



**SWISS WATER
PARTNERSHIP**

General Assembly 2019

Zürich, 12. June 2019

Program – General Assembly 2019

B) Statutory Part

14:15-15:30

- A) Opening (Olga Darazs, Co-Chair SWP)
- B) Year of 2018: Key achievements, lessons learned
 - Approval of annual operational and financial reports 2018
 - Approval of independent audit 2019
- C) The way forward: Presentation of New Phase (2019-21)
 - New elements of phase 3
 - Validation of Action Plan and Budget 2019
- D) Announcement of (Re-) elections results and membership

Coffee Break

C) Breakout Sessions

16:00-16:15

- E) Introduction to 3 Breakout sessions
 - 1) Youth
 - 2) 2020 UN Water Theme “Climate Change” + Water
 - 3) Dispatch on Swiss international cooperation 2021-2024

16:15-17:00

- F) Break into sessions (3 groups; 1x 40 min)

17:00-17:15

- G) Feedback from Breakout sessions (5 min per group)

17:15-17:30

- H) AOB + Closing (Thomas Zeller, Co-Chair SWP)

17:30-18:30

Roof-Top Aperitif

Opening

- **Welcome and Introduction (Olga Darazs, Co-Chair SWP)**
- **Confirmation of the Number of Voters and Majority for Votes**
- **Approval of the Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes from the General Assembly 2018**

Key Achievements 2018 & Lessons Learned

- **Presentation and Approval of the Annual Report 2018**
- **Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report 2018**
- **Appointment of the Independent Auditor for 2019**

Annual Report 2018

Strategic Development

- SWP new phase proposal (2019- 2021)
- Finalization of the youth strategy on the basis of the SWP long-term strategy
- launching reflections on the topic of Leaving No One Behind (UN Water Topic 2019)
- Blended finance project SWP Financing Facility concept finalized and ready to pilot

Dynamic Learning

- Plattform's role as cross-sector innovation carrier strengthened:
 - Learning event on ground and surface water
 - Nature based solution for water events (DRR; Unlocking Financing)
- SWP Training offer
- Launch of new WG LNOB
- SJWP 2018 Winner Laura Bauer; Litorella uniflora

Strong Swiss Voice

- World Water Forum / World Water Week > youth, innovation, blue peace / visibility & networking
- Strategic partnerships

Water Dialogue

- topic of monitoring water-related SDG targets

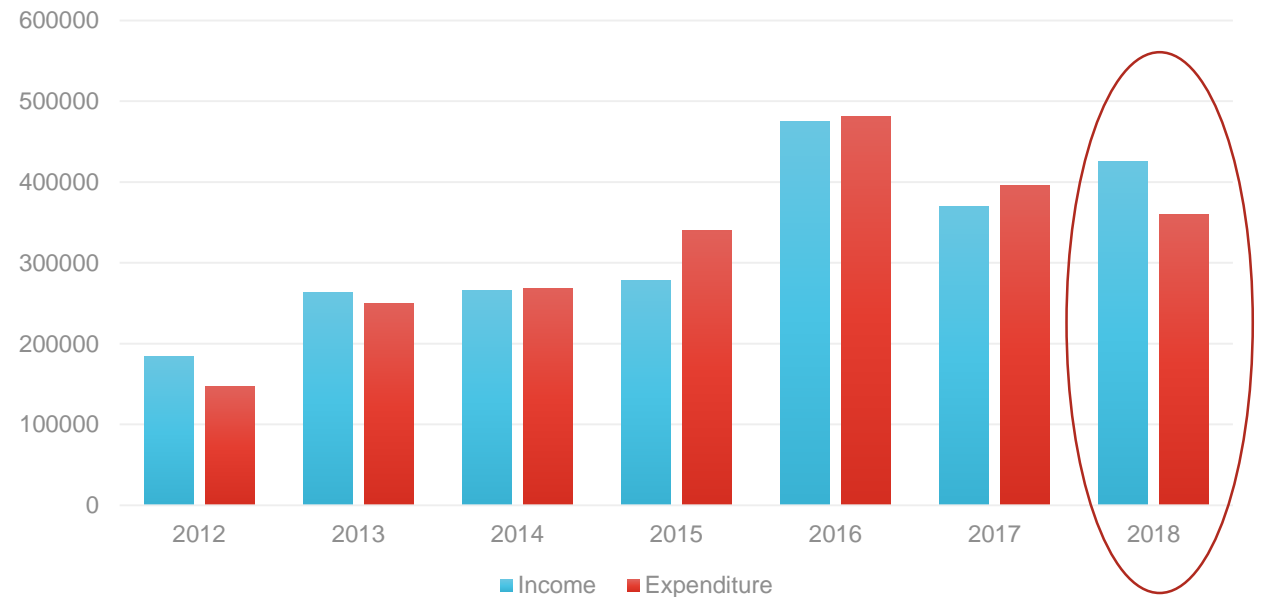
Financial Overview 2018

rebalancing the accumulated deficit consisted in:

