

Code of Conduct - International Sustainable Development

1. The country coordinator of the Minor International Sustainable Development has informed me about the background, the content and the importance of the following rules and regulations.

Preparation

2. I have prepared and informed myself about the culture, customs, history, composition of the population and religions of my project country.
3. I have informed myself appropriately about the background and activities of the local stakeholder.
4. I hereby declare that I am currently not undergoing any treatment by a psychiatrist, psychologist etc. for any psychiatric disorder that might have a negative influence on my functioning during my stay abroad. In case I am familiar with such a disorder or treatment, I have informed my country coordinator at least three months before departure to my project country.
5. I hereby declare that I am currently not involved in any romantic relationship with someone from my project country and, if so I have informed my country coordinator.

During my stay

6. Upon arrival I seek out information from local staff and stakeholders in regards to expectations, dresscode, local do's and don't's.
7. During my stay in the project country I have an observant attitude and aim to be culturally sensitive and act accordingly.
8. In my behavior and attitude I show respect for the local people and their norms and values. I show respect for the culture and the way people express themselves.
9. I do behave as a guest in the country.
10. I understand that there is a cultural difference between myself and the local people and because of that there is a difference in approach, conceptions and ideas.
11. I do not share any information about my supervisor, project and organization without consulting my client.
12. I will be sensitive and considerate about photo-/filmmaterial I share (online) and understand that this might not be appropriate depending on the context.
13. I am aware in what way women/men show respectful behavior and will act accordingly.
14. I will not wear indecent clothing (and dress appropriate for the particular culture, context and organization, i.e. shorts/skirts/tanktops etc.)
15. I make sensible and relevant decisions in my contact with the local people and refrain from intimate relationships.

As an intern/graduate student

16. I am culturally sensitive to the way authority is organized (hierarchy, age, gender) and show my respect.
17. If necessary, I adapt myself to what is expected from me in this local context.
18. I understand that I have a responsibility towards the project, stakeholders and Windesheim UAS to uphold and respect the collaboration and good name of the project and it's stakeholders.
19. In case of aggression, unwanted intimate behavior and/or admission to a hospital I will immediately inform the staff/local stakeholder and the country coordinator of the Minor ISD.
20. I will abstain from drugs, excessive alcoholic consumptions or smoking where this is not allowed.
21. I will not keep a pet during my stay.
22. During my activities for the ISD, tattoos cannot be visible.
23. I do not take part in fundraising projects within the projects of the stakeholders of the minor ISD.

Safety

24. I stick to the safety rules and regulations.
25. As a member of a project group I will take care of my fellow students in line with the regulations of the ISD programme.
26. I will not go along with somebody I don't know.
27. I will not go out alone when it is dark.
28. I do inform the local stakeholder when I go out for the weekend/holidays and provide details on where I go.
29. In case of sickness I will inform the local stakeholder.
30. I don't let somebody stay for the night without informing the local stakeholder.
31. I take care of my health/hygiene and follow the relevant instructions.
32. I always follow the advice and instructions of the Dutch Embassy.
33. I refrain from making jokes about the local food, customs and/or religious practices.
34. I do everything not to get involved in local conflicts.
35. I am aware that in my host country the majority of the local population is living below the poverty line. Therefore I am beware of pickpocketing and store my belongings in a safe place, don't wear jewelry and only have a limited amount of money with me.
36. I always carry my mobile phone with me, but for safety issues am cautious of showing it in a public area.
37. I never exchange my Dutch contact information and only share, if necessary, my email address.
38. I will never carry parcels from others to and from my project country.
39. I will not allow any strangers in my house during my stay.

In case I don't keep the above stated rules and regulations, the local stakeholder is entitled to end my participation in the Minor ISD and I could be send back to the Netherlands.

Name:

Signature:

Date: