



**SWISS WATER
PARTNERSHIP**

Advocacy Work at Swiss Water Partnership

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Organisation, Mandate and Key-Activities

The Swiss Water Partnership

- **What:** Multistakeholder Platform with over 70 members
- **Goal:** Water Security. Bring together relevant stakeholders to promote a sustainable and equitable use and management of water resources and universal access to water and sanitation.
- **Vision:** Globally well-recognized **brand of high quality solutions for water security and the water platform in Switzerland** (knowledge hub, knowledge setter and cross-sector innovation carrier)
- **Why:** Solidarity with water stressed countries to solve global water challenges. SWP was founded in 2012 to **foster coordination and dialogue across sector and scale** and promote Swiss high quality water solutions
- **Key activities:** Dynamic Learning, Strong Swiss Voice ,**Water Dialogue**

Dynamic Learning

Open spaces allow to **exchange** ideas and **discuss** burning issues in the water sector with stakeholders coming from other sectors (public, research, civil society and private) and with different areas of expertise.

- **Working groups** deepens the **knowledge** > Nature Based Solutions in Water
- SWP members regularly organize **events** > Water Risks
- Conferences, SWP General Assembly and other gatherings > extending **network**

Strong Swiss Voice

Members of the SWP jointly organize thematic events for major **international water events** (Stockholm World Water Week, World Water Forum)

- Swiss Booth > **visibility** and synergies
- illustrate the member expertise to **major international donors** (WB, RdB)

Water Dialogue

Together with the SDC, the SWP contributes to the water target of the **Agenda 2030** for Sustainable Development in Switzerland and abroad in pilot countries.

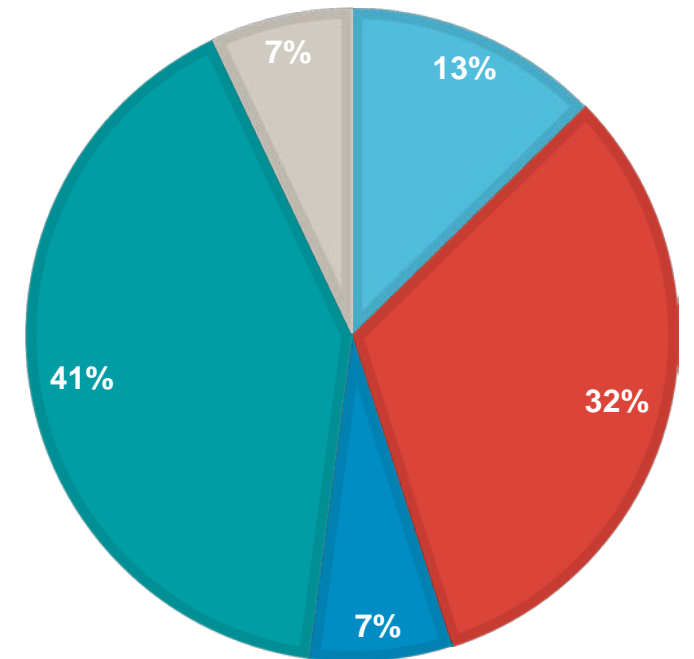
- **Early position:** SWP was used as a **consultation platform** to elaborate the Swiss proposition for the SDG 6.
- The SWP members are involved in shaping the process of **monitoring and implementation and advocacy** of the SDG 6 indicators.

3 PILLARS



CURRENT SWP MEMBER REPARTITION BY SECTOR (2018)

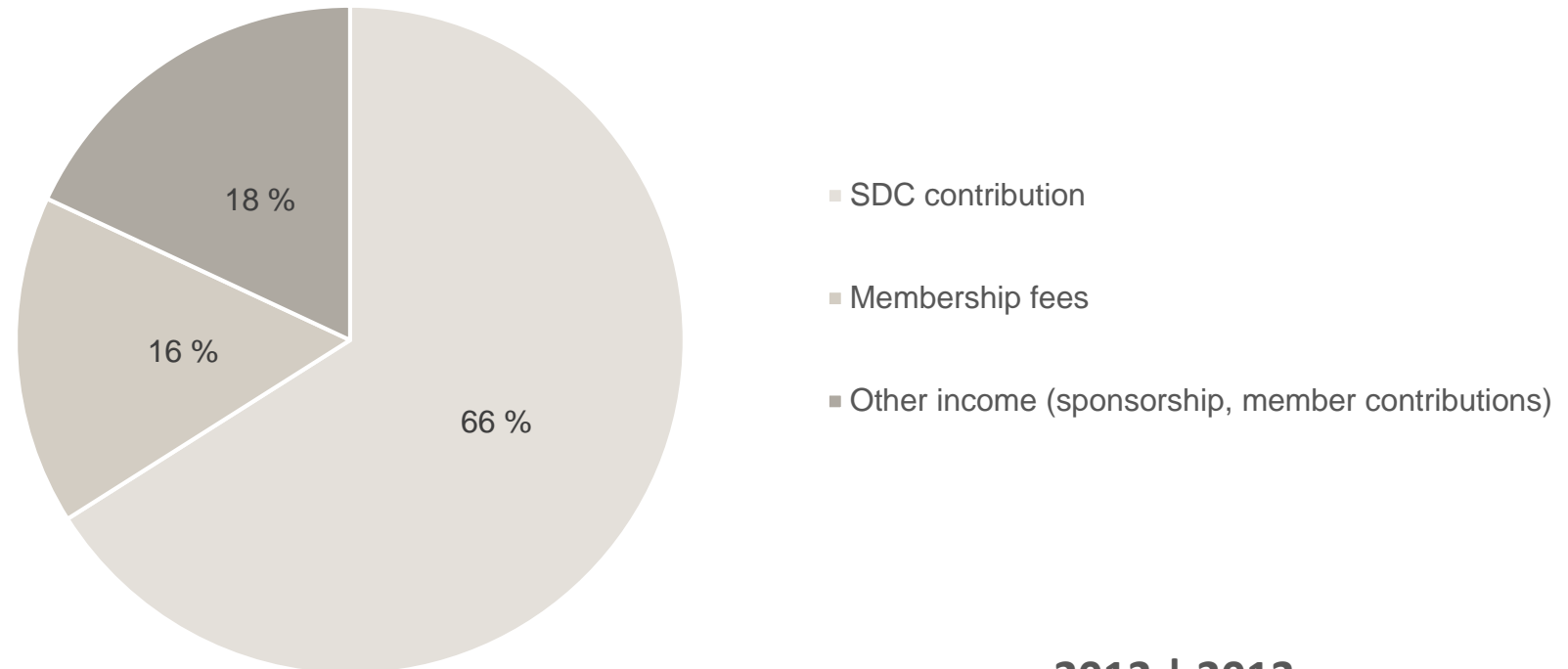
- Academia / Research
- Non profit organisations
- Networks and professional associations
- Private
- Public