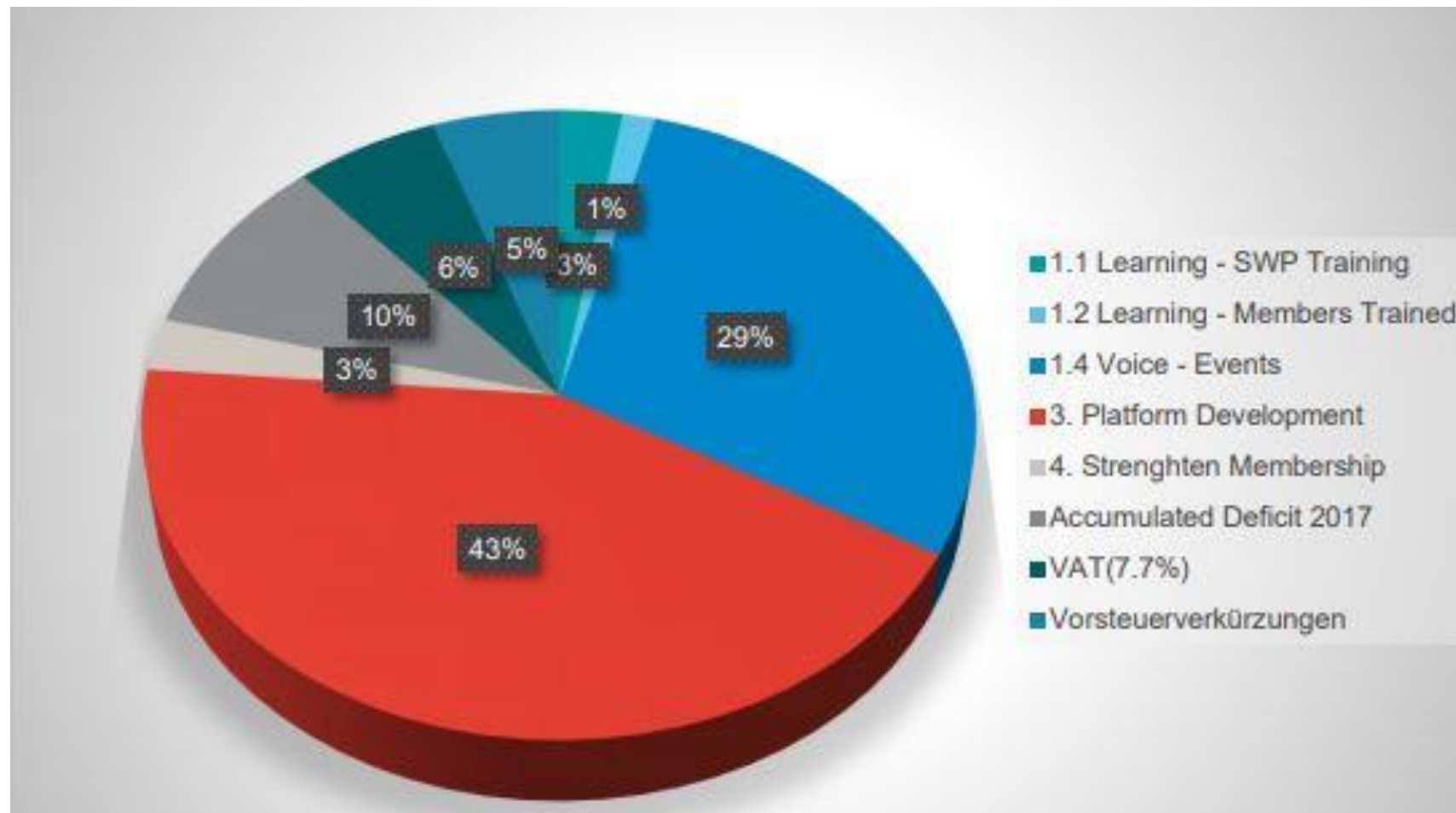
- reducing the expenses to the maximum (e.g. material expenses for events and considerable reduction in the coordination activities lead to lower remuneration costs)
- making extra efforts in increasing the income (e.g. through additional support to develop further the blended finance concept and income from international events).
- Annual Result: CHF + 65'000 > due to considerably more income for international events & less expenses related to remuneration and to VAT
- Overall for the whole 2nd phase (2016, 2017, 2018) there is a total of CHF + 29'000 = reasonable buffer

