



Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN Organisations in Rome

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Representing Switzerland and its multilateral interests in the Rome-based UN agencies

- Food and Agriculture Organisation - FAO
- International Fund for Agricultural Development – IFAD
- World Food Program (WFP)



Agriculture is key to driving Africa's development and creating a vibrant future



- **Liaison** with the Rome based UN Agencies
- **Representing** the Swiss position into the governing bodies and negotiations
- **Cooperation and collaboration** with the political, development and humanitarian divisions of the Federal Department of **Foreign Affairs** and with the Federal Office for **Agriculture**
- Regular collaboration and consultations with **other Swiss Missions** in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Brussels
- Internal **technical consultations** f. ex. for Credit Proposals etc.
- Create **political coherence**



Building Rural Resilience for a food secure future

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations

- Established in 1977 – currently with 177 member states
- Only multilateral organization with a **mandate specialized on rural poor, incl. smallholder agriculture**
- Its programs aim at improving poor rural **people's access to financial services, markets, technology, land and natural resources**
- As an international financial institution (IF), IFAD **provides grants and loans** on favorable terms to countries affected by widespread rural poverty. It also provides expertise in the agricultural sector and supports innovation.
- Investment Portfolio of IFAD 12 is ~8 billion USD (2022 – 2024)
- HQ in Rome, decentralization with currently 47% staff in the field





Switzerland and IFAD

Swiss contribution:

- Member since the creation in 1977
- Total contribution of 315 Mio USD
- 50.2 Mio USD/ year in IFAD12 (2022 - 2024)

Swiss priorities:

- Private sector program, incl. contribution to the ABC Fund
- Addressing climate change – special contribution of 11 Mio USD to ASAP (Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Program)
- Thematic focus on agroecology, Nutrition and Gender





What we do

- Influence IFAD's investment decisions through:
 - Commenting on their Country Strategic Opportunity Programs (COSOP) with our bilateral knowledge and expertise
 - Facilitating thematic priorities in those decisions, like nutrition, agro ecology, gender
 - Allowing investments in new instruments / with new partners
 - ABC Fund
 - Investments in Non Sovereign Operations
- Oversee their governance and program performance
 - Through participation in the governance structure – Executive Board / Governing Council
 - Participation in the Evaluation Committee





Our goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.

- The strategic narrative guiding the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 is supporting the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind
- Functions:
 - collect, analyse, interpret and disseminate information relating to nutrition, food and agriculture
 - Promote national and international action:
 - Research, education, conservation of natural resources, adoption of improved methods of agricultural production, processing, marketing and distribution of food, the adoption of policies
- With 195 members - 194 countries and the European Union, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.
- Staff: 3'000 in Rome, 12'000 abroad
- Budget 2022 -23 biennium: core contribution USD 1 billion and voluntary contributions USD 2.25 billion (expected)



Switzerland and FAO

- Priorities:
 - Sustainable and inclusive transformation of food systems
 - Biodiversity
 - Repurposing agricultural subsidies, True cost, Trade and Sustainability
- Financial Contributions 2022:
 - core contribution CHF 5.2 million
 - voluntary contributions USD 6.3 million (SDC) and CHF 1.6 million (FOAG)



The CFS will strive for a world free from hunger where countries implement the voluntary guidelines for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

- constitute the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner and in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings
- Role:
 - Policy convergence and coherence
 - Coordination
- Members and Participants: 139 Member States, Civil Society, Private Sector, Academia, Philanthropic Foundations, UN-Organisations,...as Participants
- Staff: small Secretariat that builds on RBA's expertise
- Budget 2022:
 - Core: USD 1.8 million
 - Voluntary: USD 0.8 million



Switzerland and CFS

- Priorities:
 - Strong and inclusive CFS
 - Topics: Right to Food, Climate Change, Resilient Supply Chains, Crisis
- Financial Contributions:
 - For CFS USD 0
 - For civil society and indigenous peoples mechanism and the High Level of Experts ca. USD 0.5 million

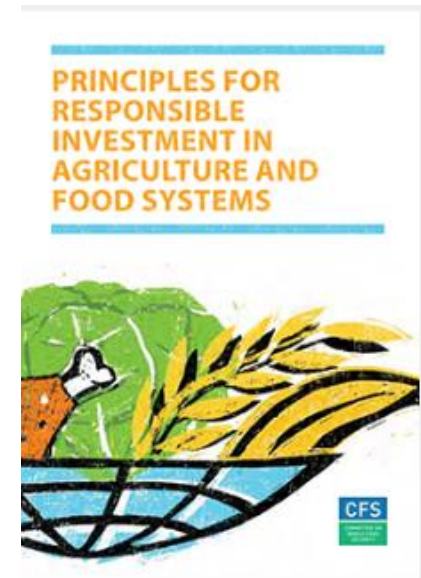
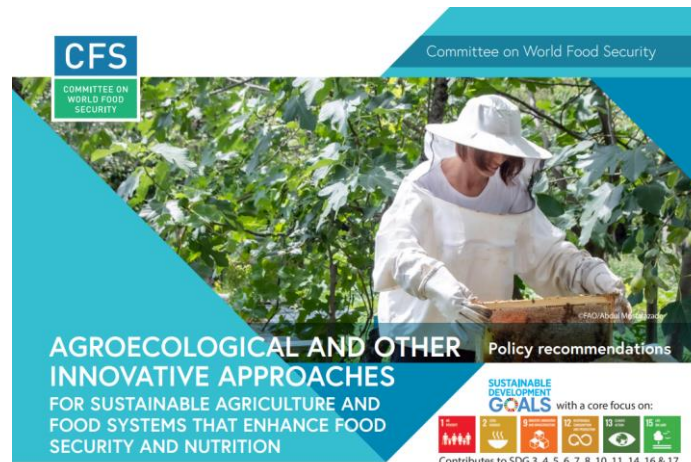
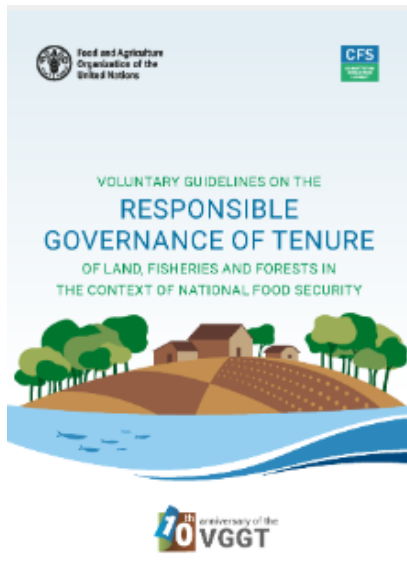


