

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

WITH OPENING SPEECH
BY JOSEPH DEISS

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On 10 September 2002, Switzerland's flag was raised for the first time at the UN headquarters in New York. Switzerland then officially became a member of the UN, after more than 50 years as a permanent observer. After 15 years in this new capacity, it is time to start reconsidering the role of Switzerland in the UN. In the context of a changing world, it is also time to address some of the key global challenges faced by the UN and the international community.

Jointly organised by our institutions, the 1st Swiss-UN Day is a unique venue in which to share knowledge and ideas and to think about solutions from a multi-stakeholder perspective. The event brings together more than 20 notable speakers from international organisations, universities, civil society, political and diplomatic circles.

With the 1st Swiss-UN Day we hope to help find fruitful solutions to the issues we will address and to contribute to the rise of an inclusive and long-standing Swiss-UN dialogue. Therefore, your presence today among 200 participants is more than important to us: it is crucial. We wish you a productive, collective discussion.

We are very pleased to welcome you.



Sebastian Justiniano Birchler
Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO



Prof. Manfred Elsig
World Trade Institute



Prof. Thomas Breu
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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)

11:30–12:50

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)

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

Global Compact Migration – the path taken and the road ahead

Amb. Pietro Mona, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (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

A dynamic national platform opened to anyone, the United Nations Association Switzerland (Gesellschaft Schweiz-UNO) strengthens the partnership between Switzerland and the United Nations through a better knowledge of the UN, of the Swiss action at the UN and of the International Geneva. It defends the values and principles of equality, peace, justice and respect for human rights as stated in the UN Charter. It also supports the goals of the UN, in particular the fight against poverty and sustainable development. Its activities are implemented in four main areas: Information - Education - Dialogue - Sharing Values and Ideas.

More infos: www.schweiz-uno.ch

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