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Dear Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis, Dear Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the invitation to comment on the draft Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021 - 24. We are pleased to present our position paper on behalf of the Swiss Water Partnership hereafter. This position paper has been endorsed by 56 partner organizations and 201 individuals. Since the Swiss Water Partnership acts as a global multi-stakeholder platform consisting of 70 members from the water sector, this paper has been written in English.

We hope for the consideration of this position in the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021 - 24.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex:

- Position paper by Swiss Water Partnership, published on 15 August 2019:
 https://www.swisswaterpartnership.ch/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/SWP-Position-paper-on-the-Dispatch-on-Dev-Coop-2021-2024.pdf
- List of endorsing organisations
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Endorsing SWP member organisations





























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AFVMC Assistance to Families and Victims of

Clandestine Migrations My Imperative Actions

Agence PRIDAM sprl SDW

Aqua-4D Water Solutions Slum life survival (SLS)

Banka BioLoo Solidar Suisse

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H2O Energies Water Integrity Network e.V.

HSR University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil

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International Secretariat for Water Association pour la Sauvegarde du Léman



Position Paper on Water

linked to the public consultation for the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021 - 2024

SWP secretariat: 15 August 2019

Endorsed by 56 organisations, of which 24 are SWP member organisations, and by 201 individuals from the water and sanitation sector. The work of more than two-thirds of the organisations and individuals is related to the Swiss Development cooperation.

The Swiss Water Partnership

The Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) is a globally recognized brand of Swiss high-quality solutions to global water challenges and acts as a unique multi-stakeholder platform that brings together 70 Swiss organisations from academia, civil society, public and private sectors. As a strong recognized national and global actor in the water sector it has been influential in international processes, like providing space and acting as a consultation platform for defining the Swiss position for the water and sanitation sector as it did for the post-2015 agenda that resulted in the establishment of the dedicated UN Sustainable Development Goal for water (SDG 6): Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. With a strong focus on SDG 6, the SWP members' expertise, applied at different scales and across the sector, contribute to achieving all SDGs as well as the human right to water.

As 82% of Switzerland's water footprint is produced outside of Switzerland, SWP assumes Switzerland's responsibility in this regard by showing solidarity and supporting developing and transition countries in finding solutions to achieve water security for their people and ecosystems. Driven by the platform's values of solidarity and integrity (i.e. promoting transparency, accountability and participative solutions), SWP promotes the sustainable and equitable use and management of water resources and the sustainable universal access to safe water and sanitation.

Together with its members, the platform has created this position paper and has invited other Swiss partner organisations to endorse it, leading to a total number of 56 organisations and 201 individuals.



Importance of water for the dispatch 2021 – 2024

SWP welcomes the importance that has been given to water¹ in the dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021 – 2024. SWP supports that water has been recognised

- as key topic in the development goals for human and environment development, including for climate change and natural resources (goals 2.1., 2.2) as well as emergency assistance, the provision of basic needs and migration (goals 3.1., 3.3), (p. 41 43)
- as priority topic within the bilateral cooperation for the regions MENA, Central-, South Asia, South-East Asia and in fragile countries in Sub-Sahara Africa (p. 20, 21)
- as core area for humanitarian assistance (p. 19)
- as human-right and as central global topic for transboundary water management, conflict and disaster risk reduction, gender- and inter-generational equality and for the need of involving social entrepreneurship and the private sector, and for creating efficient and sustainable financing supported through the Global Programme Water (p. 26)
- as determinant of health, supported by the Global Programme Health (p. 26)
- as investment to achieve cross-sectoral strategies in order to create and strengthen reliable framework conditions for economic and trade measure, supported by SECO (p. 24).

However, water has not been incorporated

- as key topic in the development goals for economic development and for peace and governance, including not for sustainable economic growth, market access, private sector, employment (goals 1.1., 1.2.), disaster risk reduction, reconstruction, rehabilitation (goal 3.2.), conflict prevention, human rights and gender equality (goals 4.1., 4.2., 4.3.), (p. 41 43)
- as a priority topic within the bilateral cooperation for the regions Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as for stable countries in Sub-Sahara Africa (p. 21, 22)
- as a dedicated thematic priority (p. 15) as it has been treated only as a transversal theme
- as a share in the budget (p. 50)

Therefore, SWP demands that water should be addressed as one of the **highest priorities** in the dispatch 2021 – 2024. It strongly encourages amendments of the dispatch to include

- 1. water as a dedicated thematic priority
- 2. SDG 6 in all four development goals
- 3. water as a priority topic for all geographic focus regions
- 4. the share for water in the budget

¹ To simplify the reading we will use the term water in this position paper, however, the term takes water as a multi-dimensional, multi-level and cross-sectoral entity into account. It includes water, sanitation and hygiene as well as its interconnections between ecosystems, economic stability, social-well being and peace.



1. Water as a dedicated thematic priority is in line with the three criteria for the engagement in international development cooperation

SWP urges that water becomes a dedicated thematic priority in the dispatch 2021 – 2024 because water

- is a **dedicated SDG and human right for which Switzerland** is one of the world's pioneers and engages for on the national and international agenda for years
- is at the core of all dimensions of sustainable development
- is one of the most essential and strategic resources for international cooperation
- needs to be addressed and managed holistically to solve multi-dimensional, multi-level and cross-sectoral challenges.

Water needs to be included for all dimensions of sustainable development and for all regions as it is one of the most essential and strategic resources for global social well-being, economic development, the maintenance of ecosystem services and is directly linked to peace and security. It is a dedicated human right and SDG, that Switzerland has been advocating for on the international agenda. This recognition in relation to water and sanitation has been at the heart of Switzerland's strategy in the national and international cooperation for years. Thus, Switzerland among its partners has committed to ensure universal access to safely managed water and sanitation for all humans. The successes to improve the access to basic services that Switzerland has achieved worldwide are only a first step. It is coherent and consistent to continue and leverage this Swiss investment.

