

## Working Principles for SAWG Affiliated Groups

The Global SAWG (Stillbirth Advocacy Working Group), a working group of the ISA (International Stillbirth Alliance), encourages the formation of regional and country groups to further our vision of **a world without preventable stillbirths or newborn deaths, and with appropriate respectful and supportive care for all who are affected**. All Global SAWG members are also by definition ISA members.


All SAWG Affiliated Groups are required to:

- 1) Adopt the ISA vision
- 2) Be chaired by a member of the Global SAWG\* (or if the Affiliated Group has multiple co-chairs rather than one chair, at least one of the co-chairs must be a member of the Global SAWG)
- 3) Provide a brief update (in writing or via zoom) to the bi-annual online meeting of the chairs of the Global SAWG and SAWG Affiliated Groups
- 4) Adhere to the SAWG Code of Conduct and related Code of Conduct and Communications policies






\* Membership in the Global SAWG is not mandatory for members of regional or country SAWG Affiliated Groups, but all are warmly invited to join ISA and the Global SAWG

SAWG regional and country groups are designated **Affiliated Groups** of the Global SAWG, and all groups in good standing with the Global SAWG will be listed under the Global SAWG page on the International Stillbirth Alliance website.

## Code of Conduct



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-  Treat each other with dignity and respect
-  Avoid inappropriate behavior and comments (discriminatory, harassing, abusive, passive-aggressive)
-  Actively participate and listen to each other
-  Respect everyone's views, even if their experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives differ
-  Adhere to our Communications Policy, including the principle that all SAWG outputs are owned by the group, not any one member

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## Code of Conduct Policy

1. **Our Code of Conduct applies** to all SAWG meetings, other events, activities, and communications.
2. **Participation in any SAWG event**, activity, or communication constitutes agreement to adhere by our Code of Conduct

3. **SAWG members with concerns about violation** of our Code of Conduct may email their SAWG co-chairs who will explore the issue and if needed, address it directly through dialogue with the member in question. Depending on the severity of the violation or with repeated violations, a SAWG member will be permanently removed from the group, and their name may be removed from any related SAWG outputs.
4. **SAWG members with concerns** that cannot be brought to their co-chairs may reach out directly to the ISA chair, at [chair@stillbirthalliance.org](mailto:chair@stillbirthalliance.org)

### **Communications Policy**

1. **SAWG products include but are not limited to** publications, toolkits, research summaries, trainings, videos, etc. that are produced by the group as part of SAWG work.
2. **SAWG products are owned by the group**, not by any one member. Specifically, SAWG publications must state that SAWG is the author (if permitted by the publisher). Publications may list SAWG group members who contributed to the work, for example in the Acknowledgements section.
3. **SAWG products that are in draft form** are not to be shared outside the group, except for explicit purposes of consultation after approval from the SAWG chairs.
4. **SAWG products that are finalized** may be shared outside the group but (a) may not be adapted or otherwise changed, and (b) must acknowledge SAWG as the author/owner.