



Swiss Water Partnership Action Plan

2016 – 2017

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1. Introduction

According to the statutes of the Swiss Water Partnership (SWP), the SWP's General Assembly has to “adopt the annual work plan”. The work plan is drafted by the Secretariat based on the SWP's long-term vision and objectives and reviewed by the Steering Board of the SWP. The present document presents the key elements of the annual work plan and puts it in the broader framework of the SWP's long-term strategy and objectives.

The document covers the years 2016 and 2017 including key targets for 2016. It will be updated for the SWP General Assembly 2017.

The SWP is a member platform. While the Secretariat can facilitate and trigger certain actions, its dynamism relies on the ideas and participation of its members. The document therefore presents concrete opportunities to get involved and potential entry points.

2. SWP Strategy

2.1 About the SWP

The SWP is a multistakeholder platform launched in 2012, bringing together around 80 Swiss organisations from the academic, civil society, public and private sector to develop, share, and promote innovative solutions for water challenges in developing and transition countries. While Switzerland is in a privileged situation as Europe's water tower, the fact that around 80% of its water footprint is imported calls for the country to take responsibility to support others in achieving water security for their population and aquatic ecosystems.

2.2 SWP Vision

Driven by its values of solidarity and integrity, the SWP as a partnership strives to become:

- A globally well recognized brand of high quality solutions for water security and the platform for water in Switzerland

This vision can be articulated into a series of three inherent sub-functions. Indeed the SWP strives to become:

- **A knowledge hub**
 - The SWP is a **dynamic learning platform**, facilitating exchange of knowhow and experience between the members as well as with their partners abroad
 - The SWP contributes to train and promote the **new generation of water specialist**
 - The SWP regularly **informs** its members, in a targeted manner, on global water issues
- **A knowledge setter**
 - The SWP develops itself to a **think-tank**: it enables space for reflexion and discussion on key water challenges between stakeholders from various sectors and facilitates brainstorming targeted towards innovative cross-sector solutions contributing to achieve water security
 - The SWP promotes this **knowledge internationally** and feeds it into policy processes in Switzerland, abroad and globally.
- **A cross-sector innovation carrier**
 - The SWP creates the **ground for innovative cross-sector projects** to be implemented internationally
 - The SWP brings cross-sector innovations and expertise **where it is needed**
 - The SWP promotes these **innovations and expertise internationally** and feeds them into policy processes in Switzerland, abroad and globally.

By achieving this vision, the SWP aims at contributing to improve project design by major sector actors and influencing sector policies or their implementation/monitoring frameworks, leading to improved water management and service delivery. Thus, the SWP will contribute to work towards a water secure world.

2.3 SWP Objectives

In order to achieve this vision, the SWP works along three key objectives:

- **Strong Swiss Voice**
 - Increase the knowledge of the current and future Swiss water specialists to maintain them as highly valued and recognized actors at the international level
 - Promote the reflexions, ideas and knowledge of the SWP members internationally
 - Promote innovation and expertise internationally
 - Increase the coherence in action and discourse between the SWP members
- **Water Dialogue**
 - Feed the innovations and expertise into policy processes in Switzerland, in different countries and globally and ensure that appropriate sector policies are effectively implemented
 - Through concrete projects and strategic partnerships, improve the project design by major sector actors (e.g. development banks)
- **Dynamic learning**
 - Create a dynamic learning environment, not only through activities directly linked to the objective of the SWP as a knowledge hub. Indeed, many activities leading to the SWP as a knowledge setter and as a cross-sector innovation carrier are linked to the idea of this dynamic learning environment:
 - Space of reflexions and dialogue, leading to the emergence of new ideas and trends
 - By working together for specific events or even in projects, members learn from each other and mutually reinforce their expertise

3. Long term vision and milestones

This section aims to give an insight into activities and milestones planned in the longer term (to be achieved at the latest by 2025). The list is not exhaustive and might change in the future according to opportunities and the evolution of the Partnership. It however helps to illustrate the potential evolution of the SWP.

