



SWISS ACTORS MEETING

“Development cooperation in a post-2015 era: sustainable development for all”
23 October 2013, Montreux

On the 24th and 25th of October the Development Cooperation Forum High-Level Symposium **“Development cooperation in a post-2015 era: sustainable development for all”** will take place in Montreux. The Swiss agency for development and Cooperation (SDC) would like to take the opportunity of this international symposium, jointly organized by the Division Global Institutions and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), to convene also the principal Swiss stakeholders in the field of development cooperation for a special Swiss side event.

Focus and objectives of the Swiss Side Event

Swiss stakeholders are fundamental players in Switzerland's development cooperation activities. They possess valuable knowledge, based on years of practice-related work in private or public institutions and/or have been involved in political decisions in relation to international cooperation. The future post-2015 agenda will require a new definition of the role of all actors involved in achieving sustainable development for all. By bringing to the national level the discussions that are currently taking place in a multilateral setting the Swiss side event provides an opportunity for Swiss stakeholders to contribute with key messages to the definition of these roles through the DCF/SDC Symposium. The Swiss event on the 23rd of October will give Swiss stakeholders the opportunity to:

- Be informed on the theme and the content of the High Level Symposium.
- Engage in a discussion on the theme of the Symposium and present their own views on the challenges and opportunities ahead.
- Identify Swiss key messages for the Symposium.

Time, Venue, Format:

At the Fairmont Hotel, Avenue Claude-Nobs 2, 1820 Montreux
October 23, 2013, 12:30 - 15:00, La Coupole in Le petit Palais +Salon de Bridge

Participants:

Swiss representatives of parliament, civil society, the private sector and academic institutions and a representative of the UN:

- **Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- **Christoph Graf**, Deputy Head, Global Cooperation Domain, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC
- **Catherine Morand**, Head of branch office in Lausanne, Development policy and press officer, Member of the committee, SWISSAID,
- **Urs Leimbacher**, Head Issue Management & Messages, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd.
- **Peter Messerli**, Director Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern

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REGISTRATION AND WELCOME LUNCH

12:30 – 13:30
La Coupole, Le
petit Palais

Registration of Participants
Standing Lunch

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Salon Bridge

Welcome and introductory remarks

Panel:

The post 2015 development agenda will advance a universal set of goals, which have sustainable development and poverty eradication at the center. In view of this new agenda, development cooperation will have to adapt.

Guiding questions:

1. What is the role of development cooperation in the support of the implementation of a universal set of goals applying to all countries? What are the challenges and what are the opportunities?
2. How can we bring together the traditional focus on poverty and development with emerging issues in the broader context of sustainable development?
3. How does the role of non state actors, such as CSOs, the private sector, and academy, evolve in this agenda? What are their contributions and how can they best be mobilized?

Interactive discussion.

Key messages and closing remarks.