate and authentic. Misrepresentation of identity, affiliation, or credentials constitutes a policy violation.
- Delegation substitutions must be formally communicated to the Secretariat no later than 48 hours prior to the conference opening. Substitutions without prior approval will not be granted access.
- Conference access is conditional upon valid registration confirmation and display of official identification upon entry.
- Participants are responsible for adhering to all communication timelines, pre-conference briefs, and submission deadlines issued by the Secretariat.
- Acceptance of a delegate position constitutes acknowledgment of all policies, procedures, and standards outlined in this handbook.

03. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT POLICY

- All participants are expected to engage with courtesy, composure, and intellectual respect across all conference settings — formal and informal.
- QUEST'26 maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward harassment, discrimination, intimidation, or conduct of a derogatory nature in any form.
- Discrimination on the basis of gender, nationality, religion, ethnicity, or any other grounds will result in immediate disciplinary action.
- Misuse of positional authority — by any delegate, executive board member, or conference official — is a serious violation of conference ethics.
- Constructive, evidence-based participation is expected. Personal attacks, dismissive conduct, or deliberate disruption are incompatible with the values of QUEST'26.
- Conduct that brings the institution, conference, or fellow participants into disrepute — within or outside conference premises — is subject to review under this policy.

04. SESSION & COMMITTEE POLICIES

- Attendance is mandatory for all formal committee sessions and official conference proceedings. Delegates are expected to remain present for the entirety of each session unless formally excused by the Secretariat.
- Repeated absence, unexplained exits, or prolonged non-participation may invite disciplinary review. Any participant absent from more than one official council session without prior Secretariat approval shall become ineligible for participation certification.
- Punctuality is non-negotiable. Late entry to formal sessions disrupts proceedings and reflects poorly on the delegation concerned.
- All committee participation — including moderated caucuses, unmoderated caucuses, and working paper submissions — must adhere to established procedural rules.
- The Executive Board holds final authority over committee conduct, speaking time, point adjudication, and session management. EB directives are binding.
- Disruption of proceedings, non-compliance with EB rulings, or failure to observe parliamentary protocol may result in suspension from session.
- All documents — working papers, draft resolutions, position papers — must be submitted through designated channels and within prescribed deadlines.

05. EVENT & SOCIAL FUNCTION POLICIES

- Participants are expected to uphold professional decorum during networking events, social functions, and informal gatherings associated with QUEST'26.
- Access to backstage areas, restricted zones, and technical spaces is limited to authorized personnel. Unauthorized entry constitutes a security breach.
- Photography and media capture within conference venues is permitted for personal, non-commercial use only. Recording of closed sessions, deliberations, or restricted proceedings is strictly prohibited.
- Participant safety is a shared responsibility. Any concerns relating to personal safety or participant welfare must be reported immediately to the nearest conference official.
- Conduct during social functions is subject to the same standards as formal sessions. Misconduct at ancillary events will be treated under this policy.

06. DIGITAL & MEDIA POLICY

- Personal devices are permitted subject to responsible use. Usage that disrupts committee proceedings or constitutes a distraction is not permitted.
- All research, position papers, and submitted documents must reflect the delegate's original work. Use of AI-assisted tools without disclosure is considered academic misrepresentation.
- Plagiarism — in any form — is a violation of conference integrity standards and will be treated as such.
- Social media conduct pertaining to QUEST'26 must be responsible, accurate, and respectful. Content that misrepresents the conference, its participants, or its proceedings is prohibited.
- Confidential committee simulations, crisis updates, and deliberative proceedings must not be shared externally without express Secretariat authorization.

07. ACADEMIC & INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY POLICY

- QUEST'26 demands the highest standards of originality in all submitted work. Delegates are expected to conduct and present independent research.
- Fabrication of data, falsification of evidence, or misattribution of sources constitutes a serious breach of intellectual integrity.
- AI-generated content may be used as a research supplement but must not serve as the primary basis of any submission. Undisclosed AI usage is treated as plagiarism.
- Citation standards must be upheld across all academic submissions. Delegates are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their references.
- The Secretariat reserves the right to audit submitted materials for compliance with integrity standards at any point during the conference.

08. SECURITY & SAFETY POLICY

- All participants must comply with campus regulations, security protocols, and instructions issued by The Scindia School and the Organizing Committee.
- Restricted areas are clearly designated. Unauthorized access is a breach of conference security and will be escalated accordingly.
- In the event of an emergency, participants must comply immediately with evacuation procedures and emergency instructions issued by school or conference authorities.
- Any incident of concern — including threats to personal safety, suspicious activity, or potential violations — must be reported without delay to a designated conference official.
- Participants are responsible for the care and security of their personal belongings. The Organizing Committee accepts no liability for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.

09. DISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK

Policy violations are addressed through a structured escalation framework. The Secretariat retains sole discretion over the application of disciplinary measures.

LEVEL	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Level I	Verbal Warning	Issued for minor procedural infractions. No formal record.
Level II	Written Warning	Issued for repeat or substantive violations. Formal record retained.
Level III	Suspension from Sessions	Temporary removal from committee proceedings pending review.
Level IV	Removal from Conference	Permanent exclusion without eligibility for certification.
Level V	Institutional Reporting	Escalation to school authorities and delegating institutions as warranted.

10. LIABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

- The Organizing Committee and The Scindia School accept no liability for loss, damage, injury, or any circumstance arising from a participant's failure to comply with this handbook.
- Participants are solely responsible for their personal belongings and shall not hold the conference or institution accountable for any damage or loss incurred.
- Registration constitutes a binding acknowledgment of all policies, standards, and disciplinary provisions contained within this handbook.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend conference policies. Participants will be notified of material amendments through official channels.

11. THE SPIRIT OF QUEST'26

*Motus Mentium — Movement of Minds — is more than a theme.
It is a commitment.*

QUEST'26 convenes individuals who believe that ideas, when pursued with discipline and imagination, can move institutions, reshape policies, and redefine futures. This conference is a space for entrepreneurial courage, diplomatic intelligence, and the kind of strategic thinking that endures beyond any single session.

Participants are asked not merely to perform, but to lead — with intellectual ambition, collaborative instinct, and an unwavering sense of responsibility. The Movement of Minds is sustained not by rules, but by the character of those who choose to engage.

Welcome to QUEST'26.

Lead well.