	2018
Total income	CHF 425'164
Total expenditure	CHF 360'074
Annual result	CHF + 65'090

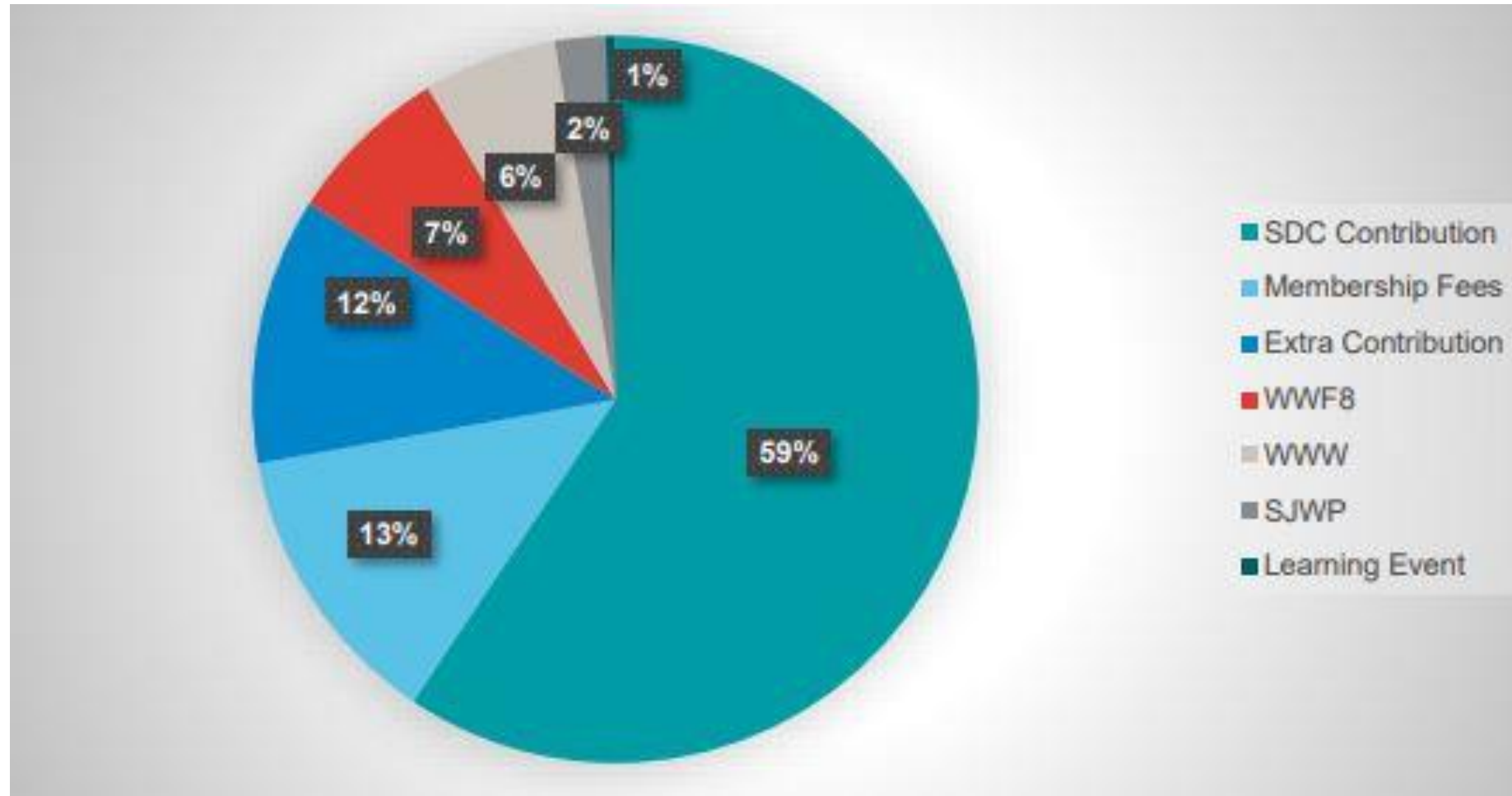
SWP Income and Expenses (05.2012-31.12.2018)



Expenditure per Outcome



Income Repartition



Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Report 2018

Vote: Do you agree to adopt the annual report 2018 as sent ahead of the General Assembly?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Annual Report 2018

Presentation and Adoption of the Financial Report 2018

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The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Financial Report 2018

Appointment of the Independent Auditor for 2019

Vote: Do you agree to appoint TBO Revisions as official auditor of the SWP in 2019?

The Steering Board recommends to appoint TBO Revisions as official auditor of the SWP in 2019

The Way Forward

- **New SWP Phase (2019-2021) - Highlights and new Elements**
- **Presentation and Adoption of the Action Plan 2019/2020**
- **Presentation and Adoption of the Budget 2019**

SWP Phase 3 (2019-2021)

Highlights Phase 2

- strong presence at the annual **WWW** & high visibility at the **World Water Forum**
- continuous **dialogue** with key sector actors
- **professionalization** of the platform management
- **SWP training offer** (finalized and shared with strategic partners)
- integration of **Swiss water experts** in the World Bank (WB) expert roster (dam safety)
- positioning on key topics through **study tours** & workshops
- launching of the **Swiss Junior Water Prize** in 2017 (incl. international finals)
- finalization of the **SWP youth strategy**
- **Water dialogue events** on the topic of monitoring water-related SDG targets
- development of an **innovative finance concept (SWP FF)** to fill the 'SDG trillion gap'

> consolidation of the (international) recognition of Swiss water expertise!

SWP Phase 3 (2019-2021)

New Elements Phase 3 (based on lessons learned from phase 2)

- **Diversify the types of events** in which the SWP is involved
- **Strengthen synergies with other water platforms in Switzerland** such as Solidarit'eau Suisse and AGUASAN (coherent Swiss water strategy / positions)
- Strengthen **youth involvement**
- New instrument: **Flagship initiatives** - that will aim at facilitating the development of innovative approaches contributing to achieving the Agenda 2030
- Galvanizing network on **what SDG6 really means > towards more knowledge creation**
- **Ensure adequacy between resources and level of ambitions**

New Elements Phase 3 (based on lessons learned of phase 2)

Impact	Swiss knowhow and expertise contribute to improve living conditions through improved water security <i>SWP Vision: SWP is recognised globally as a brand of high quality solutions and as the water hub in Switzerland</i>						
	Outcome 1 Youth for Water		Outcome 2 Innovations for SDG		Outcome 3 Strong Swiss Voice		
Outputs	Output 1.1	Output 2.1	Output 2.1	Output 2.2	Output 3.1	Output 3.2	Output 3.3
	Attracting Youth	Connecting Youth	Think Tank	Flagship initiatives	Policy / SDG dialogue	Swiss and international events	Swiss and international networks
	DYNAMIC LEARNING				WATER DIALOGUE	STRONG SWISS VOICE	

