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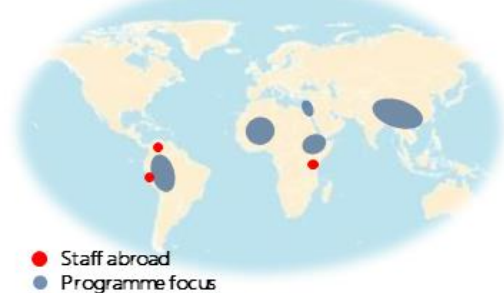
**Swiss Agency for Development
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GLOBAL PROGRAMME WATER INITIATIVES

The programmes, projects and contributions of the Global Programme Water Initiatives meet key global challenges related to the management of water resources, including access to drinking water and the use of water for agriculture, industry and households. By focusing on inequity and poverty, they contribute to the reduction of global risks and the realization of a water-secure world.

The Global Programme Water Initiatives runs 53 operational projects and initiatives at bilateral and multilateral levels. Most of them have innovation and policy components. The Global Programme Water Initiatives with its 16 specialists acts as a centre of competence and maintains partnerships with academia, the public and private sector, civil society organizations and a network (RésEAU) with 410 members.

Interventions



Key figures (2014):

- Projects: 53
- Number of staff: 16, of whom 5 abroad
- Global Programme budget: CHF 38 Mio.
- Total SDC investments in water: CHF 145 Mio.
- Network members (RésEAU): 410

Main objectives

- Attain that water security, as defined by UN-Water, is in the frontline of the priorities of the international global development agenda.
- Influence the global policy dialogue on Integrated Water Resource Management fostering sustainable water cooperation and ensuring access for the poor.
- Influence at the global level for improved, equitable access to basic water services and efficient use of water for agriculture.
- Maintain and strengthen the know-how of Swiss players active in the water sector and mobilizing them to position Switzerland at the forefront of the global water challenges.

Priorities in 2014

- i. Be a core actor in facilitating the inclusive process of a country coalition that allows for successful advocacy and adoption of a dedicated Post-2015 (SDGs) water goal.
- ii. Support the implementation of the Blue Peace Middle East / Nile political recommendations and launch the Global Blue Peace initiative with the establishment of the WaterPoleEau in Geneva.
- iii. Foster the replication and expansion of the Payment for Watershed Services solutions and ensure knowledge is widely anchored in the global community of practice on investments for ecosystems services.
- iv. Support the Sanitation and Water for All alliance so that it fulfils its role as a catalyst for concrete political commitments from the ministers of finance.

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- v. Foster commitment and relevance of Swiss actors in proven cooperation mechanisms like Solidarit'Eau, Swiss Water Partnership, Swiss Bluetec Bridge and the Swiss NGOs consortium.
 - vi. Support the development of generic business models of resource recovery and safe waste water reuse.
 - vii. Consolidate the mechanism for high quality insurance and synergies of the Global Programme Water Initiatives portfolio through peer reviews and evaluation.

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Key partners

Multilateral organisations

UN-Water, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), Joint Monitoring Programme WHO-UNICEF (JMP), World Bank: Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) and International Finance Corporation (IFC), Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

International institutions and platforms

Global Water Partnership (GWP), Water Integrity Network (WIN), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Strategic Foresight Group India (SFG), World Water Council (WWC), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Water Footprint Network (WFN), International Secretariat for Water (ISW), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), World Economic Forum (WEF)

Switzerland

Swiss Water Partnership (SWP), AGUASAN community of practice, EAWAG/Sandec, Swiss Water & Sanitation Consortium NGOs, Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences: ETHZ, EPFL, universities of Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Yverdon and Zurich