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Code of conduct for FDFA
contracting partners



The FDFA adopted a new code of conduct on 1 August 2018 in order to protect its key values and ensure a level playing field for its contracting partners. The code of conduct sets out the minimum ethical standards the FDFA expects from its contracting partners in Switzerland and abroad.

Who is the code of conduct for?

The code of conduct is aimed at all FDFA contracting partners, in particular providers of services and goods, consultants and contractors, organisations tasked with implementing projects and recipients of contributions.

What does the code of conduct cover?

The code of conduct is general in scope and encapsulates the values that guide Switzerland's foreign policy – the fight against hardship and poverty, respect for human rights, democracy, peaceful coexistence, preservation of natural resources and gender equality.

What legal status does the code of conduct have?

The FDFA's code of conduct is binding and is an integral part of all contracts concluded between the FDFA and its contracting partners.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

Contact the FDFA Compliance Office (compliance@eda.admin.ch) if there is any doubt about a particular case or if you have questions concerning the content or application of the code. Failure to respect the code of conduct should also be reported to the Compliance Office.