

Deep Dive Section LAC

Regional Thematic Hub in Lima

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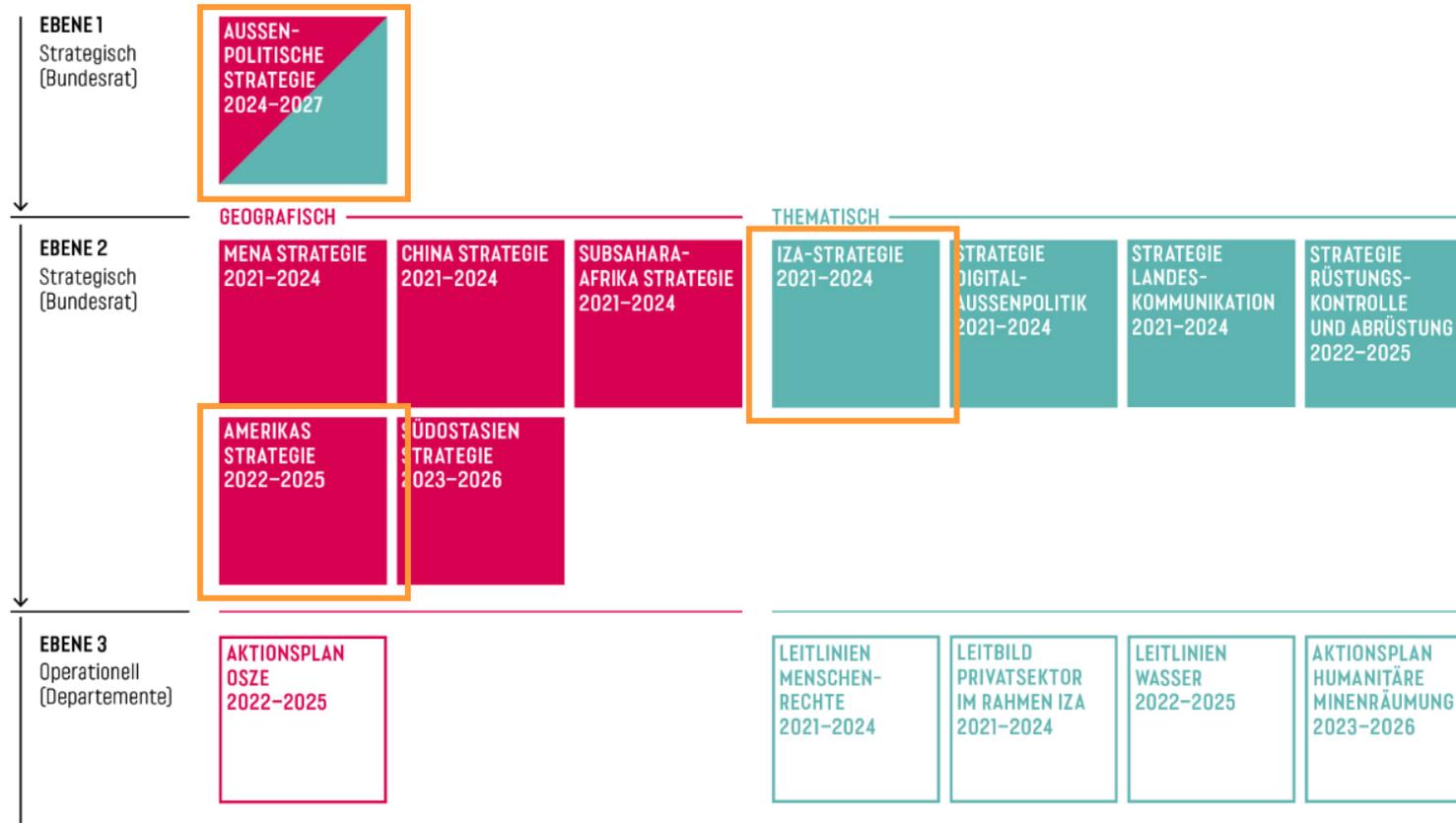
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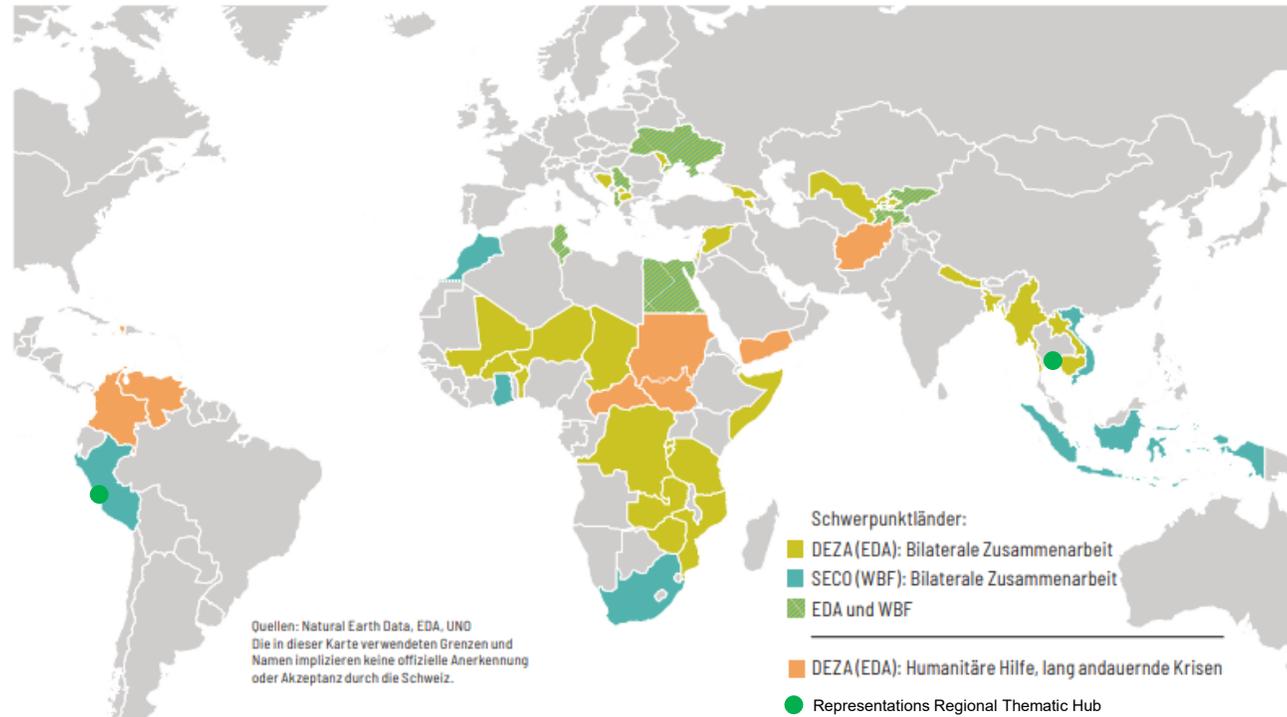
Outlook:

