

# **Annual Report 2015**





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# List of abbreviations

BoP Base of the Pyramid

DG Discussion Group: at least two SWP members exchanging on a specific topic

SB Steering Board

SDC Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

SECO State Secretariat of Economic Affairs

SDG Sustainable Development Goal

SWP Swiss Water Partnership

SWWW Stockholm World Water Week – annual meeting of water experts

WG Working Group: at least three SWP members from two or more different sectors working for

a concrete output/outcome that has to be approved by the Steering Board

WWC World Water Council

WWF World Water Forum – triennial meeting of water experts and policy makers



### Introduction

The Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) was founded in 2012. The platform has grown steadily since then. The number of members has increased and put together, these members now offer a unique and enriching mix of multi-sectorial expertise. The SWP has also been involved in a growing number of activities and the SWP starts to be recognised as an important national water partnership.

2015 was an important year for the water sector. The 7<sup>th</sup> **World Water Forum** took place in Korea. The Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) co-organised a Swiss booth, bringing all key actors of the Swiss water sector under one roof. An SWP thematic event was also held during the Forum.

But 2015 was most importantly the year in which the first universal and holistic agenda for sustainable development was approved by the United Nations member states. The **Agenda 2030 for sustainable development** features a standalone water goal (SDG6), for which the SWP and its members actively advocated. The paradigm change brought by this new agenda and the ambitious water goal implies to rethink the approaches, activities and architecture of the water sector. Challenges coming from the implementation and monitoring of this agenda will have to be tackled in a sound and inclusive way. The SWP and its members will engage actively in meeting these challenges.

2015 was also a fruitful year for the Swiss Water Partnership. The presence at several international events allowed to contribute to positioning the SWP as a recognised brand of **high quality solutions for water security**. The possibilities to create consortia amongst members of the Swiss Water Partnership were actively explored. Several meetings with the representatives of the World Bank took place. And **several events** were co-organised under the SWP umbrella, allowing members to exchange their knowledge and discuss key issues of the water sector. Furthermore, the membership base has been consolidated and the vision, action plan and financing for the next three years have been clarified.

The report gives an overview of the 2015 achievements along the main SWP's objectives: platform development, dynamic learning, strong Swiss voice, and water dialogue. These are the building blocks for the SWP to become an impactful network influencing the sector, the platform for water in Switzerland, and ultimately a globally well-recognised brand of high quality solutions for water security. The report also presents the financial overview of the year 2015 and concludes with an outlook on the forthcoming years.



## 1.Achievement 2015

### 1.1 Platform development

#### 1.1.1 Strategic Planning

2015 was an important year for the consolidation of the SWP's long-term vision and ensuring a sound financial basis. The steering board concretised the SWP's long-term vision, outcomes, and thematic priorities, and designed measures to tackle key challenges and enhance financial viability. The General Assembly enabled to refine and consolidate this vision. The results are documented in a concise 9-year strategy document (SWP entry proposal 2015-2024) and a more detailed Project Document for the next 3 years (SWP Project Document 2015-2018). The Project Document has been approved by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for funding, thus extending the partnership between the SDC and the SWP.

#### 1.1.2 Members acquisition

Moreover, a member acquisition strategy has been drafted to ensure member development supports the implementation of the long-term vision. The number of members is now approaching 80 (32 at the foundation in 2015) and the platform dynamic, especially around events, is high.

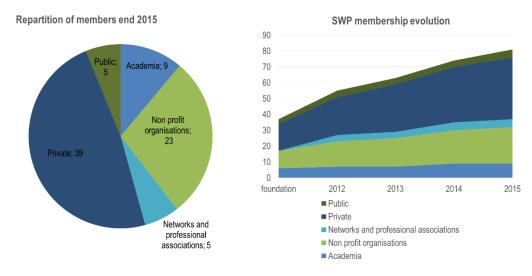


Figure 1: SWP membership composition by the end of 2015 and evolution since the foundation of SWP

#### 1.1.3 Towards a recognised brand for high quality solutions

After 3 years of operation, the SWP is now starting to be recognised as a relevant actor in the sector. The SWP became a member of the World Water Council upon invitation. It has been invited in several occasions in Switzerland and globally to play a role in the sector (e.g. invitation by the International Water Association to convene a workshop at the World Water Week in 2016, by South Pole to host a session on water at the climate action event, by ETHZ to participate in a Conference in Jakarta/Indonesia and assess the potential to involve SWP members in follow-up steps).