In this regard, SWP encourages the commitment to manage the entire water cycle, including its economic, peace and governance dimension across regions. At the same time, cooperation with all stakeholders among all water-dependent sectors is necessary for achieving a systemic change towards sustainable management of water resources. It must continuously be at the centre of Switzerland's approach to humanitarian aid and development cooperation: Only the **holistic consideration of the entire water cycle, in cooperation with all partners,** has the potential to contribute to an improved health, food security and ultimately to sustainable economic growth, peace and security, which will give a perspective to the local population, with which Switzerland has established partnerships.

Switzerland has an interest and the responsibility in contributing to solving global water problems, as it has a direct and positive impact on our economy, our environment and, above all, on our well-being: Contributing to solving water problems has a **direct and positive impact** on the life of the people worldwide as well as in Switzerland.

SWP members and partners have jointly developed a strong argumentation to demonstrate that water as a dedicated thematic priority is in line with the three criteria for the engagement in international development cooperation as displayed on page 9 of this document.

Given this strong argumentation from the Swiss water and sanitation sector and Switzerland's prominent advocacy for the adoption of water as a human right and dedicated SDG, SWP encourages that Switzerland remains coherent in its commitment and strongly supports the global implementation of the human right and SDG 6.

Therefore, SWP urges that water becomes a dedicated thematic priority in the dispatch 2021 – 2024.



2. Including SDG 6 in all four development goals

SWP urges to include SDG 6 in all specific development goals on page 41 - 43 of the dispatch as it is at the core to achieve all four overall development goals: The human, environmental and economic development as well as for peace and governance (p. 14 - 17). Therefore, we will first demonstrate that water is one of the highest priorities to reach the four development goals and then display the suggested amendments for page 41 - 43 of the dispatch below. The detailed arguments by SWP members and partners are shown on page 10-11 of this document. Translation of the goals are available online (DE, FR, IT).

Objective 1: Economic development (Sustainable growth/ market access/ decent employment)

- The foundation for a stable economic development is the access to natural resources, including water
- Water is a major driver to create employment along many value chains

Suggested amendments (highlighted in red and detailed in the Annex):

- Ziel 1.1: Die Rahmenbedingungen für den Marktzugang verbessern und wirtschaftliche Möglichkeiten schaffen (Verbindung mit SDG 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17)
- Ziel 1.2: Innovative Initiativen des Privatsektors fördern, um die Schaffung menschenwürdiger Arbeitsplätze zu erleichtern (Verbindung mit SDG 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 17)

Objective 2: Environmental development (Climate Change/ natural resources)

- Water is a main factor of causes and consequences of climate change
- Holistic water management is essential for adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change
- Sustainable water resource management is core to preserve ecosystem services and biodiversity

Objective 3: Human Development (Saving lives/ access to basic needs/ migration)

- Water is the key for an improved health, food security and to reduce disaster risks
- Lack of access to WASH services is a root cause for migration
- A large effort to achieve safely managed drinking water, sanitation and hygiene still needs to be made: In 2017 more than 2.1 billion are lacking access to safely managed drinking water, more than 4.2 billion are lacking access to safely managed sanitation services and 3 billion people lacking water and soap for hand washing (WHO/UNICEF JMP Report 2019).

Suggested amendments:

Ziel 3.2: Katastrophenvorsorge, Wiederaufbau, Rehabilitation (Verbindung mit SDG 6, 11)



Objective 4: Peace and Governance (rule of law)

- Universal access to safely managed drinking water and sanitation is a human right (not only improvement for some people but for all)
- Water is an instrument and a strategic important resource for peace and to reduce conflicts in transboundary issues
- Water, sanitation and hygiene plays a key role in gender and intergenerational equality

Suggested amendments:

- Ziel 4.1: Konflikte verhüten, Frieden und Achtung des Völkerrechts fördern (Verbindung mit SDG 5, 6, 16)
- Ziel 4.2: Menschenrechte und Geschlechtergleichstellung stärken und fördern (Verbindung mit SDG 4, 5, 6, 10, 16)
- Ziel 4.3: Gute Regierungsführung und Rechtsstaatlichkeit fördern (Verbindung mit SDG 6, 16)



3. Water is a priority topic for all focus regions

Water is central for all regions and thus should be included as priority topic in all geographic focus regions. Amendments are displayed in red. Translations of the goals are available online (DE, FR, IT).

Focus regions

1. Sub-Sahara Africa (p. 21):

- Water is as important in stable countries in this region as in fragile countries to preserve peace and contribute to preventing migration

Suggested amendments (highlighted in red):

In den **stabilen Ländern** dieser Region sind die Prioritäten:

- Wasser und Anpassung an den Klimawandel und Reduktion von Katastrophenrisiken

2. Eastern Europe (p. 22):

- Improvement of basic provision and adaptation to climate change, in regard to Integrated Water Resource Management, transboundary issues (e.g. Kosovo) is key to achieve water security of the vulnerable population and to prevent conflicts in the region

Suggested amendments:

Prioritäten der bilateralen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit in dieser Region:

- wirtschaftliche Entwicklung durch die Stärkung des Finanzsektors, Schaffung von Arbeitsplätzen, Verbesserung der Grundversorgung, einschliesslich der Wasser-, sanitären und der Energieversorgung der Städte und in ländlichen Regionen; (...)
- Verminderung der Ursachen des Klimawandels und Anpassung an dessen Folgen, einschliesslich der Wasser- und Energiebewirtschaftung, Umweltschutz und Reduktion von Katastrophenrisiken.