Focus on

- 1) innovations for SDG water
- 2) the convening power (strong Swiss voice)
- 3) youth for water

SWP Action Plan 2019/20

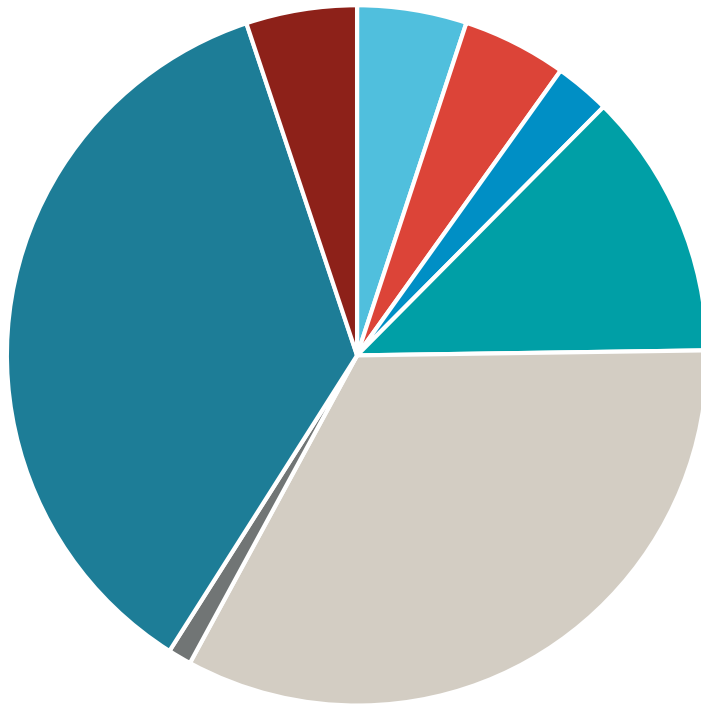
Dynamic Learning objectives 2019/20	Key activities 2019/20
SWP Think Tank: Knowledge exchange program implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a SWP learning event and a knowledge exchange event
Connecting and attracting youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek long-term sponsors • Discuss the strategy with SWP members and conduct young professional water expert event • JPO / mentoring program • Provide opportunities for the SJWP winner to get exposure (e.g. a time slot at the SWP booth at WWW)
Develop and test innovative ideas through Flagship Initiatives (FI) contributing to the SDG's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot SWP Financing Facility • Identify 1 new Flagship Initiative
Strong Swiss Voice objectives 2019/20	Key activities 2019/20
Swiss solutions at international events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in conferences • Support the WG on the UN-Water theme • SWP Knowledge exchange event
Swiss solutions promotion and dialogue with international networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote cross-sector collaboration (training offer; study tour) • Create demand for Swiss water expertise (multilateral & financial organizations; other networks)

SWP Action Plan 2019/20

Water Dialogue – Policies objectives 2019/20	Key activities 2019/20
Contribute to shaping global policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify possibilities for SWP members to get further involved in discussions on SDG 6 implementation and monitoring internationally & on country level. • Strengthen the water dialogue in sight of the WWF9
Platform Development objectives 2019/2020	Key activities 2019/2020
Strengthen membership development & active participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote the SWP towards new members • Elaborate a concept on decentralized cooperation • 3-5 new members join the SWP • 75% of members attend at least one event during the year
Sharpen communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the attractiveness & impact of SWP communication channels
Maintain & diversify SWP finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWP FF pilot project is tested • New sponsors for the SWWW and the SJWP acquired

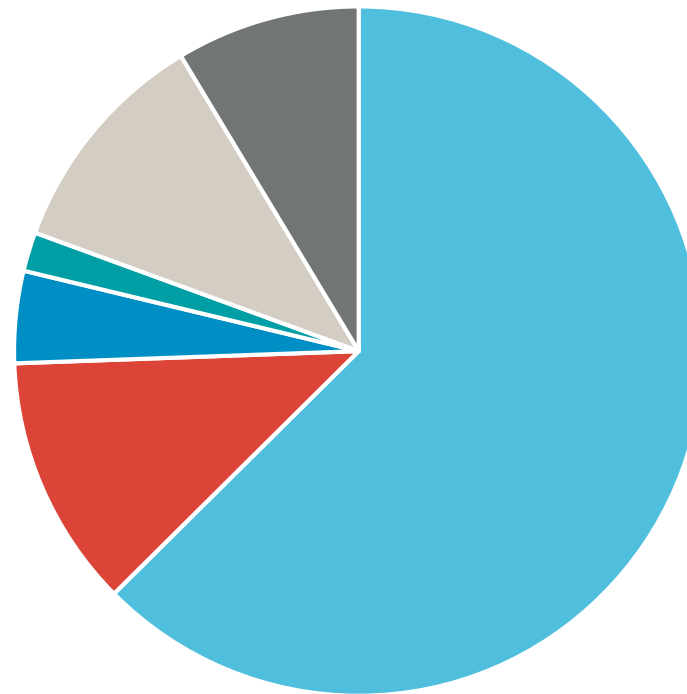
Presentation and Adoption of the Budget 2019

Expenditure



- DL Attracting Youth
- DL Connecting Youth
- Innovation - Think Tank
- Flagship Initiatives
- Voice - Events / Networks
- Water Dialogue
- Platform Development
- Reserve

Income Repartition



- SDC Contribution
- Membership Fees
- WWW Sponsorship
- SJWP Sponsorship
- Flagship Initiatives
- Other Income

	2019 (in CHF)
Total Income	463'500
Total Expenditure	404'270
Annual Result	59'230

Presentation and Adoption of the Action Plan 2019/2020

Vote: Do you agree to adopt the Action Plan 2019/2020 as sent ahead of the General Assembly?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the action plan 2019/2020

Presentation and Adoption of the Budget 2019

Vote: Do you agree to adopt the budget 2019 sent ahead of the General Assembly?

