



Memorandum of Understanding - Suppliers Code of Conduct at AfrikaBurn

AfrikaBurn is an experiment in temporary community-building, and the 11 guiding principles of AfrikaBurn define the ethos of the event and all associated offerings.

By entering Tankwa Town you are entering our community, and as such you accept these guiding principles and agree to conduct yourself and your operations in line with the principles.

1. Community first, client second

You understand and accept that in the AfrikaBurn context your client is first and foremost a participant in the AfrikaBurn community, and we hold the importance of protecting AfrikaBurn's community standards and guiding principles above the importance of the client-vendor relationship.

You agree to seek assistance/support from an AfrikaBurn Camp Site manager in the event that your client is asking you to conduct yourself or your business in a manner that does not align with the community standards.

You understand you can have no expectation that any of AfrikaBurn's crew will have any idea of where your client may be camped, and that AfrikaBurn does not have the resources to assist you in locating them.

2. Your crew *is* you

You understand and accept that any of your crew entering Tankwa Town with your goods or services are also entering the AfrikaBurn community, even if just in passing, and as such you are responsible for ensuring they are familiar with the guiding principles and this code of conduct, and that they will **conduct themselves accordingly**.

You understand and agree that all representatives of your business on site are **your responsibility** and that this responsibility extends from ensuring their **basic needs** are met (adequate shelter, food and water) to a proper **acculturation** before arrival, and on-site **induction and orientation**.

3. Decommodification

Tankwa Town is a decommodified space, and all who come through the gate are encouraged to **participate in both the work and the play**. This means your client should also do physical labour, and your crew should also enjoy the fun.

You understand and accept that **decommodification** is a core principle and as such **advertising, branding, marketing and promotion** of specific services, products or companies in relation to the AfrikaBurn event, or during the event **is inappropriate**.

To this end, you agree to make every effort to **cover up branding** on your vehicles, clothing, etc and any items you are supplying for hire.

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You understand and agree that you and your crew **may not solicit customers or offer services in exchange for reward** in Tankwa Town. And that such behaviour may result in the loss of some or all of the refundable deposit.

4. Give and take

You agree to take from site only the items you brought in as listed on your manifest.

In the course of their time on site your crew may be offered **gifts** by other members of the community. You agree to ensure that any **gifts of value** are accompanied by **written confirmation of the gift by the donor**, which should include their real name, their Tankwa address, a description of the gift given, and a contact telephone number (SA) or email address. You understand that any gift of obvious value may be retained at the AfrikaBurn Supplier Gate in the event there is no such written confirmation of the gifting.

5. Leaving No Trace

You understand it is your responsibility to ensure the principle of Leaving No Trace is fully explained and adhered to by your crew on site. This means ensuring **everything that entered site with your crew leaves with them and is disposed of appropriately** on return to your point of departure. This specifically includes waste materials and recyclables, none of which should be left anywhere on site nor on the R355 or national roads (irrespective of whether there are bins or not)

THE 11 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

RADICAL INCLUSION

Anyone may be a part of AfrikaBurn. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community. This means that anyone can partake.

GIFTING

We are devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

DECOMMODIFICATION

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

RADICAL SELF-RELIANCE

AfrikaBurn encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

RADICAL SELF-EXPRESSION

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

COMMUNAL EFFORT

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Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value civil society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with national and local laws.

LEAVING NO TRACE

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, wherever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

PARTICIPATION

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

IMMEDIACY

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important value in our culture. We see to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

As a self-reliant community, we believe the responsibility of spreading our culture lies with each and every one of us. All of us are custodians of our culture – when the opportunity presents itself, we pass knowledge on.