

# 1ST SWISS-UN DAY 1. SCHWEIZ-UNO TAGUNG 1ÈRE JOURNÉE SUISSE-ONU

WITH OPENING SPEECH  
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# PROGRAMME

- 8:45–9:15**    **Registration and coffee**
- 9:20–9:30**    **Welcome**  
Welcome remarks by Sebastian Justiniano Birchler, Chairman, Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO (FR-DE-ENG)
- 9:30–9:45**    **Opening Speech by Prof. Joseph Deiss**  
former Federal Councillor, former President of the UN General Assembly, Honorary Chairman, Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO (DE)
- 9:45–10:00**    **The UN and Switzerland :feminism and hackathons**  
Emilia Pasquier, Director, Foraus (FR)
- 10:05–11:20**    **RECONCILING ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. IS THE UN FIT FOR PURPOSE?**
- Switzerland in international environmental negotiations: a bridge-builder for a better world?**  
Ambassador Franz Perrez, Federal Office for the Environment (DE)
- Economic effects of natural disasters: what we know and what this implies for policy**  
Prof. Eric Strobl, Chair Environmental Economics, University of Bern (EN)
- Building institutional architectures that support integrative implementation of the 2030 Agenda**  
Tatjana von Steiger, Deputy Assistant Director General, Global Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DE)
- Tackling environmental challenges in the UN and beyond: views of a young generation**  
Océane Dayer, Project Manager Agriculture and Politics, WWF Switzerland / Founder-President, Swiss Youth for Climate (DE)
- Moderator**  
Prof. Thomas Breu, Director, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern (DE)

**11:30–12:50**    **THE UN AND THE SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BELOW THE RADAR OF HIGH POLITICS**

- The WIPO development agenda (FR)**  
Georges Ghandour, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- Cooperating with the ILO to support better working conditions along the value chain**  
Monica Rubiolo, Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (DE)
- Making the international investment regime work for sustainable development: UNCTAD's reform package**  
Elisabeth Tuerk, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (DE)
- International Telecommunication Union: Developing countries and the digital divide**  
Fernando Rivera, International Telecommunication Union (FR)
- Moderator**  
Prof. Damian Raess (FR)

## LUNCH BREAK

- 14:00–15:20**    **TOWARDS REACHING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACTIONABLE PLAN ON MIGRATION**
- Amb. Pietro Mona, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DE)
- Disasters, climate change and the Global Compact on Migration**  
Prof. Walter Kälin (DE)
- Beyond statism: regions and cities in global migration governance**  
Prof. Sandra Lavenex, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva (DE)
- Moderator**  
PD Dr. Marion Panizzon, Institute for Public Law (Institut für öffentliches Recht), University of Bern (DE)
- 15:30–16:50**    **HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE: UN INSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND THE PLACE OF SWITZERLAND IN THE UN**
- > **Mr. Carlo Sommaruga**  
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Swiss Parliament (FR)
  - > **Amb. Thomas Gass**  
Director, South Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (EN)
  - > **Prof. Thomas Biersteker**  
Global Governance Center, Graduate Institute (EN)
  - > **Mr. Salman Bal**  
Chief Political Affairs and Partnerships, Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
- Moderator**  
Prof. Manfred Elsig, Deputy Managing Director, World Trade Institute (EN)
- 16:50–18:00**    **Drinks reception (apéro)**

## GESELLSCHAFT SCHWEIZ-UNO

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