The Steering Board recommends to adopt the SWP Budget 2019

F) Membership and Governance

- **Notification on the Members that left the SWP**
- **Approval of Membership Fees for 2018**
- **Presentation of SB Re-Election Results**

Notification on the Members who left the SWP

- **Aqua Alimentata**
- **Swiss Water Solutions**
- **Swissaid**
- **Water Kiosk Foundation**

Reasons:

- Focus away from water towards other strategic topics
- The company's activities are not water focused enough to justify a membership

Member Acquisition Strategy in short: the acquisition strategy focuses on a **qualitative** rather than a quantitative growth with the following key targets:

- Increase the number of members to around 100 within the next 5-10 years (as of 2015)
- Broaden the members' expertise with a focus on energy/hydropower, insurance, investment, water utilities/services as a way to support the implementation of the SWP strategy (innovative cross-sector solutions and policy influencing)
- Contribute to SWP's financial viability with a target of 65,000 CHF (currently at 54'000)

Approval of Membership Fees for 2019

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*
- *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*

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

The Steering Board recommends to maintain the membership fee as stated in the statutes 2016.

Presentation of SB Re-Election Results



Darcy Molnar, ETH Zürich, Institute of Environmental Engineering



Darcy Molnar has been approved for another 3-year term with unanimity (26 out of 26 votes)

!!!! THANK YOU !!!!



Thomas Zeller
Co-Chair since
2012



Agnes Montangero
Secretary General since
2012

COFFEE BREAK & SWEETS

Breakout Sessions

TOPICS:

- 1) SWP Youth
- 2) Climate Change and Water (UN Water Topic 2020)
- 3) Dispatch on Swiss International Cooperation (2021-2024)



**SWISS WATER
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SWP Youth Strategy

Zürich, 12.06.2019

Darcy Molnar

SWP Steering Board Committee

SWP Youth Strategy

Aim

- To support youth engagement in the water sector
- To allow more young voices in the decision arena

Why?

- 40% of the world's population is under 25, and more than 55% is under 35
→ *these young people should be engaged in issues affecting society*
- Youth will be affected by water scarcity, water pollution, and water conflicts, bearing the consequences of current unsustainable water usages
→ *now is the time to engage youth in finding solutions for their future*
- Youth can act as agents of change
→ *let's take advantage of their dedication and energy for a greater impact*

SWP Youth Strategy - About

Main Goals

- ✓ Make the water sector **more attractive to students** (gymnasium, university)
- ✓ **Support young professionals** to enter the water sector in Development Cooperation

Target

- Youth between 15 & 30
- Swiss-based
- General studies (gymnasium) and university level (from different pathways)

Impact

- Attract young talents to the water sector
- Guarantee professional expertise in the future

SWP Youth Strategy - Background

- ✓ 2016: Endorsement of the long term SWP strategy that includes actions towards youth

Concrete actions were planned such as launching the Swiss Junior Water Prize, meetings for young professionals, mentoring, and a SWP JPO

- ✓ 2017: Launch of the **Swiss Junior Water Prize**
- ✓ 2018: Launch of a SWP **taskforce** to develop the youth strategy and an action plan
- ✓ 2019: Finalization of the **SWP Youth Strategy**.



Suggested activities for 2019-2021

- ☐ Gymnasium level: advertise the Swiss Junior Water Prize
- ☐ University level: special events to trigger students' interest in water topics
- ☐ Young professionals level: establish a catalogue of internships, mentoring opportunities, young professionals-experts meetings, Open Days
- ☐ Prepare the pathway to a SWP Junior Professional Officer (JPO)

Come to the session!

**We need your ideas and suggestions to make the
SWP Youth Strategy a successful endeavor.**



SWP – General Assembly, June, 12th 2019

2020 UN Water Theme: Climate change and water

Jennifer Fernando
Programme officer, “Water & Climate change”

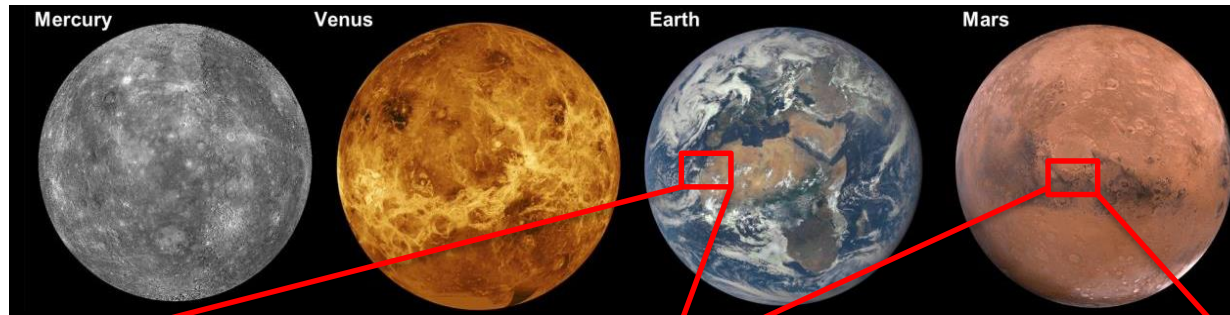
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Liquid water, a PECULIAR and FRAGILE resource

Earth, THE “blue planet”



WANT EARTH TO STAY THE « BLUE PLANET » ? PRESERVE WATER!

