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GLOBAL PROGRAMME WATER

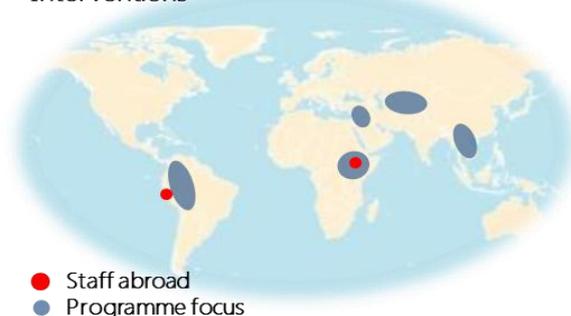
Water is at the core of sustainable development and the looming water crisis is of global concern. The endeavours of the Global Programme Water meet key global challenges related to the management of water resources, including access to drinking water and the productive use of water in agriculture, industry and households. By focusing on inequity and poverty, they contribute to the reduction of global risks and the realization of a water-secure world.

The Global Programme Water runs 38 operational programmes, projects and initiatives at bilateral and multi-bilateral levels. The operations are based on the working principles of policy influencing, leveraging partnerships, innovation and knowledge management. The Programme with its 13 specialists acts as a centre of competence and maintains partnerships with academia, the public and private sector, civil society organizations and a thematic network (Réseau) with 260 members.

Main objectives

- **Global Water Sector Dialogue:** Attain that water security, as defined by UN-Water, is in the frontline of the priorities of the international global development agenda.
- **Water Governance:** Influence the global policy dialogue on Integrated Water Resource Management fostering sustainable water cooperation and promoting equitable and balanced socio-economic development with gender inclusion ensuring access for the poor.
- **Equitable Access:** Influence at the global level for improved, equitable access to basic water and sanitation services (WASH) and efficient use of water for agriculture (smallholders).
- **Swiss Voice:** Maintain and strengthen the know-how of Swiss players active in the water sector and mobilizing them to position Switzerland at the forefront of the global water challenges.

Interventions



Key figures

- Projects: 38
- Number of staff (in full time equivalent): 11.1 of whom 1.5 abroad
- Bilateral Budget: CHF 31.0 Mio (2017)
- Multilateral Budget: CHF 0 Mio (2017)
- Total SDC investments in water: CHF 327.7 Mio. (Total engagement message 2013-2016)
- Network members (Réseau): 260

Priorities in 2017

- 2030 Agenda:** The GPW will keep on being influential on the advance of the global monitoring system and the new architecture in the water sector. One key endeavour will be to trigger sufficient political support to achieve the creation of a new intergovernmental body on water through a UN resolution.
- Global High Level Panel on Water & Peace:** The Panel will deliver its recommendations and present them to the UN community around the 72nd UN General Assembly. The recommendations will then be advocated at the highest level, including through the possibility to have a resolution at the UN level.
- Geneva Water Hub:** The Hub will prepare round-tables providing inputs to the Panel above and continue to be instrumental in the convergence of the Secretariat of

the Global High Level Panel on Water & Peace and the UN High level Panel on Water.

- iv. **FDFA Lines of Action on Water and Security:** The report on the implementation of the Lines of Action will serve as strong basis for continuous action and strategic guidance of the Department in this field.
- v. **Blue Peace Central Asia:** The Basel II Conference on IWRM in Central Asia will be held during Expo 2017 in Astana, taking advantage of its topic on “renewable/green energy”. The water-energy nexus and transboundary water management will be central in the exhibition of the Swiss pavilion.
- vi. **Private sector and financing:** Private sector involvement at local, national, regional and global level will be promoted with the aim to positioning water security at the frontline of the agenda, fostering strong global water cooperation through innovative approaches valuing water and orienting sector investments towards improved equitable access and a more efficient use of water.
- vii. **Multi-sectoral approaches:** As the implementation of the SDG 6 will not only rely on the water sector itself but also on other sectors associated such health, education, gender equality, social development, environment and finances in a comprehensive approach, the GPW together with other GPs will continue to promote multi-sectoral.
- viii. **WASH:** The Sanitation and Water for All Ministerial and High Level Meetings 2017 in Washington will be a key moment to collect commitments in improving drinking water access and quality and in sanitation by high level policy makers, based on the GLAAS report 2017. The HLM will also be used to support the dialogue on the global water architecture and on the JMP/GLAAS monitoring activities to become coherent with the overall integrated monitoring (GEMI).
- ix. **Water integrity** is mainstreamed in global policy processes and in SDC water programmes and projects, whereas Swiss-based organisations mainstream water integrity into their strategies.
- x. **Synergies:** Links to SDC Global Programme Health (sanitation/hygiene) and Food Security (nutrition, irrigation) are nurtured and regular exchanges held, whereas links with the SDC Education Network are identified (blue schools, menstrual hygiene).

Key partners

Multilateral organisations

UN-Water, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Joint Monitoring Programme WHO-UNICEF (JMP), Water and Sanitation Program (WSP), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

International institutions and platforms

Global Water Partnership (GWP), Water Integrity Network (WIN), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Strategic Foresight Group India (SFG), World Water Council (WWC), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Water Footprint Network (WFN), International Secretariat for Water (ISW), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG), World Economic Forum (WEF), Earth Security Group (ESG), Global Sanitation Fund (GSF)

Switzerland

IDANE Wasser, Swiss Water Partnership (SWP), AGUASAN Community of Practice, Solidarit’Eau Suisse (SES), Geneva Water Hub (GWH), WaterLex, International Centre for Water Management Services (cewas), Eawag/Sandec, Swiss Water and Sanitation NGOs Consortium, Swiss start-ups and SMEs, Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences: ETHZ, EPFL, Univ. of Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Yverdon and Zurich

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