### 1.2 Dynamic Learning

The 'capacity development' survey has been formulated, launched, and preliminary results gathered. The survey aims at analysing both specific training needs and offers among SWP members. This will be used as a basis to provide an overview of existing training offers (provided by SWP members) and also to plan 1-2 specific training based on the identified needs.

Additionally, several opportunities to network and learn from each other were provided in 2015. The **series of thematic meetings** (water resources mapping and monitoring, water and climate change, urban water and groundwater, transboundary water management, dams and hydro-management, extractive industries and water) to jointly prepare a presentation of SWP expertise targeted to the World Bank were excellent opportunities to meet and identify partners with complementing expertise. The preparation of the event "**Getting Research into Policy and Practice"** at the World Water Forum was also a good opportunity to meet for different members. Finally, the **preparatory meetings for the World Water Week** including the facilitation training also enabled various SWP members to come together and jointly shape the Swiss presence in Stockholm.

### 1.3 Strong Swiss Voice

#### 1.3.1 World Water Forum

With both the World Water Forum and the World Water Week, 2015 was a rich year to position Swiss water expertise at international level. Swiss presence at the **World Water Forum** was jointly coordinated by SDC and SWP. It was the first opportunity for the SWP to participate at the Forum. It was a good opportunity for SWP members to meet potential new partners. In particular, the Swiss booth contributed to gain visibility. Feedback on the Getting Research into Policy and Practice event was very positive.

However, getting a slot for the SWP event was a challenge. The fact that the SWP is now a member of the World Water Council (WWC) - who is in charge of organising the Forum - is considered as a good opportunity to position the SWP early enough in the preparation of the next Forum in Brazil in 2018. Finally, the cost-benefit of participating at the Forum should be analysed in detail. Here again, being involved in the Forum preparation process from the very beginning is expected to optimise the benefit for the members. As a member of the WWC, the SWP will also engage for a stronger participation of Southern representatives and a more representation of the different sectors at the Forum (stronger civil society voice).



Image 1 Event on the Swiss Booth at the World Water Forum



#### 1.3.2 World Water Week

The Stockholm **World Water Week** 2015 was a real success for the SWP and considerably contributed to enhancing its visibility. Besides having the booth with the highest visibility, the partnership co-convened 4 well-attended events on learning from errors, Disaster Risk Management and water, scaling up safe water, and innovative finances. Moreover, members also participated as speakers in a number of additional events. Members highlighted their satisfaction with the principle of rotating ownership of the booth. Additionally, the event was used to further develop the relationships with key actors such as the World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank as well as with other National Water Partnerships. The Preparation of the World Water Week 2016 started towards the end of 2015. Interest to participate among the members is increasing and a large number of proposals have been submitted for 2016 events. In future, the SWP will strive to ensure continuity between the event topics from one year to the other. Switzerland Global Enterprise sponsored both the participation of SWP members at the World Water Forum and World Water Week.



Image 2 Event on the Swiss booth at the Stockholm World Water Week

#### 1.3.3 Strategic partnership

The SWP achieved significant progress in the development of the partnership with the World Bank in 2015. 3 face-to-face meetings took place (in January in Washington, in June in Geneva, and in August in Stockholm). The mobilisation of the members to specify the SWP thematic expertise on specific topics was key in attracting the World Bank's interest. The presentation of the SWP expertise to the World Bank in June around the topic of Blue Peace, transboundary water management, water resources mapping and monitoring, dams and hydro-management as well as climate change was perceived positively as IWRM/water security is becoming more and more important in the World Banks' thematic priorities. Two main entry points for collaboration were discussed: **strategic thematic exchanges** (short-term missions) between Swiss water actors and the World Bank and **Study Tours** in Switzerland targeted to World Bank staff and clients. Both entry points will be further explored with a first study tour to be offered in 2016.



#### 1.3.4 Innovative cross-sector solutions

A number of **innovative cross-sector solutions** involving SWP members are currently being implemented. Such partnerships explore for example remote sensing for the planning of flood protection measures in Bangladesh (Terre des hommes & Noveltis), management of municipal organic solid waste in medium-sized cities of Indonesia or the recently achieved project on sanitation in the Nile Basin (Eawag & SECO), and management of wastewater and solid waste in small and medium-sized cities in Bolivia (CSD & Helvetas). There are many other examples at different scales. These cross-sector solutions will be documented and shared.

