

### General Assembly 2016



EPFL, May 18 2016

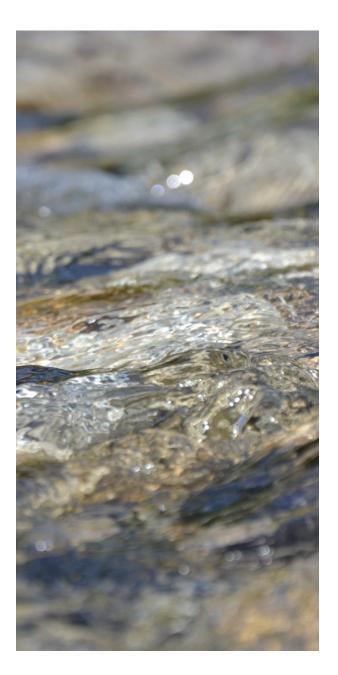


## B) Get to know the EPFL - CODEV





### C) Networking lunch & registration





# D) General Assembly: building a meaning full association





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- D.2.2 Notification on members which left the SWP
- D.2.3 Approval of the membership fees for 2016
- D.2.4 Presentation of SB election results
- D.2.5 Presentation of the key contributions of the Steering Board in 2015



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- D.3.1 Presentation and approval of the annual report 2015
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- D.3.3 Appointment of the independent auditor for 2015

### D.4 SWP: the way forward

- D.4.1 Presentation of the main elements of the SWP mid and longterm strategy
- D.4.2 Presentation and approval of the action plan 2016-17
- D.4.3 Presentation and approval of the budget 2016
- D.4.4 Introduction of the breakout session



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At the General Assembly in 2014, a proposition to amend the statutes of the SWP was proposed and approved. In § 9 of the statutes, it is specified that the "The General Assembly shall have a quorum only when at least 50 percent of the members are present." It was suggested to supress this sentence, so that in the SWP General Assembly decisions are taken by a two third majority of the members present.

### General Assembly

The General Assembly shall have a quorum only when at least 50 percent of the members are present. Ordinary meetings are convened by the Secretariat at least 4 weeks in advance.

The General Assembly is presided by the chairperson or the deputy chairperson.

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a qualified majority of two thirds of the members present. In case of deadlock, the chairperson of the Steering Board shall have the casting vote.

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### **D.1.5 Confirmation of previous statutes changes**

At the General Assembly in 2015, the following amendment was proposed and approved (revision of member fee structure, § 6, as follows in order to foster innovation):

- Companies with more than 500 collaborators and Federal Offices: 3000 CHF per year
- Companies with 20 to 500 collaborators, Non-Profit-Organisations with annual expenses of more than 40 million CHF and Non-Profit-Umbrella-Organisations: 1000 CHF per year
- Small companies, consultants, small NPO's and foundations, university institutes, etc.: 500 CHF
- Start Ups joining SWP within the first three years of their existence get one year of SWP membership for free



### **D.1.5 Confirmation of previous statutes changes**

**Vote:** Do you formally approve these two statutory changes as presented in the previous slides?

The Steering Board recommends the General Assembly to formally approve the statutory changes.



### D.2.1 Presentation and approval of new members

These two new members have joined the Swiss Water Partnership since last general assembly





**Vote:** Do you approve the admission of these two new members?

The Steering Board recommends the General Assembly to approve admission of these new members.



### **D.2.2 Notification of members which left the SWP**

The following members have unfortunately decided to leave the SWP since the last General Assembly:

- Quantis
- WirzSolar Gmbh
- AF Consult
- Smixin
- W+S Consult
- Cap Santé



### D.2.3 Approval of the membership fess for 2016

According to § 6 of the statutes, the membership fees are as following:

- Companies with more than 500 collaborators and Federal Offices: 3'000 CHF per year
- Companies with 20 to 500 collaborators, Non-Profit-Organisations with annual expenses of more than 40 million CHF and Non-Profit-Umbrella-Organisations: 1'000 CHF per year
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The General Assembly has the mandate to decide upon the annual membership fee.

**Vote:** Do you agree to keep the same annual membership fees as described in the statutes?

The Steering Board recommends to maintain the annual membership fee as described in the statutes.