Knowledge Hub	
	Milestones
The SWP becomes a dynamic learning platform	Internal knowledge exchanges/fairs, targeted to specific thematic needs are conducted regularly. SWP overview of training offers
The SWP contributes to train and promote the new generation of water specialist	A mentoring program is initiated, where senior water experts can mentor junior water experts who are not in their organisations. SWP coordinates the submission of applications of young water professionals to international water events or water prizes (e.g. Stockholm World Water Week). A SWP JPO program is launched, allowing young professionals to gather experience from the variety of stakeholders present in the Partnership.
The SWP regularly informs its members, in a targeted manner, on global water issues	Conduct regular information and discussion events on key global water issues.
Knowledge Setter	
	Milestones
The SWP as a think tank	Working groups on key strategic themes meet regularly to discuss the topics Discussion lead to concrete outputs (policy briefs, projects, etc.)
The knowledge and ideas are promoted internationally	The working groups organize events in Switzerland and abroad on key strategic themes Develop and institutionalise a yearly event in Geneva allowing to present the Swiss knowledge and expertise to the international Geneva.

Cross Sector Innovation Carrier	
	Milestones
The SWP creates the ground for innovative cross-sector projects to be implemented internationally	<p>Regularly conduct study tours to showcase innovative cross-sector solutions in Switzerland with the World Bank and other strategic partners (AfDB, AdB, etc.)</p> <p>Cross sector projects are regularly launched amongst members of the SWP</p>
The SWP brings cross-sector innovations and expertise where it is needed	Members of the SWP support the monitoring of the SDG 6 in 1 or 2 pilot countries
The SWP promotes the Swiss innovations and expertise internationally and feeds them into policy processes	Expertise gained in the pilot countries and in Switzerland are fed into national policies of partner countries

4. Action plan 2016 – 2017

4.1 Activities 2016 - 2017

This section presents key activities which will be conducted in 2016 and 2017. It also presents the objectives for the next three years as well as the targets for 2016. These activities are presented along the three key objectives (dynamic

learning, Swiss voice and water dialogue) and do all contribute to one or several aspects of the SWP vision described in the previous chapters.

Objective 2016-18	Target 2016	Activities	How to get involved?
Dynamic learning			
A SWP mapping of existing trainings in the water sector is available on the SWP website and consulted by a broad audience	The SWP mapping is available on the SWP website	Map existing training offer and provide a list of all trainings conducted in the water sector on the SWP Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the mapping and complement it with trainings you know about • Let us continuously know if yourself, or some of your partners, plan a training • Promote the platform within your network
A SWP knowledge exchange programme is available and promoted	1 SWP learning event is conducted A draft programme for knowledge exchange activities is available	Based on the result of the capacity development survey and mapping of the training offer an SWP learning event (based on knowledge exchange amongst members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute with your knowledge to the SWP learning event (give a short presentation, join the discussion group on capacity development and help the secretariat to identify potential speakers for event, etc.) • Host the SWP learning event • Take the initiative to organise further learning events for SWP members

Objective 2016-18	Target 2016	Activities	How to get involved?
Swiss Voice			
Innovative cross-sector solutions involving SWP members are implemented in the framework of international projects	<p>1 cross sector consortium project is initiated</p> <p>3 existing cross-sector innovations are documented</p>	<p>Conduct a study tour in Switzerland for WB staff and clients</p> <p>Further explore current and upcoming possibilities for SWP consortia</p> <p>Find key existing cross-sector innovations to be documented</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute with your ideas and network to identify possibilities for SWP consortia • Propose to other SWP members who complement your expertise to jointly get involved in projects • Communicate to the SWP secretariat your existing cross-sector innovations so they can be documented and shared with key strategic partners • Indicate on the SWP website where your organization is active so it can easily be communicate to strategic partners of persons willing to start a project in a specific country
Innovative cross-sector solutions involving SWP members are presented at Swiss and International Event	<p>The SWP is present at 2 international events (one major incl. booth and one minor without booth).</p> <p>2 seminars at international events are co-convened by the SWP</p> <p>Launch the organization of the SWP event in Geneva on World Water Day 2017</p>	<p>Facilitate participation at thematic events of the Stockholm World Water Week (SWWW)</p> <p>Organize a Swiss booth at the SWWW</p> <p>Facilitate the participation of SWP in another event</p> <p>Working group on reuse for the World Water Day 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-convene a thematic event in Stockholm • Co-own the Swiss booth in Stockholm • Represent the SWP at international events you are attending • Join an existing working group of the SWP or express your interest to initiate a new working group on a topic/project/idea which would be of interest for you and other SWP members