3. Latin America and the Caribbean (p. 22):

- Latin America and the Carribean (LAC) remain a conflict-driven region and therefore improvements in (water) governance remain important.
- The international cooperation with the WASH sector has been fruitful and successful in the LAC region. In order to benefit from the knowledge and know-how developed in the Swiss development programmes within these countries, Switzerland should invest into conserving and sharing the knowledge and lessons learnt with other regions.
- Inequalities within the water sector between rural and urban regions remain high in the region: "While urban water and sanitation services performance rates are on the increase, the same trend is not witnessed outside of the urban circle, and inequalities persist. According to the JMP (2015) 14.1% of the rural LAC population lack access to a basic drinking water service (compared to 1.9% of the urban population) and 8.5 million people relied on surface water for drinking. In the same year, only 68.4% of the rural population used a basic sanitation service (compared to 90% of the urban population) and 18 million people in rural LAC still practiced open defecation (World Bank 2019)."



4. Define the share of water in the budget

Within the dispatch 2021 - 2024 SWP notes the following:

- The exact budget for water remains unclear (p. 50).
- The overall budget for global programmes and initiatives is at 796 Mio. CHF, which is 12 % of the budget for international cooperation (p. 50) and around 30 Mio. CHF are indicated per year for each global programme (p. 25).

SWP encourages to make the **share in the budget** dedicated for water activities explicit and supports to **increase the Swiss official development aid** (ODA, APD) **to 0.7 % of the GNI**: The prognosis of the Swiss official development aid (ODA, APD) is at 0.45 % of the GNI (p. 2), which is below the ODA ratio of 0.5 % of the GNI as decided by the Swiss parliament in 2011. This commitment is considerably below the international commitment of 0.7 % of the GNI (Addis Ababa Action Agenda).

SWP underlines that the increased budget for climate change action should be considered as an additional budget to the current ODA: As the budget for climate change action will be increased (p. 50), it should come as an additional budget to the current ODA and not reroute the funds planned for other thematic priorities.

In the list of priority organizations (Annex 5, p. 48-49), many of the global multi-lateral organisations related to water have been listed, however, some important organisation and networks are not explicitly mentioned. SWP demands to include also following global multi-lateral organisations and networks related to water in the budget allocation as listed in Annex 5 of the dispatch (p. 48-49):

- UN Water (Interagency Mechanism)
- Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) as part of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) as part of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

SWP expresses its deepest gratitude to FDFA and EAER as well as to the supporting organisations for taken this position paper into account for the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021 - 2024. SWP welcomes all organisations, the FDFA and EAER to share its impressions and to discuss with us the SWP position to address water as one of the highest priorities for the dispatch 2021 - 2024.



Arguments by SWP linked to the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021–2024

SWP urges that water becomes a dedicated thematic priority as it is in line with the

3 criteria for the Swiss engagement in international development cooperation

1. Needs of the local population

Water is a need for all:

- 1.1 The universal access to water and sanitation for urban and rural areas is still unsolved globally: In 2017 more than 2.1 billion are lacking access to safely managed drinking water, more than 4.2 billion are lacking access to safely managed sanitation services and 3 billion people lacking water and soap for hand washing (WHO/UNICEF JMP Report 2019).
- 1.2 Urban sanitation is key to prevent health risks (through improving water quality) and to reduce water stress (through water recycling).
- 1.3 The global water crisis is real and threatens economic development. The crises is visible through the water cycle perturbations related to climate change.
- 1.4 The lack of transboundary collaboration in water governance is a crucial issue in many regions and threatens water resources and peace.
- 1.5 The lack of access to the safely managed basic services and the increasing water stress (also due to climate change) is a root cause for migration (<u>State</u> <u>Secretariat for Migration SEM 2019</u>).
- 1.6 Water needs of the population can only be addressed in a joint effort, through humanitarian emergency assistance and long-term development cooperation.

1. Needs of the local population

2. Added value of Swiss international cooperation

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The Swiss water development sector is a strong and reliable partner in international cooperation:

- 2.1 It has a strong Swiss know-how on monitoring, treating and improving water quality (surface, groundwater, including sanitation and waste water treatment since 1960s) as well as on improving water efficiency (including less or no water for sanitation).
- 2.2 It invests in combined approaches between technical solutions (inclusive infrastructure, buildings, facilities, respecting nature, user-centered and locally adapted), capacity building (trainings) and inclusive governance (incl. clear legal frameworks) to ensure clear decision-making mechanisms and implementation in water and sanitation issues.
- 2.3 It uses and stands for a consensus-based approach and neutrality which allows interventions on transboundary water issues by integrating Blue Peace as a water diplomacy tool into foreign affairs policy.
- 2.4 It increases stability and allows economic growth through "Water for peace" by exporting a decentralized water management model to ensure better governance of public services.

3. Swiss interests

Water as priority in international cooperation is a Swiss interest:

- **3.1** It contributes to a more secure world and to ensure a sound natural resource management, which are elements described in the foreign policy strategy and are in line with the Swiss water and sanitation sector.
- 3.2 It supports to be aware and to import new climate change mitigation strategies /solutions from other countries for climate change adaptation.
- 3.3 It establishes stable climate change mitigation institutions with international partners to reduce green house gas emissions and the effects of climate change worldwide, including Switzerland.
- 3.4 It pushes for efficient, long-term water resources management globally to ensure economic growth through imports of water-intensive goods (Swiss water footprint).
- **3.5** It establishes a **stable institutional environment** to contributing to preventing massive migration by investing in sustainable municipal water and sanitation services.
- **3.6** It represents a **strong Swiss voice** in international fora through its four Swiss water networks.
- **3.7** It supports international activities of Swiss private sector, public and academic organisations with knowhow in the water sector (SWP represents many of those organisations).