### **D.2.4 Presentation of SB re-elections results**

Elections			
Number of voters	42		
Votes Darcy Molnar	36	86%	
Votes Thomas Zeller	37	88%	

Darcy Molnar and Thomas Zeller are thus re-elected as members of the Steering Board.







### D.2.5 Key contributions of Steering Board in 2015

#### **Key activities**

- Regular exchanges with the secretariat
- Two steering board meetings
- A one day steering board retreat (strategic orientation)
- Regular exchanges with SDC
- Lead / participation in Working Group Integrity
- Representation of the partnership at various occasions
  - World Bank / Water Global Practice strategy workshop in Washington
  - World Bank / WSP Council Meeting in Geneva
  - World Water Council General Assembly 2015
  - World Water Week
  - World Water Forum
  - NoWNET meeting in Stockholm
  - Meetings with potential partners: World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank in Stockholm
  - Panel discussions and other events in Switzerland (e.g. OeMe)



### **D.2.5** Key contributions of Steering Board in 2015

### **Key products**

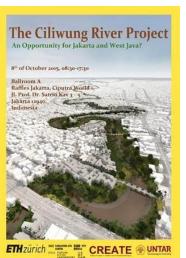
- Long-term strategic orientation
- Review SWP proposal phase 2 (2015-2018) submitted to and approved by SDC
- Review Member acquisition strategy
- Review Manual co-creation and sponsorship



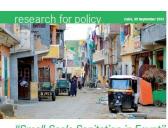
### D.3 Key achievements 2015

- Consolidated long term strategy as a guiding document
- Membership development: very positive development
- Partnership development: good progress, very promising outlook
- Strongly enhanced visibility and recognition
- A number of cross-sector partnerships among SWP members









"Small-Scale Sanitation in Egypt"
10 POINTS to move forward





### D.3 Key achievements 2015

# The Swiss Water Partnership at the World Water Week Stockholm 2015







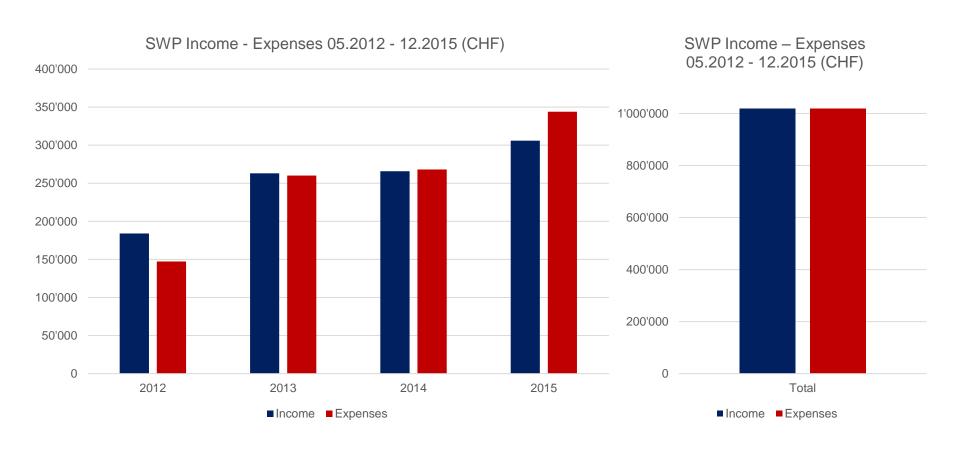
### D.3 Lessons learnt 2015

- Continue creation of cross-sector partnerships
- Ensure sufficient room for informal exchanges (Think Tank)
- Stronger focus on selected key activities / key themes
- Sharpen communication



