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INVITATION

e+i Face-to-Face Meeting

27-30 April 2015, Hotel Freienhof, Thun

Berne, 21 January 2015

Dear Colleagues

It's our pleasure to invite you to the face-to-face (F2F) meeting 2015 of SDC's Employment and Income network (e+i network).

This year's common thread throughout the event is "effective partnerships with the private sector" – a timely topic that is of high relevance and importance in all three e+i domains: vocational skills development, private sector development and financial sector development.

SDC's networks use F2F meetings as a platform for its members for capacity building, to learn from each other and to decide on the networks future work plan and priorities. It is primarily an SDC internal event. However, the purpose of a network is to connect people and promote learning. Knowledge exchange should happen beyond SDC as an institution. Thus we would like to give you and other organizations and institutions, that work in the field of e+i, the opportunity to engage in this exchange and to participate during specific sessions of the program. Other sessions will be closed to discuss SDC internal matters. You find a brief description of the program that is open to you and a continuously updated version of it is [available on the e+i shareweb](#).

This invitation is for one person only, but is transferable, i.e. one person of one organization may attend one session and another person from the same organization another session. All persons need to register until 31 March 2015 [under this link](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Thun!

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Head of the Latin America and the Caribbean Division
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Peter Beez
Head Focal Point e+i



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Programme Day 1 – April 27, 2015: Opening and Introduction to the topic

8:30 Opening of the e+i F2F 2015

Opening and welcome speech by the **SDC director general Manuel Sager**

Introduction to the topic by **Peter Beez** (Head Focal Point e+i)

Key note speeches by

- **Thomas Streiff** (Consultant Brugger und Partner)
- **Patrick Struebi** (Social Entrepreneur, Ashoka Fellow and Fairtrasa CEO and founder)

followed by a panel discussion.

Joint Lunch break

Market stalls: Learning from ongoing programs and experiences from other participants (within and outside of SDC) on how, when and where to partner with the private sector.

17.30 Official closing of day 1 followed by a social networking event

Programme Day 2 – April 28, 2015: Field Visits (SDC only)

Programme Day 3 – April 29, 2015: Learning and Capacity Building

08.30 Joint introduction into the day

VSD working group: "How to involve the private sector in VSD projects concretely?"

PSD/ FSD working group: "Effective collaboration with the private sector: the case of improving the productivity of smallholder farmers"

Joint Lunch break

Continuation of VSD and PSD/FSD working groups, peer to peer learning and elaboration of different topics subject to the e-discussion and participants' inputs

17.00 Closing of day 3

Programme Day 4 – April 30, 2015 Exchange and the way forward (SDC only)

Information Thun f2f 2015



Thun is a small charming town, 20 km away from Bern and located on the beautiful lake of Thun. The view of the lake and the mountains is magnificent! Thun is the gateway to the Bernese Oberland. For more information on Thun: <http://www.thun.ch/>

The workshop will take place in the Hotel Freienhof in Thun: <http://www.freienhof.ch/>