Arguments by SWP linked to the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021–2024

SWP demands to include SDG 6 in sub-goals 1.1, 1.2, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 in the dispatch as it is central to reach all 4 Swiss Development Goals:

O1 Economic development: Contribute to sustainable economic growth, market creation and employment creation

- The foundation for a stable economic development is the access to natural resources, including water
- Water is a major driver to create employment along many value chains

01.1. Improve framework conditions for market access and create economic opportunities **SDG** 6

- 1.1.1. Water is an essential resource for **economic stability** (e.g. energy, hydropower) and **governance** (e.g. legitimacy by population, governance through Integrated Water Resource Management).
- 1.1.2. Access to resources like water is a precondition for water-dependent private sector initiatives and investments.
- 1.1.3. Holistic water management supports to increase resilience to climate change for economic activities, especially for agricultural production, which is a key sector in many development and transition countries.
- 1.1.4. The water use along value chains of goods that serve Switzerland with water-intensive goods (Swiss water footprint) needs to be optimized through improving economic framework conditions for mutual benefits for all actors (producers, consumers) and the environment
- 1.1.5. The water sector accelerates sustainable access to safe water and sanitation by involving the private
- 1.1.6. The Swiss water sector at the global level and along the value chain, but also locally by developing new types of decentralized business models and by promoting social entrepreneurship in collaboration with local authorities.
- 1.1.7. The Swiss water ecosystem has further the capacity and reputation of advancing technology and innovation that helps to develop efficient solutions and fosters local production and job creation while advancing SDG 6.

O1.2. Promote innovative initiatives by the private sector to facilitate the creation of decent jobs SDG 6

- 1.2.1. For implementing solutions, the water sector engages strongly with the private sector and relies on private financing and innovation potential. The cooperation with the private sector unfolds the economic sustainability of the water sector's engagements. Private actors are not just users, but take responsibility in this cooperation for the social, economic and environmental systems in which they operate.
- 1.2.2. The cooperation with Swiss companies (and academia) is needed to integrate more systematically their expertise and their know-how (e.g. on how to extract energy and fertilizers from wastewater) into the projects of United Nations agencies and Swiss cooperation.
- 1.2.3. By creating **networks** of young water **professionals**, supporting their existing structures and improving their skills, the Swiss international water cooperation is **attracting young talents** in the water sector and is supporting to create a stimulating environment in which they can thrive, stay in the industry and become **future agents of change**.
- 1.2.4. Water is a major driver of employment. The development of innovative initiatives by the water and sanitation sector provides essential employment in development and transition countries with the goal that 1 million professionals additional per year need to be trained to connect 3.5 billion people to a working water and sanitation system by 2030, which means to connect 70000 people per day.
- 1.2.5. The Swiss training model of a "dual vocational training", which combines academic with professional training, allows the development of this sector. Vocational training programs need to be oriented towards local professionals that will build and operate the infrastructure of tomorrow, such as drillers, masons, plumbers, electricians, laboratory technicians and engineers.
- 1.2.6. Innovative financial mechanisms are as crucial for the water sector as for other sectors. As an example, SWP has developed an innovative blended finance mechanism that allows to pay back providers of water-ecosystem services from indirect beneficiaries.

O4 Peace and Governance: Promote peace, the rule of law and gender equality

- Universal access to safely managed drinking water and sanitation is a human right (not only improvement for some people but for all)
- Water is an instrument and a strategic important resource for peace and to reduce conflicts in transboundary issues
- Water, sanitation and hygiene plays a key role in gender and intergenerational equality

O4.1. Preventing conflicts, promoting peace, respect for international law **SDG** 6

3.1.1. Hydrodiplomacy (e.g. through the Blue Peace movement) and Integrated Water Resource Management in all regions are key to prevent conflicts on water (e.g. transboundary issues).

- 3.1.2. Switzerland is a recognized global neutral leader in the water sector. This positions Switzerland optimally to bring other actors together: this strong "Convening Power" is used as a role model in the field of hydrodiplomacy. It combines the creation of favorable framework conditions for political dialogue in water resource management with projects on data and knowledge management.
- 3.1.3. As the Depositary State of the Geneva Conventions, Switzerland needs to commit itself to ensuring that the fundamentally civilian character is recognised and that water and sanitation infrastructure is better protected in conflicts.
- **3.1.4.** Switzerland needs to engage in fragile contexts by combining investment in infrastructure with a contribution to more inclusive governance.

O4.2. Strengthen and promote human rights and gender equality SDG 6

- 3.2.1. Access to safely managed water and sanitation services is a human right. Switzerland is one of the world's pioneers in the field of human rights to water and sanitary facilities: our persistence to discuss, develop and defend the law and its application at the international level and in Switzerland was the key to progress.
- 3.2.2. Water, sanitation and hygiene plays a key role in **gender** and **intergenerational equality** (e.g. menstrual hygiene mangement, reduction of water carrying by women and children

O4.3. Good governance, promote the rule of law SDG 6

- 3.3.1. Switzerland's implementation of the 2030 Agenda has a strong governance component, including ensuring institutional and policy coherence for the water sector. Switzerland communicates globally its knowhow in water both in technical as well as political terms.
- 3.3.2. Engagement in hydrodiplomacy worldwide (e.g. through the Swiss Blue Peace movement) needs to be continued and systematically integrated into Swiss foreign policy.
- 3.3.3. Good governance is a major component of successful **Integrated Water Resource Management** in all regions.
- 3.3.4. Based on its national experience with managing water resources (50% comes from groundwater), Switzerland should also commit itself to a more systematic integration of groundwater into discussions on the governance and management of transboundary basins.
- 3.3.5. Switzerland should foresee the upcoming water crisis and deploy an integrated and respectful approach towards water resources considering the new paradigms of climate extremes (floods, drought, etc.). This implies a change of mindset, considering rainwater harvesting and stormwater management as part of a solid water efficiency strategy.