Organizational Structure



SWP funding sources 2016-2018 (CHF/Year)



Total Costs Position Paper: **CHF 17'710** >

		2012 2013			
Position paper	1) staff remuneration	24	Fr. 2'760.00	120	Fr. 13'800.00
	2) material costs				Fr. 1'000.00
	3) travel costs				Fr. 150.00

Highlight / most successful activity in the last 3-5 years?

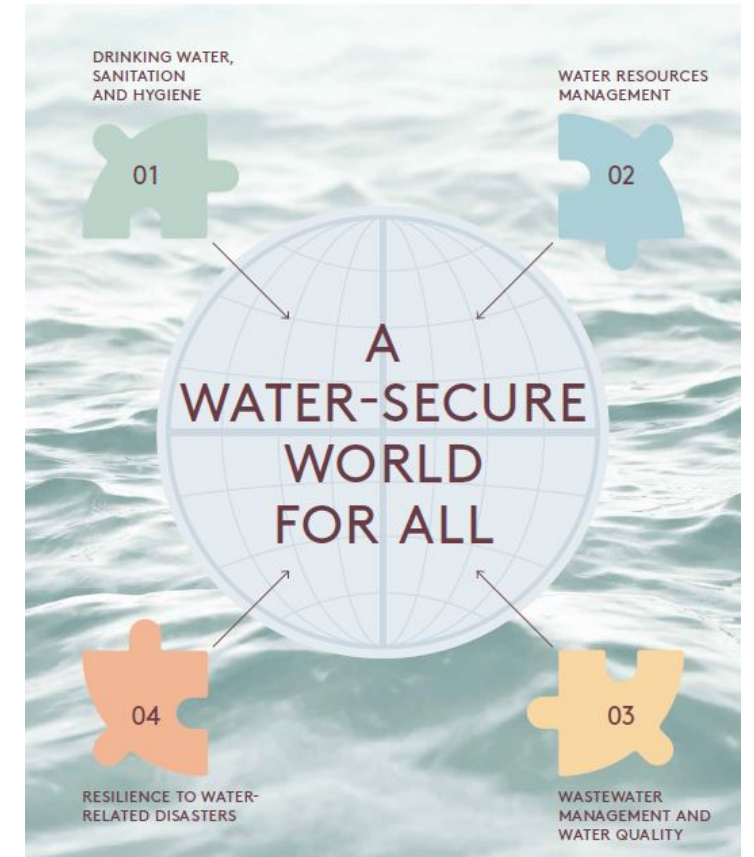
2013/14: no specific water goal in the millennium goals

- A dedicated water goal gives more priority for the sector
- Draft position paper (SDC/IDANE*)
- SWP was invited by SDC to make national consultation.
- Process:
 - 1) Member consultation: Online survey f2f workshop
 - 2) Endorsement of the final Swiss position at the GA

2015: adoption of a dedicated water goal in the 2030 agenda

- 90% similar to the Swiss position
- interdepartementale Arbeitsgruppe Nachhaltige Entwicklung Wasser

A POST-2015 GLOBAL GOAL FOR WATER



Outcomes of the Advocacy Work

- **Legitimacy:** having the support of 65 Swiss organizations across sectors and scale influenced the prioritization process within the Swiss government and gives the Swiss outline more credibility at international scale.
- **Ownership:** The consultation process gave every SWP member the possibility to shape the Swiss position and creates a feeling of ownership. This is crucial for the advocacy activities.
- **Visibility for SWP**
- **Foster exchange and continue to influence (monitoring & implementation)**

Target Group of the Advocacy

- **To create a Swiss position** on the necessity to create a dedicated SDG Water Goal
- **Influence from a sector perspective**, not only on governmental level (e.g. WaterLex, GIWEH, Helvetas Nepal, NWP)



Recommendations for SFRAS

- Involvement of different stakeholders creates ownership
- Make sure the advocacy efforts are well coordinated and continuous (mobilization of actors to advocate)
- Finances for advocacy work: (2012/2013): Position paper accounted for...
 - ...**41% of Water Dialogue Pillar 2012/13**
 - ...**12% of the total SWP expenses 2012/13**
 - The Water Dialogue Pillar accounted for **29%** of the total SWP expenses 2012/13

Water Dialogue Total: CHF 43'010

Position Paper: CHF 17'710

Total expenses 2012/2013: CHF 147'900