

Principles for Integrity and Fairness in Research Partnerships

1. Accountability

Accountability should be the guiding principle of your research, from developing the project up to the dissemination of the results. Keep in mind relevant legislation, guidelines and policies from your own and the partner institutions and other relevant agencies and networks.

2. Respect

Respect at all levels for impactful research: respect for peers, collaborators, the environment, cultural heritage, local beliefs and society.

3. Fairness

Create a fair work environment committed to embrace cultural, ethical and political diversity. Apply this to all involved collaborators, fellow-researchers and stakeholders at large.

4. Equity

Create equal partnerships by honoring diversity and using open communication to identify results, and solve challenges. Learn from and integrate local knowledge and personal backgrounds of collaborators as a key to achieving effective cross-culture equity.

5. Integrity

Be truthful during the research project, avoid biases and inaccurate information.

6. Establishing partnerships

Build up and secure long-term partnerships that are based on mutual trust and are effective, to achieve a less risky and unbalanced research

7. Human-Centered Approach

Conduct research based on a human-centered approach, which complies with Human Rights principles. Promote gender equality, academic freedom and capacity development to avoid discrimination and vulnerability.

8. Collaborators Engagement

Keep a friendly and professional interpersonal relationship with all collaborators of the re- search project. Implement capacity building tools in your research to enhance the abilities of all involved collaborators and facilitate access to networks and contacts.

9. Recognition

Give credits to researchers who have contributed to the project, cite all sources properly and disseminate results among the local stakeholders and data providers. This directly enhances the balance of North-South partnerships and reassures equity in research.

10. Community Engagement

Engage with the community you are working with and not only with scientific collaborators involved. Disseminate the obtained results as an important way to provide feedback and positively impact the community.

11. Research Agreement

Create an Agreement between all parties before starting the research project. The Agreement should include relevant criteria, such as: IP management, data privacy and security and authorship. A collaboration Agreement guarantees more stability and security to the partnership and avoids future misunderstanding.

12. Authorship and Ownership

Agree beforehand on the authorship, taking into consideration good publication practices and agree on the ownership taking into consideration data management, data access and data results.

13. IP Management

Ensure that all involved institutions and researchers have equal access to the Intellectual Property created during a collaborative project. Intellectual Property comprise data, results, inventions, devises, but also oral histories and artwork. Make sure the results, data, software, and research material is stored safely during the research period and beyond.