Arguments by SWP linked to the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2021–2024

SWP reaffirms the importance of water for objective 1 and 3 as water is central for reaching all 4 Development Goals:

O2 Environmental development: Combat climate change and its effects and manage natural resources in a sustainable way

- Water is a main factor of causes and consequences of climate change
- Holistic water management is essential for adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change
- Sustainable water resource management is core to preserve ecosystem services and biodiversity

O2.1. Combat climate change and its effects

- 2.1.1. SWP welcomes the environmental dimension highlighted in the message 2020 2024. We encourage the parliament to set ambitious but achievable mitigation measures in relation to global warming, which particularly affects water resources. 2.1.2. In order to benefit from the know-how
- 2.1.2. In order to benefit from the know-now developed in other countries, Switzerland needs to participate in or initiate, as appropriate, applied (research) programmes on the active management of aquifers with countries particularly affected by climate change.
- 2.1.3. Through water (too much, too little, too late, too early) climate change is affecting water and food security of the most vulnerable population, and puts them at greater risk of falling back into poverty.
- 2.1.4. Switzerland needs to insist on the need to address the water cycle in its entirety in international fora. Visibility on the impact of glacier loss on river regimes due to climate change is limited and international collaboration on this theme is urgently recommended.

O2.2. Ensure sustainable management of resources

- 2.2.1. Targeting the global water crisis requires systemic change towards sustainable management of water resource as well as a change of paradigm where groundwater resources are being more and more polluted and depleted. The concept of non-renewable water should be introduced. At the same time, cooperation with all stakeholders, including the private sector, is important and necessary for achieving this change.
- 2.2.2. To guarantee water and food security of the most vulnerable people, Swiss experience on climate (services), water resource management, resilient agriculture and stainable Natural Resource Management needs to be shared and applied globally.
- 2.2.3. Nature-based solutions, healthy ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction are key ingredients for Natural Resource Management and climate change adaptation.
- 2.2.4. Switzerland is seen as the water tower of Europe should be ahead of the recent developments regarding the efficient use of precipitations as rainwater harvesting, storm water management while promoting more respectful ways such as Nature-based solutions.
- 2.2.5. Given that at least half of the world's population relies on groundwater as main source of drinking water, Switzerland can offer its experience in groundwater drilling and monitoring. The FOEN and the cantons have set up a national monitoring network that could serve as a model for other countries.

O3 Human development: Saving lives, providing quality basic services, reducing the causes of forced and irregular migration

- Water is the key for an improved health, food security and to reduce disaster risks
- Lack of access to WASH services is a root cause for migration
- A large effort to achieve safely managed drinking water, sanitation and hygiene globally still needs to be made as billions of people are lacking access to safely managed WASH services (JMP Report 2019).

O3.1. Providing emergency aid and protecting the civilian population

3.1.1. Swiss cooperation should better integrate the instruments of global cooperation, development cooperation and humanitarian aid, particularly in the water and sanitation sector, which has many potential synergies that could be better exploited

O3.2. Disaster Risk Reduction, reconstruction, rehabilitation SDG 6

3.2.1. Integrated Water Resource

Management (IWRM) and Disaster Risk

Reduction standards for water infrastructure are key to prevent and cope with water-related disasters (flooding, drought, etc.). 3.2.2. To manage the disaster risk reduction and coping strategies. digitisation of infrastructure is necessary (for example for early warning systems) and needs to be integrated into reconstruction and rehabilitation of infrastructure. For preventing disasters. Switzerland needs to continue to promote innovative solutions for disaster risk reduction already in development projects (for example through multi-stakeholder IWRM approaches or by proposing innovative mechanisms for collaboration with the private sector).

O3.3. Strengthening equal access to improved basic services

- 3.3.1. Unequal access to water and sanitation services is a root cause for migration. Improving basic water services and promoting rural development to reduce inequalities that lead to migration must be a priority under this objective, to be in line with the guiding principle of the 2030 Agenda "Leave no one behind". Especially, low living standard in rural areas, including the lack of access to water and sanitation services, contributes to migration from rural to urban areas: In 2017 "eight out of ten people still lacking even basic services lived in rural areas. Nearly half lived in Least Developed Countries" (World Bank).
- 3.3.2. Increasing sustainable access and quality services by scaling up proven approaches, technologies and investment mechanism is still key to reach SDG 6.
- 3.3.3. To provide an improved access to basic water provision at high quality, Switzerland needs to invest heavily in the use of renewable energy in water and sanitation infrastructure that reduces the carbon footprint while increasing the independence and resilience of such systems. Moreover, it needs to contribute to the transition to automated network management systems, which often allow more efficient use, even for basic water supply systems or waste water treatment plants.

