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CETAF recognises that public debate around science is increasingly polarised and that public trust must be actively maintained. Scientific collection-holding institutions serve society, and their credibility depends on integrity, openness, and accountability.

We reaffirm our commitment to:

Upholding scientific integrity and institutional independence, guided by evidence, transparency, and public benefit.

Engaging constructively with public concern and criticism, recognising debate as essential to democratic societies and strong science.

Defending the legitimacy of scientific work, including research priorities and commitments to inclusion, when these are misrepresented by misinformation rather than evidence-based critique.

Strengthening open and accessible communication about scientific knowledge, its limits, and its societal relevance.

We call on governments, funders, and partners to recognise that investment in science supports informed decision-making, resilience, and shared understanding. CETAF remains committed to constructive public dialogue, evidence-based policy, and ensuring that scientific knowledge and collections benefit society as a whole.