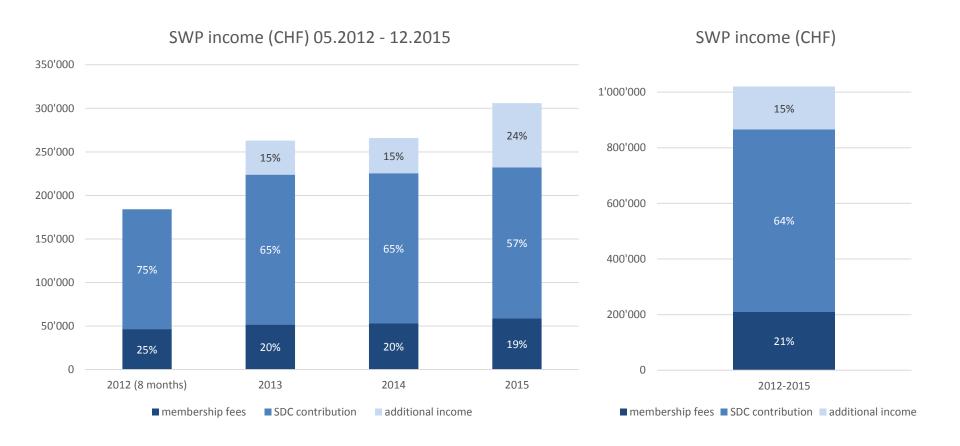


### D.3 Financial report: income – expenses 2012-2015



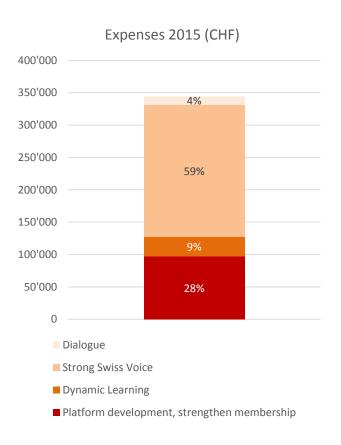


### Financial report: revenue sources 2012-2015





### D.3 Financial report: expenditures by output (2015)





### D.3.1 and D.3.2 Approval of annual and financial reports 2015

Vote: Do you approve the annual report 2015 as sent ahead of the General Assembly?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Annual Report 2015

Vote: Do you approve the financial report 2015 as sent ahead of the General Assembly?

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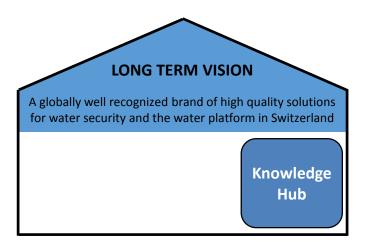
### D.3.3 Appointment of the independent auditor for 2016

The Statutes require the GA to <u>appoint an independent auditor</u> to review the annual financial report of the SWP. The Financial Reports since 2012 have been audited by <u>TBO Revisions</u>, an audit expert licensed by the Federal Audit Oversight Authority.

Vote: Do you agree to appoint TBO Revisions as official auditor of the SWP in 2016?

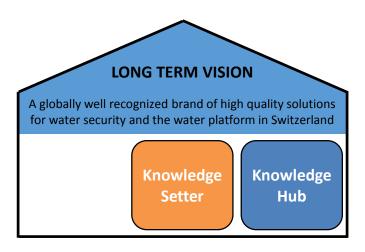
The Steering Board recommends appointing TBO Revisions again as official auditor of the SWP in 2016





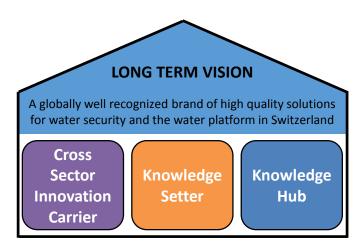
- The SWP becomes a dynamic learning platform
- The SWP contributes to train and promote the new generation of water specialists
- The SWP regularly informs its members, in a targeted manner, on global water issues