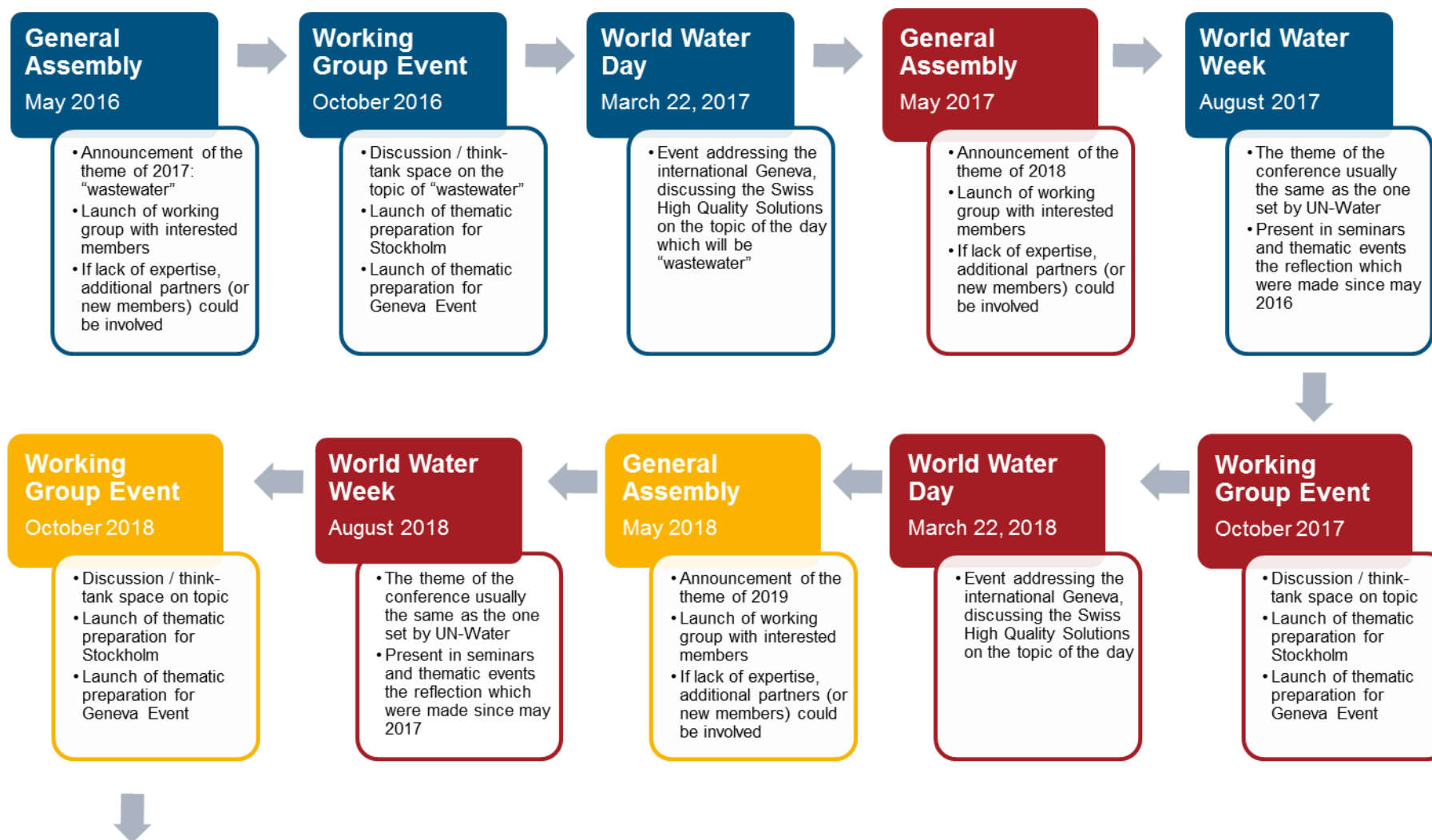
Objective 2016-18	Target 2016	Activities	How to get involved?
Water Dialogue			
SWP members contribute to shaping global policies	1 information event on current or upcoming policy processes SWP involved in one policy intervention	Provide regular information on current and upcoming relevant policy processes (e.g Switzerland international cooperation dispatch 2017 – 2020) Participate in the SDG implementation and monitoring process in Switzerland and in Pilot countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute with you expertise to set up relevant monitoring and implementation mechanisms in Switzerland and abroad, making a significant contribution in the process towards the achievement of SDG 6.