 3.3.4. Increased urbanisation could
- benefit from Swiss expertise on **urban** sanitation and waste water treatment.



Annex I: List of endorsing organisations (Name, position, profession and e-mail address have been made anonymous for online publication)

	Organisation	Name	Position at Organisation	Profession/ highest degree of education	Country	Email Address	Swiss cooper- ation*	Water sector**	SWP mem- ber***
1	1001fontaines Suisse				CH		Yes	Yes	No
2	Access to water				CH		Yes	Yes	Yes
3	AFVMC Assistance to Families and Victims of Clandestine Migrations				Cameroon		No	Yes	No
4	Agence PRIDAM sprl				Belgium		No	Yes	No
5	Aqua-4D Water Solutions				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Autark Engineering AG				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Banka BioLoo				India		No	Yes	No
8	Batwa Rock and cave				Uganda		No	Yes	No
9	Center for Watershed				Afgha- nistan		No	Yes	No
10	Centre for Development and Cooperation SUPSI				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
11	cewas				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
12	CSD Group				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Daniel Iroegbu Global Health Foundation				Nigeria		No	Yes	No
14	Dropstone sarl				СН		Yes	Yes	No
15	Eawag				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
16	ECOPSIS				СН		Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Engineers Without Borders Sierra Leone				Sierra Leone		No	Yes	No



18	European Water Stewardship		Nether- lands	No	Yes	No
19	Geneva Water		CH	Yes	Yes	No
20	Geneva Water Hub		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
21	H2O Energies		CH	Yes	Yes	No
22	HELVETAS		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	HOLINGER AG		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	HSR University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil		СН	Yes	Yes	No
25	Institute for Ecopreneurship IEC, School of Life Sciences HLS, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	International Secretariat for Water		Canada	Yes	Yes	No
28	Land and Water Bolivia Ltda		Bolivia	No	Yes	No
29	Livinguard Technologies		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
30	Mwenya		Zambia	 No	Yes	No
31	My Imperative Actions		Burundi	No	Yes	No
32	Odermatt & Brockmann Earth Observation		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
33	Office fédéral de sécurité alimentaire		СН	No	Yes	Yes

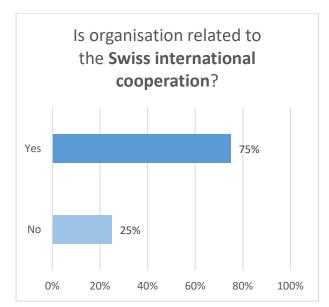


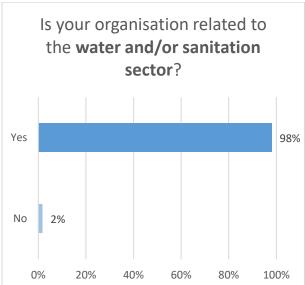
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	et des affaires vétérinaires OSAV					
	SDW		Brazil	Yes	Yes	No
34	Skat Consulting AG		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Skat Foundation		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
36	Slum life survival		Uganda	Yes	Yes	No
37	(SLS)					
38	Solidar Suisse		CH	Yes	Yes	No
39	Soutien Sans Frontières		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
40	Services industriels de Genève		CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
41	Swiss Hydrogeological Society		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
42	Swiss Institute for Speleology and Karst Studies		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
43	Swiss NGO DRR Platform		CH	Yes	No	No
44	Swiss Toilet Organisation		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Swiss Water Partnership		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
46	SWISSAID		СН	Yes	Yes	No
47	TAM Ceramics LLC of NY USA		USA	Yes	Yes	No
48	Terre des hommes		СН	Yes	Yes	Yes
49	The Darklands Foundation		France	No	Yes	No
50	Vivamos Mejor		СН	Yes	Yes	No
51	Water Access Consulting		Uganda	Yes	Yes	No
52	Water Integrity Network e.V.		Germany	Yes	Yes	No

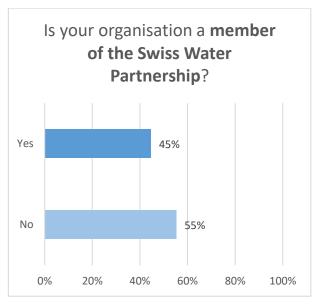


53	WaterLex	CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
54	Waterpreneurs	CH	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	Young Water Solutions	Belgium	Yes	Yes	No
56	Association pour la Sauvegarde du Léman****	СН	No	Yes	No

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^{****} Organisation endorses position paper to some part with the comment « la croissance économique n'est par nature pas durable puisque les ressources planétaires sont limitées »



Annex II: List of endorsing individuals (Name, position, profession and e-mail address have been made anonymous for online publication)

	Name	Organisation/ Independent	Position/ expertise	Profession/ highest degree of education	Country	Canton/ Province	Email Address	Swiss coope- ration*	Water sector*
1		WaterAld India			India			Yes	Yes
2		Corps suisse d'aide humanitaire			СН	Berne		Yes	Yes
3		Department of Water and Sanitation Technology, Ogun State College of Health Technology, Ilese Ijebu			Nigeria			No	Yes
4		Helvetas			CH	Aargau		Yes	Yes
5		Strategos			CH	Vaud		Yes	Yes
6		Swiss Development Cooperation			СН	Vaud		Yes	Yes
7		Population and Development Society			Tanzania			No	Yes
8		DiPure			India			Yes	Yes
9		Centre for Rural Improvement Services			Ghana			Yes	Yes
10		SVGW			СН	ZH		Yes	Yes
11		Indipendente			СН	Ticino		No	No
12		Independent			СН	Bern		Yes	Yes
13		IHE Delft			Netherlands			No	Yes



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14	Manipal	India		No	Yes
	University				
15	Jaipur,India				
15	rovina+partner /	CH	VS	Yes	Yes
16	sdc-sha				
	SDW	Brazil		Yes	Yes
17	Young Water Solutions	Belgium		Yes	Yes
18	MINISTERE DE	NIGER		Yes	Yes
	L'HYDRAULIQUE				
	ET DE				
	L'ASSAINISSEMEN				
	Т				
19	NALAN	India		Yes	Yes
20	Water Integrity	Germany		Yes	Yes
21	Network e.V.				
	Mr.	Kosovo		Yes	Yes
22	Information for all	Sierra Leone		Yes	Yes
23	(IFA) Sierra Leone	0.1			
24	Incitare		VD	Yes	Yes
	HELVETAS		NE	Yes	Yes
25	Skat Foundation	СН	AR	Yes	Yes
26	ONG ADIG	Mauritanie		Yes	Yes
27	University of Geneva	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
28	Agence PRIDAM	Belgium		No	Yes
	sprl	beigiuiii		NO	res
29	Swiss Centre for	Côte d'Ivoire		Yes	Yes
	Scientific				
	Research				
30	Geneva Water	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
	Hub				
31	seecon	Germany		Yes	Yes
32	IHE Delft	Netherlands		Yes	Yes