#### 1.3.5 Consortia among members

The SWP is currently exploring opportunities for consortia among members (and external partners). The SWP was invited by the ETHZ to participate in the Ciliwung River Conference in October in Indonesia. The ETH Ciliwung River Project 'Changing the course of rivers in Asian cities: linking riparian landscapes to human benefits through iterative modelling and design' enabled to develop a modelling framework integrating environmental engineering, landscape architecture and ecological assessment. The Conference aimed at presenting the results of the ETH research project and raising interest among donors and other actors to pursue the Ciliwung River Project (further develop research activities and gradually start implementation).

The potential in terms of a niche for SWP expertise and potential funding opportunities is assessed as rather positive. However, the questions of the willingness of the local actors to embark on an alternative approach towards rehabilitating the Ciliwung River (alternative to channelling) and their interest to partner with the SWP still need to be assessed. The assessment will be deepened in 2016, if possible using the Singapore Water Week as a platform to highlight the results. As a first step, the SWP could coordinate a study on the cost-benefit of the many proposed initiatives to rehabilitate the Ciliwung River. Moreover, the SWP will further explore additional potential consortia opportunities and continue to inform members on tender opportunities.

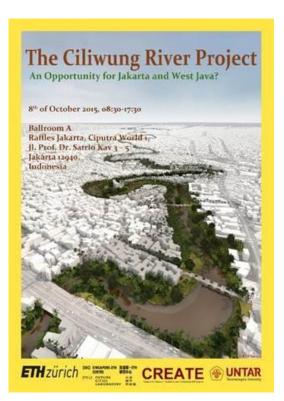


Image 3 Conference on the Ciliwung River Project held in Jakarta



#### 1.3.6 Events in Switzerland



Image 4 Group discussion at the event "Serving base-of-the-pyramid markets & customers: From pilot to scale-up"

In Switzerland, the SWP was also active in coorganising the event 'Serving base-of-thepyramid markets & customers: From pilot to scale-up' with the Swiss Bluetec Bridge and Eawag. The one-day event showcased several successful initiatives from around the globe and with a strong relation to Switzerland, focusing on water and sanitation services for base-of-the pyramid (BoP) markets. It included a keynote by serial social entrepreneur and author Paul Polak. The participants were also given an opportunity to deepen their understanding of key issues, such as marketing, value chains or start-up and project financing (both in Switzerland and locally) in various thematic workshops. The event, cosponsored by Cleantech Alps, Cleantech Switzerland and cewas, gathered 55 participants from industry and business, the non-profit sector and academia. The SWP will continue to support the reflection on the BoP market by organising an event within the framework of the EPFL Tech4Dev Conference in 2016.

### 1.4 Water Dialogue

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, more than 150 world leaders adopted the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SWP is pleased to see that the 2030 Agenda contains a dedicated water goal. The SWP was strongly engaged to consult the Swiss actors and contributed to the Swiss position on the water goal. The advocacy role of the SWP in the definition of the SDG 6 on water is also recognised internationally, among others from the French Water Partnership.



Image 5 Presentation at the event "The Sustainable Development Goals - what can Swiss partners contribute?"

In 2015, the SWP co-organised with the Eawag an SDG event in Switzerland. The event aimed at reflecting on monitoring the SDG Water and on the role of research in implementing and monitoring the SDG. The SWP will continue to inform its members on opportunities to participate in SDG monitoring and explore the opportunity to play a role in SDG monitoring in Switzerland.



# 2. Financial overview

In 2015, the total expenditures of the SWP were of **CHF 344,061.33**, while the income amounted to **CHF 305,896.52**. This results in a negative balance of 38'164.81. The negative 2015 balance is due to the **high investments related to the attendance at the World Water Forum in Korea**. As illustrated in the figure below, the objective with the highest expenditures (59%) is the "strong Swiss voice", which comprises the attendance at international events such as the World Water Forum and the Stockholm World Water Week.

