Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries

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**Mission:** KFPE promotes efficient, effective and equitable research cooperation with developing and transition countries. By doing so, it contributes to sustainable development and to solving global problems.

Its **members** are experienced in the field of scientific research partnerships with developing and transition countries.

At present, the **associated institutions** include about 50 Swiss institutions active in scientific research, in the promotion of scientific research or in development, Departments of the Federal Government, and Foundations.
Supporting Conceptual Work: Guidelines Impact Study

Main Activities

- Awareness Rising
  - Political level
  - Scientific & Development Community

- Knowledge Brokering
  - Info Platform Bridging
  - «North & South» Development & Research
A Guide for Transboundary Research Partnerships

The Guide

11 PRINCIPLES
- ISSUES
- MAIN CHALLENGES
- STEPS TO APPLICATION

7 QUESTIONS
- STUMBLING BLOCKS
- TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP
- RATING PRINCIPLES
Why the 11 principles?

Request from «southern» researchers for a code of conduct in research collaboration

Asymmetries / Power imbalances
- Conceptual
- Financial
- Roles / Responsibilities
- Ownership of data/samples etc.

Danger
-> South serves as a laboratory or as data provider

Cartoon by Karl Herweg, CDE Univ. of Bern
NCCR North-South

A 12 year program, 2001-2013
9 Regions, more than 40 countries
197 regional partners
Around 400 researchers involved

Financed by SNSF and SDC
The Scientific Imbalance

The distribution of worldwide spending for research (in %) (data from UNESCO Science Reports 1998, 2005 and 2010)
Thank you

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