4.2 Yearly Activity Cycle

The main activities of the SWP are structured around the following yearly cycle of activities. The Stockholm World Water Week (SWWW) has been identified has a key international event in which the SWP shall be represented, both through thematic events and by giving to its members the possibility to be represented in the exhibition through a common Swiss booth. In addition, the SWP will organize a yearly event in Switzerland on the World Water Day showcasing the Swiss Expertise on the UN-Water theme of the year. This theme is also taken up by the organizers of the SWWW. Thus, during a year,

the SWP would focus in particular on the UN-Water theme, as illustrated hereafter. For 2017, the UN-Water theme will be “wastewater”.

This structured cycle of activities responds to all objectives of the SWP, as it allows to reflect and discuss on a specific topic amongst various actors, it gives the possibility for the members to actively participate in this process to learn from each other and mutually reinforce their expertise, it promotes the knowledge and expertise both in Switzerland and internationally and finally it creates ground for multi-stakeholder collaboration.



5. Organisational Set Up

5.1 Roles and responsibilities

Tasks	Steering board	Secretariat	Members
Planning, operational issues	Guide the secretariat in developing a strategic orientation & yearly program, oversee implementation	Develop a yearly program, support the development of task groups, organise regular meetings and participation at key international events	Get involved in the planning process, launch initiatives, actively participate in the activities
Communication	Review & validate the strategy	Draft the strategy, ensure day-to-day communication, guarantee information transparency	Provide / share information
Financial issues	Review & validate the business plan, the financial report & audit	Draft the business model, manage the budget, elaborate the financial report and organise the audit	Contribute to the budget with their fees
Reporting	Review & validate the activity report	Elaborate the activity report	Provide reporting of activities

5.2 Working and discussion groups

The SWP aims at providing its members opportunities to take the lead and/or actively engage in discussion or working groups on specific topics or in preparation of a specific event.

The SWP Steering Board clarified that a **discussion group** (DG) can be launched by any member to exchange, discuss or innovate and is therefore a dynamic tool open to any member interested in shaping the SWP.

The creation of a **working group** (WG) is more formalised as it has to be validated by the Steering Board, needs a host member and 2-3 other members from at least two different sectors and WG outputs have to be approved by the Steering Board.

In Table 3 below you can see the WGs and DGs that exist today, but since these are dynamic groups hosted by SWP members and can easily be linked to the SWP activity streams and value propositions, new groups may emerge and some existing may phase out.

Working groups

Name	Objective	Lead
Water integrity	Sensitise Swiss organisation on water integrity issues Organise a meaningful Swiss water integrity seminar	Cewas
Base of pyramid market	Organise a side event at the Tech4Dev conference giving a better understanding of the opportunities, challenges and constraints related to market entry and scale-up in BoP markets	Swiss Bluetec Bridge
Agenda 2030 Advocacy	Advocate for a meaningful global architecture for the water sector in the context of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development	SDC
SWWW 2016	Organise meaningful cross sector thematic events & jointly present Swiss water knowhow and expertise at the SWP booth	SWP
UN Water Theme 2017	Prepare the concept for the event in Geneva on World Water Day 2017 Discuss and prepare meaningful inputs on the UN Water Theme 2017 (Geneva and Stockholm)	To be defined?

Discussion Group

Name	Objective	Lead
Capacity Development	Identify and discuss existing expertise and members' needs to develop joint trainings.	Eawag

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