In 2015, non-SDC funds amounted to 43% instead of 34% budgeted. This is a promising development in terms of decreasing dependency on SDC funds. Overall the first phase of the project (May 2012 – April 2015) resulted in a neutral balance with a remaining capital of CHF 1'136.00. By 31.12.2015, the capital of the SWP amounts to CHF -816.11.

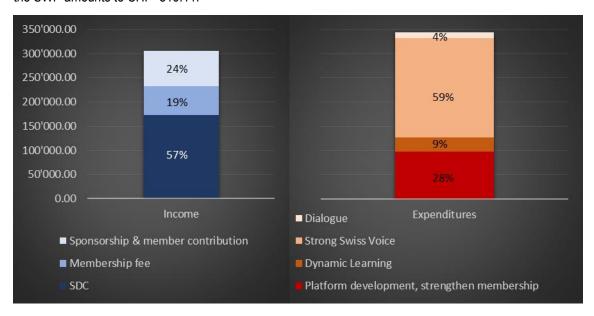


Figure 2 2015 Incomes and expenditures (CHF)

# 3.Outlook

In 2016, the World Water Week in Stockholm will be again a key highlight to raise visibility of the Swiss water expertise. Partnership development with major actors will continue and a first study tour targeted to World Bank staff and clients is likely to take place in Switzerland. Moreover, the reflection on developing the BoP market will be continued within the framework of the EPFL TechforDev international conference in Lausanne. Discussions about challenges and tools related to transparency and accountability will be moderated at the SWP water integrity event targeting small and medium enterprises in Switzerland. Additionally, opportunities for joint projects will be further explored such as in Indonesia, Tunisia or Iran. A focus of 2016 will be on finalising the overview of water-related training opportunities. A number of networking events enabling members to better know each other and learn from each other will be organised. Finally, the SWP will also continue to encourage policy involvement, mainly related to SDG monitoring and implementation, at country and global level as well as in Switzerland.



# 4.Annex

# A) Overview activities of 2015

| Date        | Meetings                                                                      | SWP Objective           | Objectives / results / outputs                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22.01       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> SB Retreat                                                    | Platform<br>Development | The SB reviewed SWP's achievements and challenges since 2012 and develop a common vision for SWP's future orientation to be included in the proposal for SWP's next 3 years phase.                                                                        |
| 26.01       | SWP visit to World Bank in Washington                                         | Swiss Voice             | Olga Darazs, SWP co-chair, visited the World Bank in Washington together with representatives from SDC, in order to present the expertise of the Swiss Water Partnership members.                                                                         |
| 10.03       | Partnering with the World Bank                                                | Swiss Voice             | An event was organised to share the feedback from the SWP visit to Washington.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.03       | 7 <sup>th</sup> SB Meeting                                                    | Platform<br>Development | The SB discussed and approved the SWP activity and financial report 2014, action plan 2015, the SB reelection process and the GA agenda. There were also strategic discussions on upcoming international events and possible future partnerships.         |
| 20.03       | Stockholm World Water Week<br>Preparation Meeting                             | Swiss Voice             | This meeting allowed, amongst others, to fine-tune the thematic events for the Stockholm World Water Week and to find innovative facilitation techniques to be used.                                                                                      |
| 12<br>17.04 | World Water Forum - Booth                                                     | Swiss Voice             | The Swiss Water Partnership was present for the first time at a World Water Forum. The booth was co-owned by 12 members, with a total of 17 thematic presentations/demonstrations at the booth, 5'000 coffees served, and about 300 contacts established. |
| 15.04       | World Water Forum – Event                                                     | Swiss Voice             | The event "World Water Forum Getting Research into Policy and Practice" was co-convened by 5 organisations from different sectors and attracted around 40 participants.                                                                                   |
| 19.05       | General Assembly of the SWP                                                   | Platform<br>Development | This General Assembly saw 9 seats from the steering board (total 12) being renewed. The General Assembly was also an opportunity for the members to jointly shape the action plan 2015/16 and the future actions of the SWP.                              |
| 02.07       | Serving base-of-the-pyramid<br>markets & customers:<br>From pilot to scale-up | Dynamic<br>learning     | This event, jointly organized with Eawag and Swiss Bluetec Bridge, presented the essential characteristics of BoP markets and customers and discussed how to succeed in such a context.                                                                   |