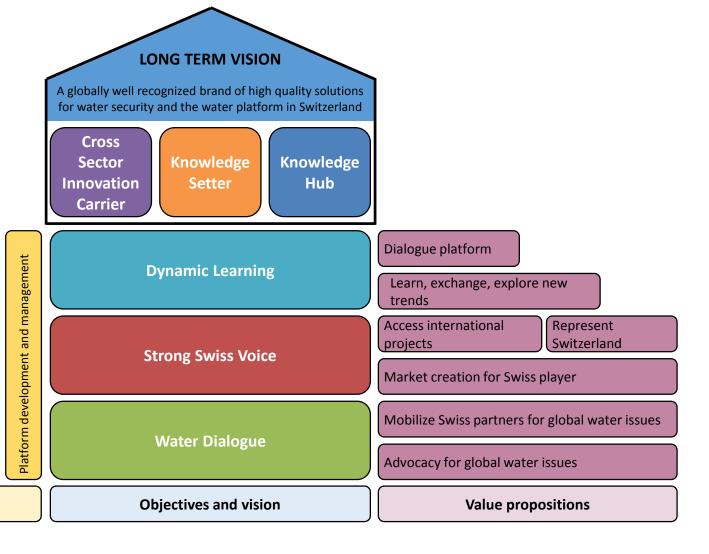
- The SWP as a think tank
- The knowledge and ideas are promoted internationally





- 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 the Swiss innovations and expertise internationally and feeds them into policy processes.





Organise knowledge exchange events

Creating the ground for market creation

Global water communication and policy

Key activity lines

Event management

Strengthen membership base and

partnerships



### Thematic activity cycle of the SWP

#### General Assembly

May 2016

- Announcement of the theme of 2017: "wastewater"
- Launch of working group with interested members
- If lack of expertise, additional partners (or new members) could be involved

#### Working Group Event

October 2016

- Discussion / thinktank space on the topic of "wastewater"
- Launch of thematic preparation for Stockholm
- Launch of thematic preparation for Geneva Event

### World Water Day

March 22, 2017

 Event addressing the international Geneva, discussing the Swiss High Quality Solutions on the topic of the day which will be "wastewater"

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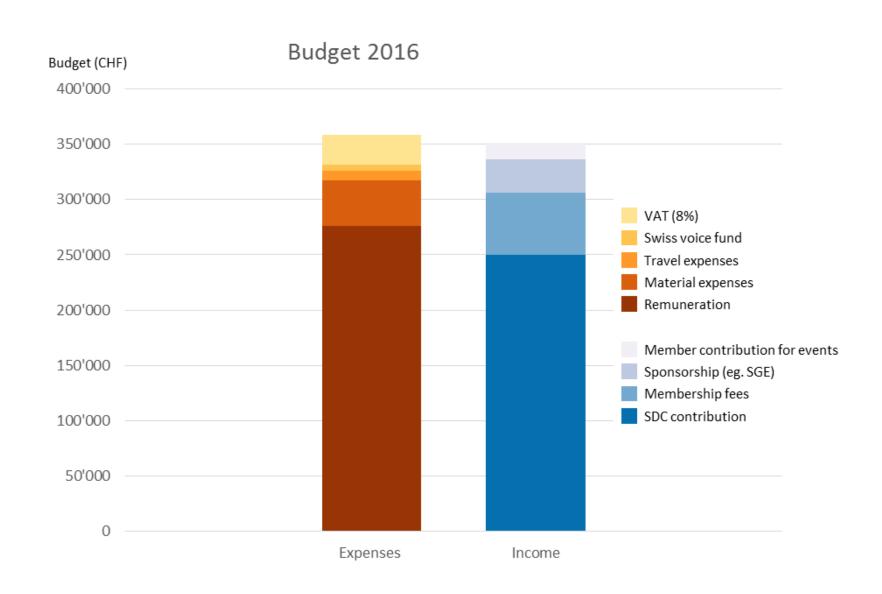
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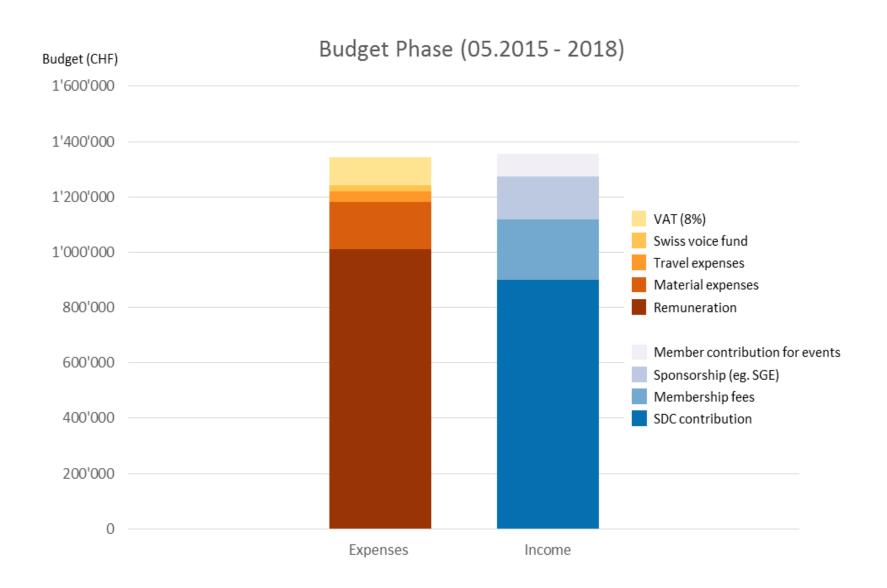


