

Without water, no peace! Without water, no life! Without water, no economy!

"Let's not allow our solidarity for water to trickle away," says Olga Darazs, Chair of the Swiss Water Partnership. "Fighting poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity for all: The new 100-Swiss Franc note reminds us that this implies access to water, which is a sustainable development goal for which Switzerland has been fighting and must therefore remain a central theme of the Swiss international cooperation."

The Swiss Water Partnership, which unites all important water organisations in Switzerland, has taken a position on the dispatch of Switzerland's international cooperation 2021-2024. The SWP demands to include the following aspects in the dispatch:

1. Water as a dedicated topic
2. Water as a priority in all regions of the world
3. Water in all four development goals (economy, social, environmental, rule of law)
4. Clearly list the budget for water



The position was signed by 56 organizations representing more than 15,000 employees and an additional 201 individuals.

Water is valuable:

- Not only the new 100-Swiss Franc banknote highlights the importance of water for **Swiss international cooperation** and **humanitarian aid**,
- but also **climate change** puts the resource water at the center of Swiss interests.
- In addition, Switzerland has been working continuously and for many years to ensure that the **human right to water** is translated into international cooperation.
- 82% of the Swiss water footprint is produced outside Switzerland. This means that most of the water used to manufacture products and services for Swiss consumption comes from abroad. Switzerland is therefore **responsible** for a sustainable water management beyond its borders.

More information: [Position paper by the Swiss Water Partnership](#)

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