| Date        | Meetings                                                                    | SWP Objective           | Objectives / results / outputs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23<br>27.08 | Stockholm World Water Week  – Booth                                         | Swiss Voice             | The Swiss booth was co-owned by 9 organisations. With an excellent visibility, the booth allowed it co-owners to hold receptions on the booth and develop new contacts. The Swiss booth was also a meeting point for Swiss organisations represented in Stockholm.                                                                    |
| 23<br>27.08 | Stockholm World Water Week  – Events                                        | Swiss Voice             | The SWP coordinated 4 thematic sessions with 17 co-<br>convenors attracting on average about 80-100<br>participants. The SWP members were present in<br>another 9 thematic sessions.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 08.10       | Jakarta – Ciliwung River<br>Project                                         | Swiss Voice             | The SWP was invited by the ETHZ to participate in this conference on the rehabilitation of the Ciliwung River in Jakarta. This project holds potential for the SWP expertise to be implemented.                                                                                                                                       |
| 13.10       | 8th SB meeting                                                              | Platform<br>Development | The SB reappointed Olga Darazs (CSD) and Thomas Zeller (independent) as co-chairs. It was agreed that a SB retreat should take place in early 2016 to further concretise the Action Plan, and to help to define and implement the long term strategy of the SWP.                                                                      |
| 13<br>14.10 | General Assembly of the<br>World Water Council                              | Water Dialogue          | As a member of the World Water Council, the SWP participated at its first General Assembly of the World Water Council, supported the election of its member running for seats as governors and established first contacts in the process leading to the next World Water Forum to be held in 2018 in Brasilia.                        |
| 17.11       | Climate action: are you ready for 2020?                                     | Swiss Voice             | The Swiss Water Partnership and Aquasis conducted a discussion with participants on water with participants of this event organised by GreenBuss and the SouthPole group.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 01.12       | The Sustainable Development<br>Goals – what can Swiss<br>actors contribute? | Dynamic<br>learning     | Eawag and the Swiss Water Partnership convened an event on the Sustainable Development Goals. Speakers from Eawag, WHO (JMP), GIWEH and WaterLex presented and discussed the ongoing development of the monitoring architecture, the key challenges to be addressed towards implementation. Selected initiatives were also presented. |
| 01.12       | Launch of the preparation for<br>the Stockholm World Water<br>Week 2015     | Swiss Voice             | The event gathered participants from 12 different member organisation of the SWP who were interested in jointly submitting proposals. The main topics of interest were identified.                                                                                                                                                    |

Table 1: Overview of the main activities of the Swiss Water Partnership in 2015



# B) SWP member organisations

The following organisations are members of the SWP by 31.12.2015:

| Member Organisations                                                             | Stakeholder category                   | SWP member since |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| ÅF Consult Switzerland                                                           | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Alliance Sud                                                                     | Networks and professional associations | 2012             |
| Antenna Technologies                                                             | NGO                                    | 2012             |
| Aqua Alimenta                                                                    | NGO                                    | 2012             |
| Aqua SPE AG                                                                      | SME                                    | 2015             |
| Aquasis Solutions                                                                | Consulting                             | 2014             |
| Autark Engineering AG                                                            | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Bern University of Applied Scienes - Agricultural, Forset and Food Science –HAFL | Research                               | 2012             |
| BHP - Brugger and Partners                                                       | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Cap Santé Foundation                                                             | NGO                                    | 2012             |
| CARITAS Switzerland                                                              | NGO                                    | 2012             |
| CEWAS/Seecon                                                                     | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Chair of Architecture and Urban Design - ETHZ                                    | Research                               | 2012             |
| CleantechAlps                                                                    | Network and professional associations  | 2012             |
| Creaholic                                                                        | SME                                    | 2012             |
| CSD Engineers                                                                    | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Direction Générale de l'Eau du Canton de Genève                                  | Government                             | 2015             |
| EAWAG / EAWAG Sandec                                                             | Research                               | 2012             |
| ecopsis                                                                          | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| ecos                                                                             | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| EPFL Cooperation & Development Centre - CODEV                                    | Research                               | 2014             |
| Ernst Basler + Partner                                                           | Consulting                             | 2012             |
| Ernst Peyer Stiftung                                                             | NGO                                    | 2014             |



