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Indo-Swiss partnership experience

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The Indo-Swiss partnership has been based on the principles enunciated by the Swiss Commission for Research Partnership with Developing Countries. It provides support for scientific research projects, exchange of scientists and building partnerships for science.

The 11 Principles of Research Partnership have been elaborated under the following headings:

1. Decide on the objectives together
2. Build up mutual trust
3. Share information; develop networks
4. Share responsibility
5. Create transparency
6. Monitor and evaluate the collaboration
7. Disseminate the results
8. Apply the results
9. Share profits equitably
10. Increase research capacity
11. Build on the achievements

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