

Code of Conduct

This document contains the 'Code of Conduct' (Hereafter CoC) for the Task Force Health Care (hereafter TFHC). The CoC is unanimously approved and accepted by the board members and participants of the TFHC. It is therefore applicable to all participants of the TFHC and in particular to those who act in- or on behalf of the platform within or outside The Netherlands.

The following **five** codes have been stated that constitute the core principles of the TFHC activities and mission:

1. Business Integrity:

Fundamental to the existence of the TFHC is its strong network of participants, the Dutch government, foreign partners and other stakeholders. These relationships are build and maintained on mutual trust, openness, transparency, respect, reliability and involvement .

In no circumstances does the TFHC approve or accept the promotion and/or activity of corruption, bribery, fraud or unfair trade. In contrast, the Task Force Health Care enforces to act upon internationally accepted business ethics.

2. Social Responsibility:

In line with the TFHC mission – "...to create sustainable healthcare infrastructures..." - it is at the basis of our activities, and those of our participants, to provide the world 'sustainable' solutions. Sustainable meaning: durable, environmental friendly, fairtrade and demand-driven solutions which positively affect the economic and healthcare situation of (local) society.

The TFHC promotes integer (for-profit or not-for-profit) business, and preferably creates win-win situations. It does however NOT approve business practices that damages, harms or negatively affects the supplying, cooperating or receiving party.

3. Trust and Openness

The strong network of the TFHC is based on the principles of trust and openness. Therefore the Task Force Health Care promotes an honest and reliable way of treating one and another; and a transparent and unconstrained flow of sharing knowledge within the network.

The TFHC does NOT facilitate or approve the formation of trusts or cartels or any form that is in conflict with the competition authority.

4. Neutral and Equality

As a platform with a wide diversity of participants in size, form and activities, it is at the heart of the platform to treat one and another equally.

The TFHC furthermore distinguishes itself by being a 'neutral' platform that incorporates the fundamentals of a public-private partnership. Neutral meaning: diverse public and private participants, independent and open to welcome new partners and participants¹.

It is therefore that the TFHC is considered as an ideal partner for (semi-) governmental bodies to discuss healthcare topics.

5. Involved Globally

The TFHC strives to be involved in all continents and focuses on those nations where sustainable health solutions are most required. The TFHC approach is to firstly understand the health issues, requirements, wishes and problems of a country or region and to anticipate accordingly.

The TFHC does NOT promote supply-driven activities , in contrast, it seeks to identify the demand and find solutions to the problems. Although the world is globalizing, it is in our believe that different countries or regions have different healthcare hurdles to be overcome and therefore need different solutions to the problems.

¹ Due to capacity reasons and to safeguard the feasibility of our objectives the Task Force Health Care has outlined and defined a clear focus. The focus concerning the TFHC participants has been stated in the 'Criteria for Participation'.