More than ever, Earth's resources such as water and its inhabitants are threatened by climate change. It is therefore urgent to act and protect the wealth of our planet. On the occasion of the International Mother Earth Day, the French Water Partnership gives an overview of the knowledge from space exploration through the unique images that have helped to see the Earth in a new light.

Before space exploration, the terrestrial planets of our solar system were like shiny dots in the sky. Today, they appear differently thanks to space missions. Their color is probably the first thing that impresses and highlights the surprising diversity (Picture 1).

The closest planet to the Sun, Mercury, shows a greyish and monotonous surface and looks strangely like the Moon. Like our natural satellite, Mercury is devoid of atmosphere and is thus intensively hit by solar energetic particles due to its proximity to our star. Solar particles have continuously pulverized the surface creating through time a thick layer of dust. The surface is also covered with craters created during the heavy bombardment events of asteroids and small bodies which occurred shortly after the birth of our Solar System and Mercury has not changed since.

Venus appears yellowish and the surface is not visible to the naked eye because of its thick atmospheric layer (95 times thicker than Earth's atmosphere). Its atmosphere is composed of more than 95% of carbon dioxide and the sulfuric acids,

are responsible for its color. Thanks to cameras able to see through this thick atmosphere, the images revealed a hostile world where volcanoes and lava flows almost covered the entire surface created after intense volcanic events.

Mars is reddish and is usually named after "the red planet". This atypical color is due to iron oxides dust that covers the first micrometers of the Mars surface. White blobs at the poles are also discernible and correspond to the polar ice caps. Its surface is mainly covered by craters, as is Mercury's. However, there are also some curiosities such as the giant volcano named Olympus Mons (25-kilometers high and 500-kilometers wide). Like Venus, the atmosphere of Mars is composed of more than 95% of carbon dioxide. Therefore, it is very thin (170 times thinner than Earth's atmosphere).

**72% of
WATER covers
The EARTH**

- Water, the essential ingredient for life and development
- Will the landscapes on Mars be the landscapes of tomorrow's Earth?



Water, a THREATENED resource by climate DISRUPTION

From GHG emissions to changes in the distribution of the water resources

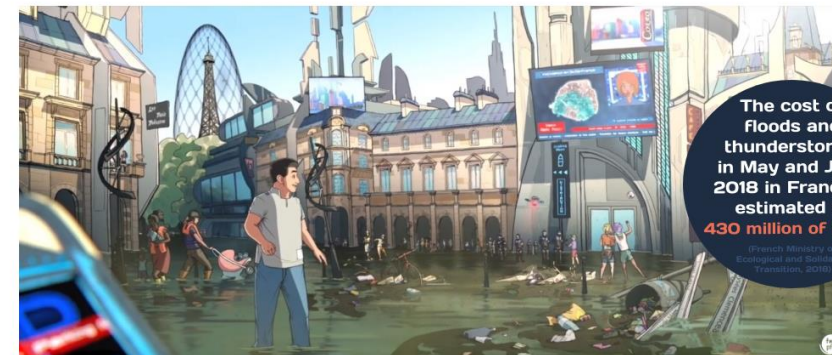
GHG emissions:
Accumulation of
anthropogenic CO₂
emission of 2040
GtCO₂ between 1750
and 2011

Global warming:
global warming of
+1.0°C in 2018,
expected to be
+4°C in 2100

Water cycle:
Heterogenous changes in
the spatial and temporal
distribution of water
across the world



Youtube – French Water Partnership



Is this the world we want to live in?

Watch on Youtube - Imagining a +4°C world: what about water?



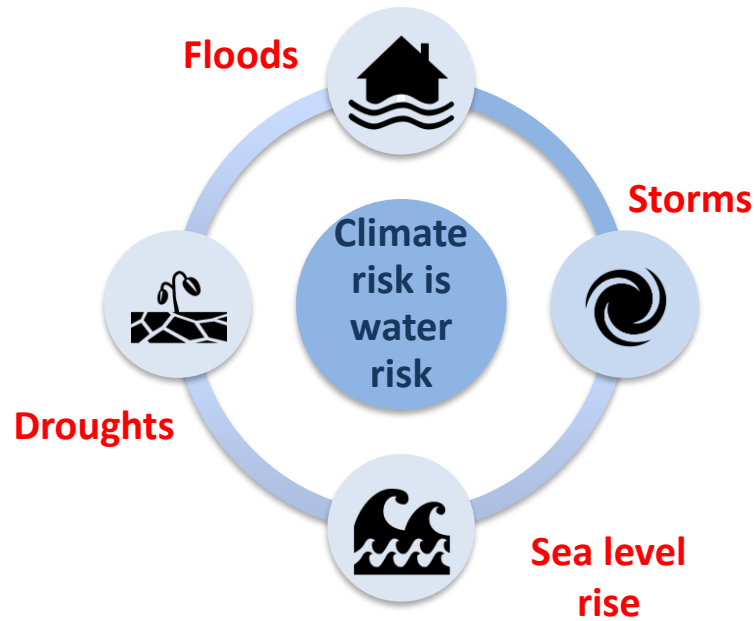
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Water, a THREAT to LIFE