33	University of	USA		No	Yes
	California,				
34	Berkeley Toi et Moi	Ghana		No	Yes
	Foundation	Gilalia		INO	163
35	JEDACH	Nigeria		No	Yes
	Development				
	Partners				
36	Geneva Water	CH	Geneva	Yes	Yes
	Hub / University				
37	of Geneva	Librata		V	V
	Action Against Hunger	Liberia		Yes	Yes
38	Independent	CH	Vaud	Yes	Yes
39	BFH-HAFL	CH	SZ	Yes	Yes
40	Retired./ Liberia	Libera	32	No	Yes
	Water & Sewer	Libera		NO	103
	Corp				
41	Natume	СН	St. Gallen	Yes	Yes
42	seecon gmbh	СН	BE	Yes	Yes
43	Independent	СН	Geneva	No	No
44	Daniel Iroegbu	Nigeria		No	Yes
	Global Health				
45	Foundation	811			
45	Institute of Environmental	СН	Zurich	Yes	Yes
	Engineering, ETH				
	Zurich				
46	Helvetas	СН	Berne	Yes	Yes
47	SIG	СН	Genève	No	Yes
48	Geneva Water	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
	Hub (Univ. of				
40	Geneva)				
49	Governance Links	Tanzania		Yes	Yes
50	SUPSI	CH	Zurich	Yes	Yes



51	Eawag	СН	ZH	Yes	Yes
52	Global Hydrogeological Solutions	India		No	Yes
53	The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	Rwanda		Yes	Yes
54	University of Ulster	UK		No	Yes
55	Rajputana Society of Natural History	India		No	Yes
56	Independent	US		No	Yes
57	Independant	CH	VAUD	Yes	Yes
58	milnes&more experts Sàrl	СН	NE	Yes	Yes
59	Institute for Ecopreneurship IEC, School of Life Sciences HLS, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW	CH	Basel- Landschaf t	Yes	Yes
60	Ministry of Water and Environment	Uganda		No	Yes
61	4africa	Uganda		No	Yes
62	CleantechAlps	СН	Valais	Yes	Yes
63	ICRC / Independent / Retired	Thailand		Yes	Yes
64	SUPSI	СН	Ticino	Yes	Yes
65	Skat Consulting AG	СН	St. Gallen	Yes	Yes



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66	Geneva Water Hub	СН	Vaud	Yes	Yes
67	Caritas Switzerland	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
68	SDC/HA	CH	Bern	Yes	Yes
69	KOTHOWAIN (vulnerable peoples development organization)	BANGLADES H		Yes	Yes
70	AfU, Kanton Solothurn / SKH	СН	Solothurn	Yes	Yes
71	Independent	Ch	Vd	Yes	Yes
72	IWA-Switzerland	CH	Geneva	Yes	Yes
73	SDC / Independent	СН	Ticino	Yes	Yes
74	SDC/Humanitaria n Aid	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
75	ULB	Belgium		No	Yes
76	Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute	СН	Basel	Yes	Yes
77	SHA	СН	Zh	Yes	Yes
78	Uganda Muslim Rural Development Association (UMURDA)	Uganda		Yes	Yes
79	cewas Middle East	СН	Lucerne	Yes	Yes
80	Engineer	CH	Geneva	Yes	Yes
81	University of St. Gallen	СН	AR	Yes	No
82	As an individual freelancer	India		No	Yes



	individual named Hitesh BHATT-					
	india					
83	National Water		Iran		No	Yes
	and wastewater					
	engineering					
84	company of Iran Khairpur Rural		Pakistan		No	Yes
	Development		rakistaii		NO	163
	Organization					
	(KRDO)					
85	iWASH Africa		Ghana		Yes	Yes
86	RWMC		Pakistan		No	Yes
87	Global Call to		Liberia		Yes	Yes
	Action against					
	Poverty, GCAP Liberia National					
	Coalition					
88	UNHCR/SHA		СН	Zürich	Yes	Yes
89	Water Resources		D R CONGO		Yes	Yes
	Dir./Ministry of					
90	Environment Geneva Water		СН	Canava	Yes	Yes
	Hub		СП	Geneva	res	res
91	Mulonga Water		Zambia		No	Yes
	Supply and					
	Sanitation					
92	Comapany limited					
	M-Water Solutions		Kenya		Yes	Yes
93	Nestle Waters		СН	Valais	No	Yes
94	Millennium Water		Kenya		Yes	Yes
	Alliance		1			
95	Terre des		СН	Vaud	Yes	Yes
	hommes					



96	EEDS ORGANIZATION	Tanzania		Yes	Yes
97	-	CH	FR	No	Yes
98	Water Partner Foundation	Nederland		Yes	Yes
99	Independent	South Africa		No	Yes
100	HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation	Mozambique		Yes	Yes
101	Free Consultant	Rwanda		No	Yes
102	HEKS	СН	ZH	Yes	Yes
103	Swiss Toilet Organisation	CH	AG	No	Yes
104	WATERLINK	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
105	UNICEF	Myanmar		Yes	Yes
106	Independent	Australia		No	Yes
107	Independent	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
108	FOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE	GHANA		Yes	Yes
109	Helvetas Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso		Yes	Yes
110	GENEVA WATER HUB	France		Yes	Yes
111	Eawag	СН	Zürich	Yes	Yes
112	Govt. Lohia College	India		Yes	Yes
113	Center for Watershed	Afghanistan		Yes	Yes
114	Nigerian Meteorological Agency	Nigeria		No	Yes
115	-	СН	Zurich	 Yes	Yes
116	SKH	СН	Zürich	Yes	Yes
117	Cors suisse d'aide humanitaire	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes



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118	Independent		СН	ZH	Yes	Yes
119	CrustaTec		Guatemala		Yes	Yes
120	Land and Water Bolivia Ltda		Bolivia		Yes	Yes
121	Skat		CH	Basel	Yes	Yes
122	cewas		CH	Bern	Yes	Yes
123	Proteus Instruments		United Kingdom		No	Yes
124	MANDO		Kenya		Yes	Yes
125	Les Services Industriels de Genève		СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
126	University of Malawi		Malawi		Yes	Yes
127	Engineers Without Borders Sierra Leone		Sierra Leone		No	Yes
128	AJDM		Mauritania		Yes	Yes
129	LGED		Bangladesh		Yes	Yes
130	Plumbers Association of Zambia		Zambia		Yes	Yes
131	Dept. Of Geology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan		Nigeris		Yes	Yes
132	UNHCR		CH	Geneva	Yes	Yes
133	Independent		СН	Vaud	No	Yes
134	Autark Engineering AG		СН	Glarus	Yes	Yes
135	Geneva Water Hub/ university of Geneva		СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
136	Independent		Indonesia		Yes	Yes



137	Board Member of Skat	СН	SH	N/A	Yes
138	Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences	Uganda		No	Yes
139	Organization	Nigeria		No	No
140	Independent	Nigeria		Yes	Yes
141	CSD Group / Swiss Water Partnership	СН	Fribourg	Yes	Yes
142	Geneva Water Hub & Geneva Academy	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
143	ETH Zurich	СН	Zurich	No	No
144	ACROM GmbH	СН	Thurgau	No	No
145	PHE Consulting	СН	VD	Yes	Yes
146	Geospace Experts LLC	СН	Fribourg	Yes	Yes
147	Independent	СН	Valais	Yes	Yes
148	GIZ GmbH	Nigeria		No	Yes
149	SDC consultant	СН	VD	Yes	Yes
150	Independent	СН	Valais	No	No
151	TU Dortmund University	Germany		Yes	Yes
152	Independent	СН	Bern	No	No
153	Swiss Engineering	CH	Fribourg	No	No
154	Independent	CH		Yes	Yes
155	Phoster GmbH	СН	Luzern	Yes	Yes
156	Member SHA of SDC	СН	BL	Yes	Yes
157	Independent	Madagascar		No	Yes



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158	Antenna Foundation	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
159	Eawag	СН	Zürich	Yes	Yes
160	Access to water foundation	СН	Vaud	Yes	Yes
161	EBP Schweiz AG	СН	Zurich	Yes	Yes
162	DEZA	СН	BL	Yes	Yes
163	H2O Energies	СН	Geneva	Yes	Yes
164	Skat Consulting Ltd.	СН	SG	Yes	Yes
165	Independent	СН	Fribourg	Yes	Yes
166	Skat Consulting	СН	Sankt Gallen	Yes	Yes
167	International Secretariat for Water	Canada		Yes	Yes
168	Skat	СН	St. Gallen	Yes	Yes
169	Young Water Solutions	Nigeria		Yes	Yes
170	UEFS	Brasil		No	Yes
171	seecon gmbh	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
172	Independent	UK		No	Yes
173	National water and sewerage corporationuganda	Uganda		Yes	Yes
174	HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation	СН	Bern	Yes	Yes
175	Swiss Water Partnership	СН	Zurich	Yes	Yes
176	independent	Mombasa		Yes	Yes
177	USWS-PK	Pakistan		Yes	Yes
178	SKH/SDC	СН	Basel land	Yes	Yes



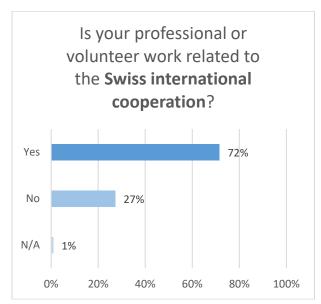
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183	cewas	CH	Bern	Yes	Yes
184	SDC	Ethiopia		N/A	Yes
185	Independent	СН	Genève	Yes	Yes
186	Viteos SA + member of of SHA	СН	NE	Yes	Yes
187	Asian development bank	Philippines		Yes	Yes
188	Independent	СН	Vaud	Yes	Yes
189	Liberia Civil Society Organizations WASH Network	Liberia		Yes	Yes
190	independent	canada		No	Yes
191	-	Netherlands		No	Yes
192	Youth Club Youth of Benin	Bénin		No	Yes
193	Chelona GmbH	СН	St. Gallen	Yes	Yes
194	Strategos SA	СН	Vaud	Yes	Yes
195	Independent	Canada		Yes	Yes
196	AFVMC Assistance to Families and Victims of	Cameroon		No	Yes

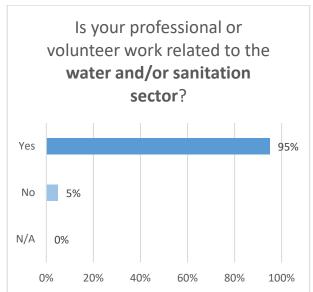


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		Clandestine Migrations						
197		EOS International		United States			No	Yes
198		Costa Rican Institute for Water Supply and Sanitation		Costa Rica			No	Yes
199		independent		Ethiopia			No	Yes
200	***	DACAAR		Afghanistan			Yes	Yes
201	****	Independant, UNIGE		СН	Geneva		No	Yes

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