### **Budget 2016**





### **Budget 2015 - 2018**





### D.4.2 and D.4.3 Approval of Action Plan 2016-17 and of the budget 2016

**Vote:** Do you approve the action plan 2016-17?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Action Plan 2016-17

**Vote:** Do you approve the SWP Budget 2016?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Budget 2016



### Capacity Development outcome: current training offer

CONTINUING EDUCATION			
Water for people (WASH)	Water for food, IWRM/other water-related topics	Development beyond water	
	MAS in sustainable water resources (ETH)	NADEL-ETHZ cooperation MAS&CAS	
EAWAG: Practice-oriented courses at EAWAG (PEAK)  CHYN & ICRC: Water& Sanitation engineering	CAS on exploration and development of deep geothermal systems:  FOEN-SWV-VIB CAS on river renaturation	NADEL ETHZ spring 2016 (specific modules such as M&E, climate change)	
course	UNIGE- Conflicts resolution on freshwater	NADEL elearningpcm	
CEWAS <u>innovative business</u> <u>partnerships</u>	Geneva water hub CAS on water governance  UNIGE &Geneva Water Hub : MOOC on water	CDE CAS on sustainable development	
VSA: technical courses	management and policy	CEWAS start-up-programme	
SSIGE/SVGW	International Water law (UNIGE + UNITAR) Law of transboundary aquifers (UNIGE)	Swiss Peace: Peace, mediation, fragile contexts	
Supsi: CAS Drinking Water and wastewater treatment	WaterLex & UNDP Cap-Net Human Right-based approach to IWRM	ICP institute (conflicts assessment, mediation)	
	Swiss NGO DRR platform/ events	Supsi CAS Development and Cooperation	



Please come back to us if a training is missing



### **Capacity Development Survey: identified gaps**

#### **Topics related to water**

Assessment of surface & groundwater resources

Supporting and facilitating IWRM projects and activities in rural areas

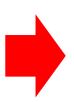
Developing of early warning systems

Planning and implementing measures for climate change mitigation or adaptation

#### **Topics non related to water**

Use of ICT

Innovative trainings (i.e. MOOC, e-discussion)



Please go to the board and vote for the topic you prioritize as the most relevant and indicate if you wish to attend a whole day event or a half-day event



# E) Breakout session: building a meaning full future



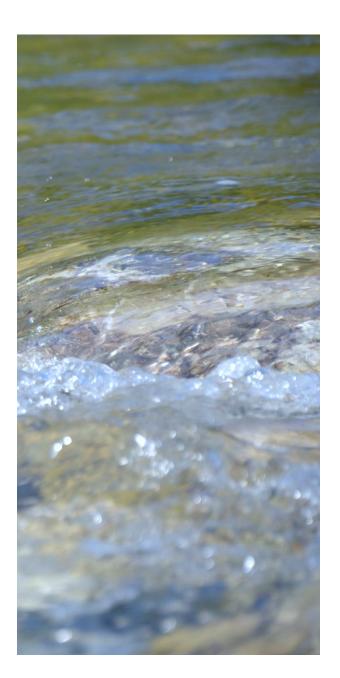


### **E.1 and E.2 Breakout Sessions**

Breakout Sessions	UN Water Theme 2017: wastewater	Creating the ground for market
Objectives	Get the big picture (i.e. who does what on this topic) Brainstorm on entry points for SWP	Brainstorm on concrete opportunities for cross sector project
Results	Members indicate briefly what they do SWP experiences as entry points are known Next steps are shaped (working group, contribution to Geneva conference & WWW)	Identified 4-5 leads to be followed SWP positioned as innovation carrier



