

# Turning a new leaf: Ueli Mauderli, SDC Agriculture & Food Security Focal Point

After four years as the Agriculture and Food Security (A+FS) Focal Point, Ueli **Mauderli** will soon leave the SDC headquarters and the Global Programme Food Security (GPFS) team. This summer, he will embark on a **new adventure** – all the way across the Atlantic, where the sun shines brighter and mountains reach higher up in the sky. Find out more about his new posting and the network's highlight moments in this [short interview](#).



During his time leading the SDC A+FS Network, **membership increased to a total of 370 people across the globe!** Approximately 1/3 are affiliated to SDC and 2/3 are partners and other agriculture & food security *aficionados*. Not only did the community grow, but so did participation and traffic, as A+FS shareweb member contributions and unique visitors have nearly doubled since 2018 (more A+FS network statistics available [here](#)).

While Ueli's drive and commitment have undeniably contributed to **the increased activity** between network members, at the end of the day, **the A+FS network is YOU**, all of you! The A+FS Shareweb team is extremely grateful for your continuous engagement and looks forward to the journey ahead with Bruce Campbell and Stéphanie Piers van Raveshoot, the new A+FS co-focal points. You might not know them yet, and we are going to keep you on your toes for a little longer... Stay tuned for the Autumn A+FS Newsletter edition!

## Who is Ueli Mauderli?

Ueli has been working for SDC for many years now. Before his time as the SDC A+FS focal point, Ueli worked at the Embassy of Switzerland in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. There, he focused on rural-urban value chains (processing of plant and animal products), market development and capacity building in agriculture and forestry, and supported sectoral advocacy associations for smallholder producers. Amongst his other previous positions, he was also Focal Point for SDC Climate Change and Environment network, among other positions. Ueli originally studied forest sciences at ETH Zürich.

## What is the SDC A+FS Network?

First and foremost, the A+FS Network is a **community**. In more technical terms, it is a **knowledge exchange platform** for practitioners and interested parties with links to SDC activities in the area of agriculture and food security. Its overarching goal is to enhance the effectiveness of SDC (co-) funded operations by ensuring the availability and good use of individual and general knowledge. More specifically, the network's mandate is to promote **individual and organisational knowledge-sharing**, provide **operational advice**, and **link global initiatives to policy dialog** (and vice-versa). Find out more about the A+FS network [here](#).

### From the interview

Do you want to know more about the events and thematic activities Ueli mentioned in his interview? Below you will find more information about results and outcomes:

- [Rural-urban link and agriculture](#)
- [Climate Resilient Agriculture:](#)
  - Prise en compte systématique des changements climatiques avec [CEDRIG pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest](#) (e-atelier en français)
  - [Climate proofing with CEDRIG in Eastern and Southern Africa](#) (e-workshop)
- [Transforming Food Systems with Agroecology – From research results to policy influence](#) (event)
- [Digital revolution for smallholders – truth or myth?](#) (SDC leaning event)
- [E-discussions on City Region Food Systems Governance under COVID-19](#)
- [Independent Food System Dialogues](#) by SDC & partners (further updates coming up soon!)