CLIMATE RISK is WATER RISK: Mozambique and Idai cyclone (March, 2019)



A triple threat:

-  category 3 – 170 – 190 km/h)
-  3,000 km³ covered by floods
-  thousands cases of cholera
-  1.85 million people are affected
- 603 people have died
- 1,600 people are injured

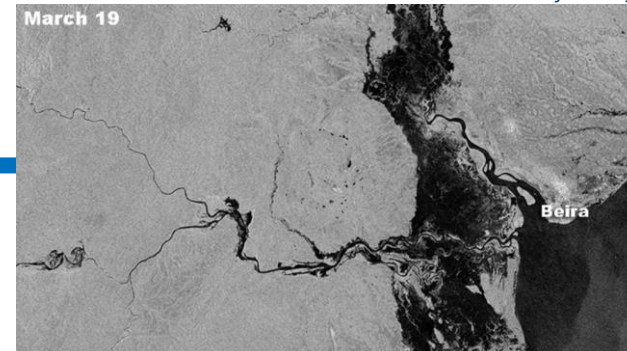
Source: UNOCHA and Government of Mozambique



credit: European Space Agency



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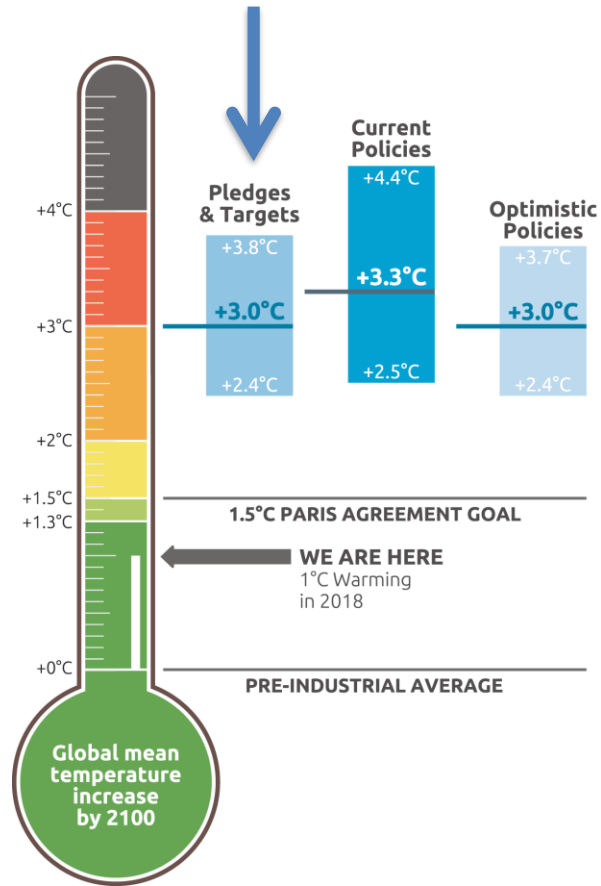


credit: European Space Agency



POST 2015: Where did the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 leave us?

Significant but insufficient ambitions



Not on track to limit global warming under 2°C



CAT warming projections
Global temperature increase by 2100

December 2018 Update

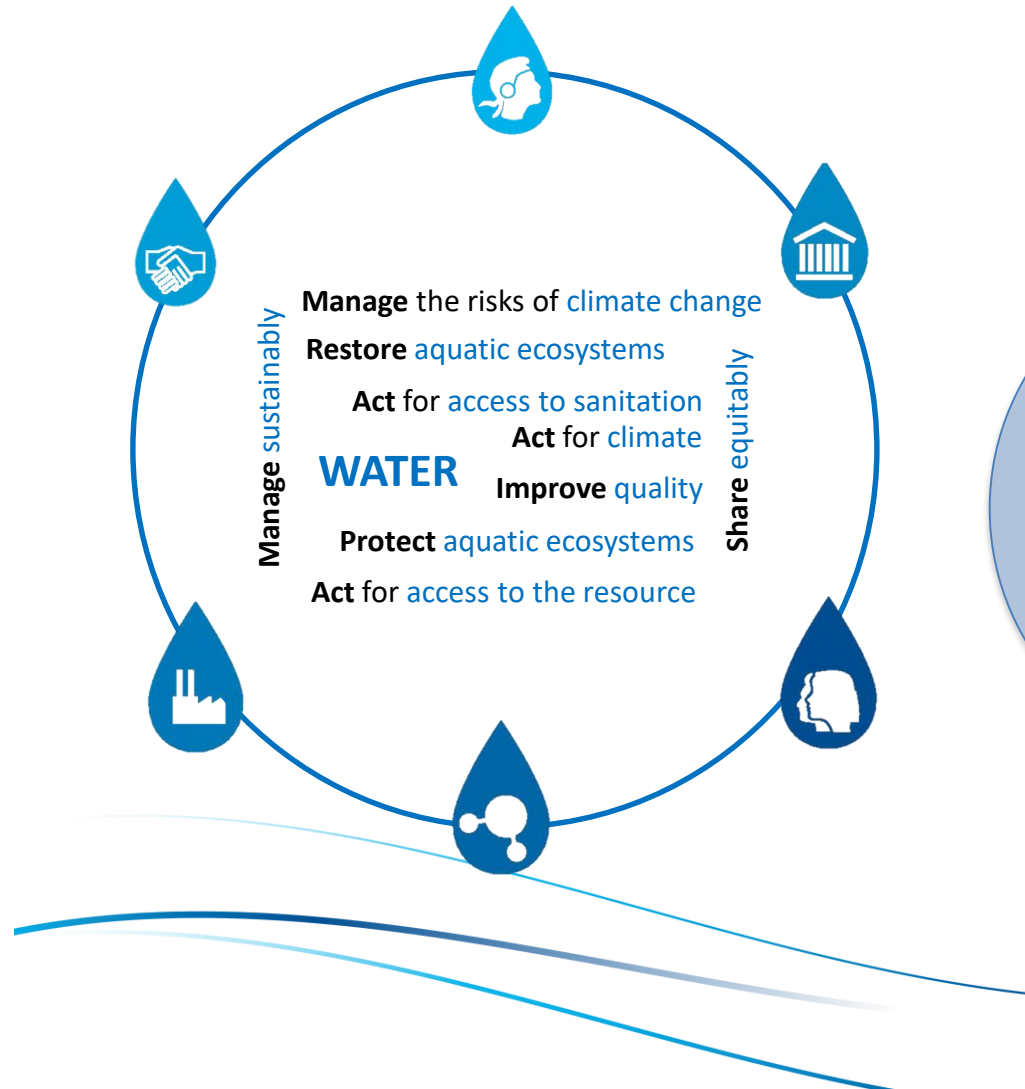
Not on track to reach the 2030 water-related targets