## F) Coffee Break



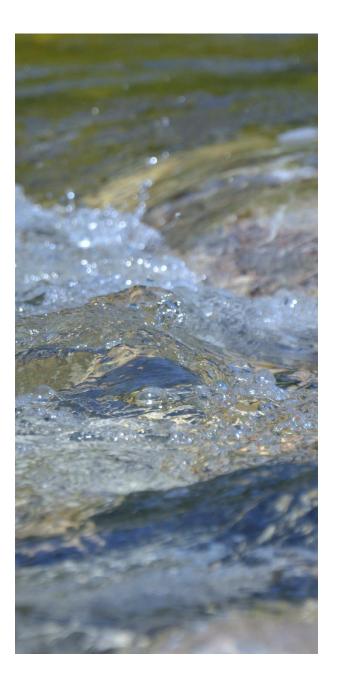


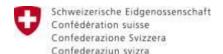
G) Feedback from breakout sessions and approval of potential new working groups





# H) Special Topic: Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2017-2020





# Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2017-2020



Odile Keller, Analysis and Policy Division, SDC

#### One vision

## A world without poverty and in peace, for sustainable development



#### A joint commitment and complementary instruments

## Joint Strategy

**SDC SECO HSD** 



Humanitarian
Aid
(SDC)



Technical cooperation and financial aid (SDC)



trade policy measures (SECO)



Transition cooperation with Eastern Europe (SDC/SECO)



Measures for the promotion of peace and human security (HSD)

#### **Synergies**

#### In a nutshell

The Agenda 2030 as a framework of reference...































- ... And five accents that respond to an exceptional situation
- Mitigate the consequences of crises and seek solutions to conflicts
- Increase engagement in fragile contexts 2.
- Provide opportunities and promote inclusion to reduce poverty and 3. inequality
- Reduce global risks to ensure sustainable development 4.
- **5**. Mobilize all partners in order to achieve more sustainable results

Water: An example of Swiss cooperation in action













Water is key to development: 200 million invested by SDC (175,2 millions) and SECO (24,8 millions) each year

How is it reflected in the five accents?

#### 1. Mitigate the

### consequences of

crises and seek

### solutions to conflicts

- Strengthen emergency humanitarian assistance: to assist and protect millions of refugees and displaced persons (Middle-East, Africa) notably with basic drinking water supply.
- Mobilize Switzerland's expertise in terms of mediation, facilitation and good offices: for political solutions (Africa, Middle-East, OSCE region). Water as an instrument to promote peace



- Humanitarian aid in South Sudan: Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) improving water supply for 100'000 people
- SDC and HSD in Iraq & Turkey: Blue Peace Middle East: establishment of intergovernmental mechanism between Iraq and Turkey (political track with) and activities on the ground in the Tigris & Yarmouk transboundary basins

#### 2. Increase engagement

## in fragile contextes

- Increase Switzerland's engagement in fragile contexts: to address the roots of fragility (access to basic services, including water access and water governance)
- Long term commitment: in order to find solutions for challenges such as social, economic and political exclusion, or the absence of the rule of law (water as a natural resource).



- SDC in Honduras: Drinking water supply system as part of a national health plan. Close involvement of local civil society groups and decentralized sharing of responsibility.
- SDC in Niger: rural water supply program for 110,000 people in the departments of Maradi and Dosso (including pastoral and governance components as well as integrated water resources management)

## 3. Reduce **poverty** and inequality

- Create perspectives and opportunities for all:
  - Education and vocational training.
  - Dynamic, job-creating private sector -> sustainable and inclusive growth
- Gender equality



- SECO Water policy dialogue in Egypt with EAWAG: Recommendations to improve sanitation in Nile Delta region and reduce up to 60% water pollution mainly through institutional measures
- SDC in Chad: Construction of 90 micro dams has raised the groundwater level, extended the period for growing vegetables and watering livestock, and benefited ~ 45'000 people.

