Integrity, respect and credibility
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.