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Think Global, Act Local: Relevance and Prospects of SDGs for Swiss Universities and Their Global South Partners

SUDAC International Conference 2019

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University of Bern ([UniS, A-003, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern](#))

The [SUDAC](#) (swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network) Programme is currently consolidating its network and promoting cooperation efforts of Swiss universities on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Switzerland and with higher education partners in the Global South.

The programme is set to increase its public awareness and to start a policy dialogue on the relevance of SDGs in Swiss higher education in 2019. To that end, swissuniversities' SUDAC Programme is joined by the Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE) in showcasing both Swiss higher education institutions active in North-South partnerships and their international partners.

Master of ceremony: Clemens Tuor, Deputy Head International Relations, swissuniversities

Programme

09.00	Registration
09.30	Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marina Carobbio Guscetti, National Council President• Franco Gervasoni, Rector SUPSI (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland), Head of SUDAC
09.50	swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUDAC Programme Laurent Goetschel, Deputy Head of SUDAC• COFERs (Consortia for Education and Research): WASH, SAS4SD, One Health and EFORD Jointly presented by South & Swiss partners
10.50	COFER Coffee Break <p>Grab a coffee, date a COFER based on regional and thematic preferences (PRO GED, IFE, KnowledgeForClimate, MOOLs, Academy 2030, WelCit)</p>

11.30	<p>SUDAC: From Thematic Consortia (COFERs) to Regional Clusters of Cooperation (CLOCs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospects and Pitfalls: The Perspective of a South Partner Boniface Kiteme, Director Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD), Kenya (COFER Academy 2030) Impact of a COFER on Educational Systems Felicitas Acosta, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Argentina (COFER IFE) Example of a CLOC: Network, Activities and Outlook Swetha Rao Dhananka, HES-SO (University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland), CLOC Knowledge2Action
12.30	Lunch & COFER poster exhibition
13.45	<p>Best practices outside SUDAC: Integrating SDGs Relevance in Higher Education and Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Peter Messerli, Director Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern & Co-chair of UN Global Sustainable Development Report
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A national funder: UKRI Global Challenges Research Fund Tahrat Shahid, Challenge Leader on Food Systems, UK Research and Innovation A private funder: Botnar Foundation Basel Aline Cossy-Gantner, Chief Learning Officer An institution: Re-thinking policy-relevant research on SDGs Nicolas Seidler, University of Geneva, Geneva Science Policy Interface
14.45	Q&A Round: Moderation: Thomas Breu , KFPE President
15.20	Coffee Break
15.45	<p>The Agenda 2030: Implications for Swiss higher education, research and development cooperation policy?</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael O. Hengartner, President, swissuniversities Tatjana von Steiger, Deputy Head of Domain Global Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Ambassador Mauro Moruzzi, Head of International Relations Division, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation Marcel Tanner, President, Swiss Academy of Sciences Jean-Luc Barras, Head of International Cooperation, Swiss National Science Foundation Christa Markwalder, Member of Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs <p>Moderation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gilles Carbonnier, Professor of development economics, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
17.00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurent Goetschel, Deputy Head of SUDAC
17.10-18.00	Aperitif

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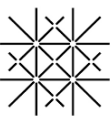
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The swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC) programme seeks targeted support for collaboration between the various types of Swiss higher education institutions and their partners from the Global South in order to achieve an excellent standard of education, research and innovation on global challenges. In order to achieve these goals, two instruments have been created: COFERs and CLOCs.

10 COFERs
Consortia for Education and Research

Projects of development in collaboration of Swiss partners and South partners, promoting the interregional exchange of expertise between higher education institutions

5 CLOCs
Clusters of Cooperation in the Global South

Networks of hubs with increased cooperation activity, promoting interdisciplinary exchange between South partners

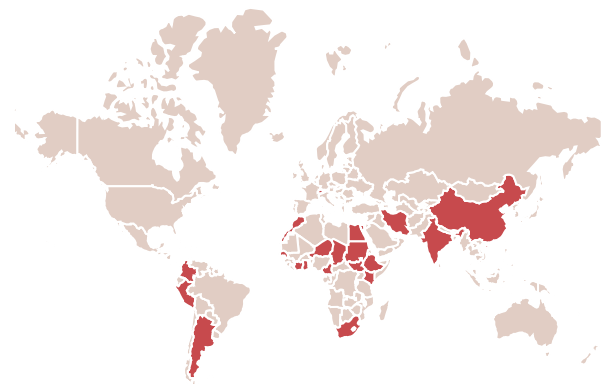
Goals of SUDAC

- Contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals using a collaborative approach
- Enhance cooperation among Swiss institutions on global issues
- Improve the efficiency of education and research with institutions in the Global South
- Excellence and innovation in education and research on global issues

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- CHF 980'000 from Assembly members

Areas of Activity



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