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What we do and why it is important





From the global to the regional and national level and vice versa

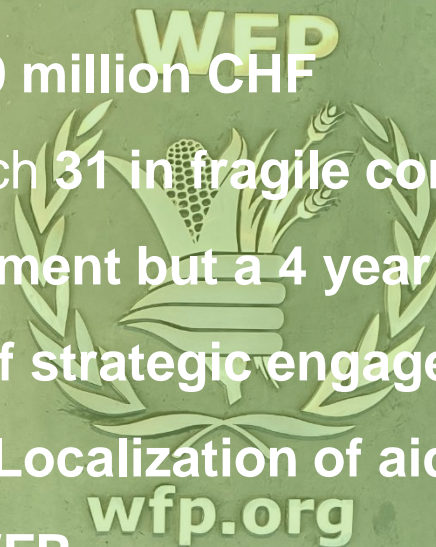




Few general WFP key data

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- Annual Budget Requirements: ~ 20 billion USD
- Annual Donor contributions: ~10 billion USD = 50%
- Annual Swiss Contributions: ~100 million CHF
- WFP active in 123 countries of which 31 in fragile context
- Switzerland no Partnership Agreement but a 4 year Engagement Plan (actual 2022-25) with 3 priorities of strategic engagement:
 1. Protection & Accountability; 2. Localization of aid; 3. Governance
- Dozens of Experts seconded to WFP
- Swiss Engagement in all 6 WFP Regions: Southern Africa, East Africa, West Africa, Middle East & North Africa, South Asia, Latin America & Caribbean
- <https://de.wfp.org/schweiz-und-wfp>





My Role as liaison with the WFP

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- **Represent Switzerland** and its interests in the Exe Board, informal sessions and other fora at the WFP
- **Participate at consultations** and political negotiations and prepare comment





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My Role as liaison with the WFP

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- **Initiate and**
- Group of F**
- P&A**
- **Discussion**
- Switzerland**
- **Bilateral d**
- **Organising**



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My Role as liaison with the WFP



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Side Event of the Group of Friends (GoF) on WFP Protection & Accountability (PA) Policy implementation

Thursday 20 October 2022, 16:30h - 18:30h
WFP HQ, Via Cesare Giulio Viola, 68/70, Muratella, 00148 Roma

Room: Forum A

Agenda:

- Welcome by Ambassador Wennubst
- Welcome & Remarks by Valérie Guarnieri
- Brief and Highlights on the mission to Niger by Yves Guinand (Field Photo Impressions – PPT by GDY)
- WFP video or on-line connection with one of their Country Offices to present another experience (TBD) or a short video
- Q & A session to be moderated by Samir Wanmali
- Apéro and informal exchanges and discussions from 17:45h

18:30h END

Organizers:

Group of Friends (GoF) on WFP Protection & Accountability (PA) Policy implementation
Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations organisations in Rome
The World Food Programme (WFP)

Special Guests:

Mr. Pio Wennubst, Ambassador Swiss Mission to Rome-based UN-Agencies
Ms. Valérie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director (AED), the World Food Programme

Invitees:

GoF Members: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK and USA, and Germany, as an interested member state

Member states: Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Uruguay

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Example of a political negotiation process for policy development and implementation: WFP on Protection & Accountability

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Protection is in the center of ALL humanitarian interventions

WFP – New protection & accountability policy (approved Nov 2020)

WFP – MiRo engaged in elaborating the new policy (2017-2020)

Implementation of the new policy from 2021 to 2025

Instruments & Tools

Swiss Cooperation Offices (COs) in Swiss focal countries

- COs work in close cooperation in country with key UN agencies on the ground (i.e. WFP/UNHCR)
- COs members of working and negotiating groups coordinating hum. and dev. activities

Swiss Secondments to WFP

- Protection experts
- Other experts

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- Verification missions
- Special events
- Statements & political positioning

Group of Friends (GoF)

- CH initiated a GoF of like-minded member states for lobbying
- Political positioning & statements of the GoF



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Thank you !

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