

IDEAS CENTRE Collaborative Management Policy

The Centre is a Non-Profit Organisation.

Its aim, supported by Public Funds, is to support Developing Countries in their efforts to integrate into the global economy and the transition to multilateral trading system, in order to contribute to Sustainable Development. It has the status of an organisation of public interest in Switzerland and is therefore tax exempt.

The Centre pursues the following objectives:

- Offers services, strategic advice and support for the establishment of Institutions in the fields of Political Economy and International Trade
- Provides training and support in trade negotiations at the regional and global level
- Promotes Public-Private cooperation in the areas of Development and Governance
- Analysis of economic cooperation between developed and developing countries / transition, as well as cooperation among developing countries / transition
- Encourages policy dialogue on issues related to International Trade, Development cooperation and Economic Governance

Ideas Centre recognises the importance of working closely with selected parties in certain situations in order to bring added value to its customers, partners and IDEAS. This statement is a declaration of the Board's intent that IDEAS shall, where appropriate, select and develop strong and effective collaborative business relationships that achieve added value for the customer and the organisation. IDEAS processes for Collaborative Working to reflect the requirements of 'BS11000-1:2010 Collaborative Business Relationships', and define the processes, tools and guidance that are to be followed to ensure that collaborative relationships are formed in the right situations.

This policy states that IDEAS Management shall ensure:

- That where IDEAS choose its collaborative partners, they are selected against predetermined selection criteria
- The degree of integrated working agreed with each partner is appropriate to deliver the desired objectives
- The integrated working methods with each partner are fully defined, agreed and documented before any collaborative working occurs
- That each collaborative relationship is delivering added value in line with expectations
- That staff working in collaborative situations are sufficiently and appropriately skilled to do so
- The agreement of an exit strategy before commencing collaborative working with any partner
- This policy is communicated effectively to all employees and made available to any interested party
- The experience is used to continually improve the collaborative approach

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that the management system is effective, consistently implemented and continually improved.



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