### 4. Reduce global risks

to ensure sustainable development

- SDC global programs (climate change and environment, food security, water, migration and development, health): find solutions to solve global risks and support the poorest countries in their efforts to address such risks.
- Strengthen environmental dimension

#### **Examples:**



Water Footprint standard: SDC supported the development of an international ISO norm (adopted in 2014) that sets out rules for assessing the water consumption of a product or service over its entire life cycle and establishes mechanisms for working closely with governments and large enterprises to reduce the water footprint of production systems in Andean region.

#### 5. Mobilize all partners

in order to achieve more sustainable results

- Strengthen partnerships, particularly with the private sector, but also with NGOs and research institutions.
- Continue multilateral cooperation
- Leverage role (reforms at country level) and catalyst (mobilize resources).

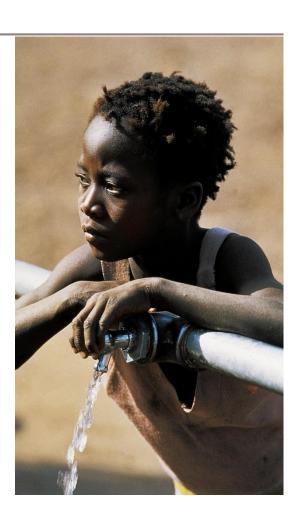


- SECO supports the World bank global water practice: to improve sustainability of water infrastructure
- SDC in Vietnam: Public-private partnership with Nestle to reduce the quantities of water used for irrigating coffee plantations. Water saved = covers the needs of 2.5 million people
- Swiss Water Partnership

Political debate: What is at stake?

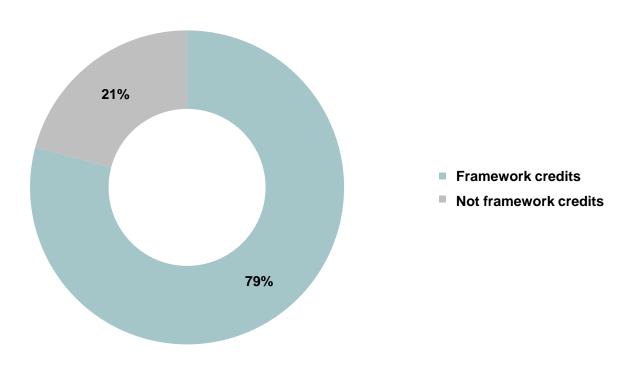


- ODA
- Humanitarian aid versus development cooperation
- Migration

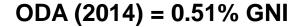


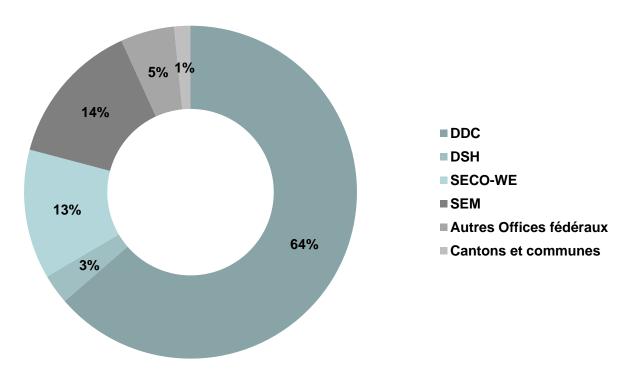
#### Switzerland's Official Development Aid

## Proportion of ODA accounted for in the Message



#### Switzerland's Official Development Aid





#### **Migration:**

- The Dispatch is an appropriate response to challenges related to migration, in accordance with Switzerland's international cooperation mandate
- Debate: To what extent can this contribution be further enhanced?



Political debate: Next steps

#### **National Council discussion in plenary**

-> 02 June 2016

#### **Council of States discussion in plenary**

-> September 2016

#### **Approval by Parliament**

-> By end 2016

**Questions** 

## Thank you for your attention



## I) AOB







## I) Aperitif

Thank you for the participation !!!