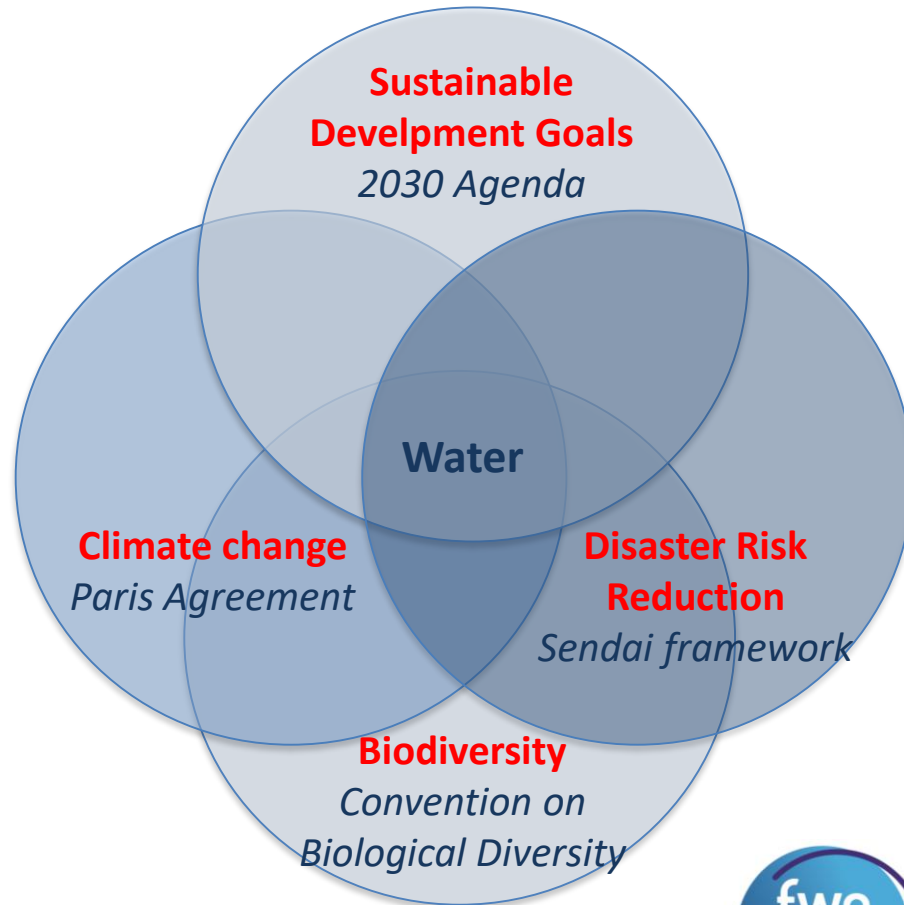
The 2015 momentum is slipping?!

It is TIME to ACT and PROMOTE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS!

High number of robust solutions from the water field and diverse actors!



4 frameworks for actions



The French Water Partnership

- A French multi-stakeholder platform involved at an international level

Non profit
association

Created on
**March,
2007**

Around
**200
members**

Public and
private
funding

**A collective
dynamic**

ADVOCATE

to make water a priority on the international agenda

EXCHANGE

between French and international players on water issues

PROMOTE

the collective French expertise

- 6 panels

- 3 strategic themes



Water in the SDG



Water and Climate change



Aquatic Biodiversity





Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

La Coopération internationale de la Suisse 2021–2024

Isabella Pagotto

INFO: Stockholm World Water Week 2019 – Swiss Booth

All Members and Partners are welcome to join the Swiss Booth 2019!!

- CHF 1'950 for a 2 hours slot >reduction probable to CHF 1'500 (depending on the sponsorship received)
- Rotating ownership
- **Deadline 20th June 2019**
- Email to **soraya.kohler@swisswaterpartnership.ch**



Any Other Business & Closing by Thomas Zeller

**Thank you for your
participation!**