| Member Organisations                                        | Stakeholder category | SWP member<br>since |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office - FSVO            | Government           | 2012                |
| Federal Office for Agriculture - FOAG                       | Government           | 2012                |
| First Climate                                               | SME                  | 2014                |
| Geberit International AG                                    | TNC                  | 2012                |
| Geo Expertise                                               | NGO                  | 2015                |
| Georg Fischer AG                                            | TNC                  | 2013                |
| Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health - GIWEH  | NGO                  | 2012                |
| HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation                             | NGO                  | 2012                |
| Holinger AG                                                 | Consulting           | 2012                |
| hydrosolutions ltd                                          | Consulting           | 2012                |
| IBG Grombach                                                | SME                  | 2012                |
| iDE - International Development Enterprises                 | SME                  | 2012                |
| Institute of Environmental Engineering - ETHZ               | Research             | 2012                |
| International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance                 | NGO                  | 2012                |
| Minikus Vogt & Partner                                      | Consulting           | 2013                |
| Nestlé S.A.                                                 | TNC                  | 2012                |
| Noveltis Switzerland                                        | SME                  | 2015                |
| Odermatt & Brockmann                                        | SME                  | 2014                |
| Planet Horizons Technologies                                | SME                  | 2012                |
| Platform for International Water Law - University of Geneva | Research             | 2012                |
| Prana Sustainable Water                                     | Consulting           | 2012                |
| Quantis                                                     | TNC                  | 2015                |
| RebecoSAM AG                                                | TNC                  | 2012                |
| RWB Holding                                                 | SME                  | 2012                |
| Sanakvo Foundation                                          | SME                  | 2012                |
| Schweizer Umweltstiftung                                    | NGO                  | 2014                |
| SEAS SA                                                     | SME                  | 2015                |



| Member Organisations                                                     | Stakeholder category                  | SWP member since |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Skat consulting Ltd                                                      | Consulting                            | 2012             |
| Smixin                                                                   | SME                                   | 2012             |
| SoPAS                                                                    | NGO                                   | 2014             |
| South Pole Group                                                         | SME                                   | 2015             |
| State Secretariat of Economic Affairs - SECO                             | Government                            | 2012             |
| Strategos SA                                                             | NGO                                   | 2012             |
| Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - SDC                       | Government                            | 2012             |
| Swiss Fresh Water                                                        | SME                                   | 2012             |
| Swiss Gas and Water Industry Association - SVGW/SSIGE                    | Network and professional associations | 2012             |
| Swiss Interchurch Aid - HEKS                                             | NGO                                   | 2012             |
| Swiss Red Cross                                                          | NGO                                   | 2012             |
| Swiss Society of Hydrogeology                                            | Network and professional associations | 2012             |
| Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute                               | Research                              | 2014             |
| Swiss Water Association - VSA                                            | Network and professional associations | 2012             |
| Swiss Water Solutions SA                                                 | SME                                   | 2014             |
| SWISSAID                                                                 | NGO                                   | 2012             |
| SwissWaterkiosk Foundation                                               | SME                                   | 2013             |
| Terre des Hommes                                                         | NGO                                   | 2012             |
| The Gold Standard Foundation                                             | NGO                                   | 2014             |
| Trunz Water Systems                                                      | SME                                   | 2012             |
| University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)  | Research                              | 2012             |
| University of Neuchatel - Centre for Hydrogeology and Geothermics (CHYN) | Research                              | 2012             |
| Visible Solutions AG                                                     | SME                                   | 2015             |
| Vivamos Mejor                                                            | NGO                                   | 2015             |
| Volkart Stiftung                                                         | NGO                                   | 2012             |



| Member Organisations                 | Stakeholder category | SWP member<br>since |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| W+S Consult                          | Consulting           | 2012                |
| Water&pH soluces                     | SME                  | 2012                |
| WaterLex                             | NGO                  | 2012                |
| Wirz Solar Gmbh                      | SME                  | 2012                |
| World Vision Switzerland             | NGO                  | 2012                |
| WWF Switzerland                      | NGO                  | 2012                |
| Total number of member organisations |                      | 81                  |



### C) SWP Steering Board

The SWP Steering Board meets twice a year to review the Secretariat's work and give them strategic advice. According to the needs, task teams are created to work deeper on specific issues and support the Secretariat on strategic tasks.

In 2015, 9 members of the Steering Board came to the end of their mandate. The members of the Steering Board which were candidate for a new mandate were re-elected. François Muenger (SDC), and Claudia Valsangiacomo (Universities of Applied Sciences), did not wish to re-run for election. Two new members of the Steering Board were elected: Christian Eggs (SDC) and Edi Medilanski (SECO).

| Name                | Organisation                                       | Category | Elected until |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Christian Eggs      | Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation       | Public   | 2018          |
| Chris Zurbrügg      | SANDEC                                             | Research | 2018          |
| Darcy Molnar        | ETHZ                                               | Research | 2016          |
| Nidal Salim         | Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health | CSO      | 2018          |
| Edi Medilanski      | State Secretariat of Economic Affairs              | Public   | 2018          |
| Ulrich Steiner      | Holinger AG                                        | Private  | 2018          |
| Eric Plan           | Cleantech Alps                                     | CSO      | 2018          |
| Johannes Heeb       | Cewas, Seecon                                      | Private  | 2018          |
| Jean-Benoît Charrin | Waterlex                                           | CSO      | 2018          |
| Thomas Zeller       | Independent                                        | Public   | 2016          |
| René Müller         | Swiss Waterkiosk Foundation                        | CSO      | 2017          |
| Olga Darazs         | CSD Engineers                                      | Private  | 2018          |

In the 8<sup>th</sup> Steering Board meeting, the members of the board have re-appointed Olga Darazs and Thomas Zeller as co-chairs of the SWP Steering Board:



**Olga Darazs** is geologist and hydro geologist by training and has over twenty years of project management experience. Besides of being chair of the SWP Steering Board Olga Darazs is president of the CSD Holding SA Advisory Board, as well as president of the Swiss Society for Hydrogeology.



**Thomas Zeller** is agricultural engineer by training and has over thirty years of experience in managing water and agriculture projects and water policy dialogue in Switzerland, West- Africa and Central- and South America. At his retirement in 2012 Thomas Zeller was Deputy-Head of the Water Initiatives Division of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



### D) SWP Secretariat

The SWP Secretariat is hosted by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and the Secretariat team consists of three water experts who are sharing a full time position to implement the work of the Secretariat:

#### Secretary General: Agnes MontangeroSWP



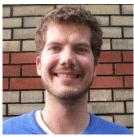
Agnes Montangero holds a PhD in environmental engineering and has more than 13 years of experience in programme management as well as design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects in the field of water and environmental sanitation. Currently she leads the Water and Infrastructure team of Helvetas, which gives thematic advice and training to Helvetas' WASH, water for food, water governance, policy and advocacy as well as trail bridges and infrastructure projects in over 16 project countries.

#### Focal point Swiss-Romandie: Anne Sophie Aublet



Anne Sophie Aublet's professional background is in tropical farming and water management with more than 10 years of experience in strategy development and program management as well as design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs and projects in the fields of rural water and environmental sanitation and food security. She works for Skat consulting, which was subcontracted by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in order to assure a presence in the French-speaking part of Switzerland.

**SWP Coordinator:** Marco Daniel



Marco Daniel holds a bilingual MA in international relations (Graduate Institute, Geneva) and an MSc in Water Science, Policy and Management (Oxford University). He brings several years of experience in international project management including design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation working for actors from multiple sectors (CSO, UN, Government and private sector) in Switzerland and South America.



### **E) SWP Working 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. 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

Below you can see the WGs and DGs that exist today, but new groups may emerge.

#### Working groups

| Name                               | Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lead  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Water integrity                    | Foster integrity in a cross sector platform by organising the first Swiss Water Integrity seminar                                                                                                             | Cewas |
| Post 2015 Advocacy                 | Advocate for a dedicated water goal and meaningful indicators in the post 2015 development agenda                                                                                                             | SDC   |
| SWWW 2015                          | Organise meaningful thematic events on - "hidden" water resilience target; - learning from failure; - Discovering new water partnerships;  Jointly present Swiss water knowhow and expertise on the SWP booth | SWP   |
| WWF 2015                           | Prepare meaningful thematic Swiss inputs for the WWF 2015 and a strategy to exhibit Swiss water expertise and knowhow                                                                                         | SWP   |
| SWP partnering with the World Bank | Several thematic working groups prepare integrated offers of Swiss solutions for the World Bank's Global Water Practice                                                                                       | SWP   |

#### Discussion groups

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