**International cooperation in
Latin America and the
Caribbean**

Strategic framework



Phasing-out / Office closures – Remaining presence



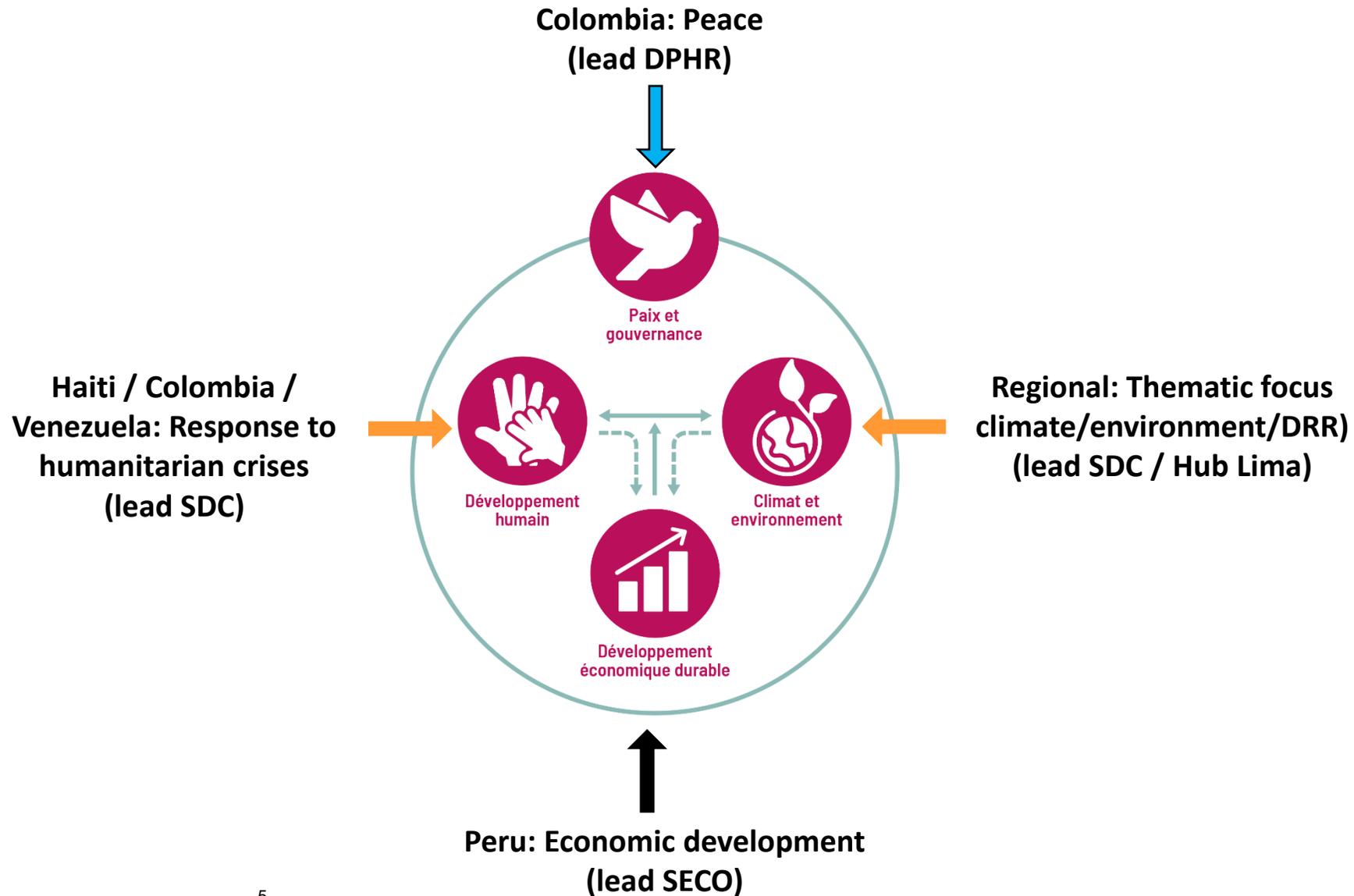
Office closures in LAC:

1. Bolivia (30.06.2024)
2. Haiti (converted into humanitarian office SHA on 01.07.2024)
3. Honduras (31.12.2024)
4. Nicaragua (30.06.2024)
5. Cuba (31.12.2024)

Remaining IC presence in LAC:

1. Colombia/Venezuela: PHRD/HA
2. Haiti: Humanitarian office SHA
3. Peru: Priority country SECO, Regional Thematic Hub

6. Strategic focus (IC 2025 – 28)



IC Programs in the region



Haiti

- Humanitarian office (SHU) responding to the protracted crisis.
- Strengthening resilience and supporting most vulnerable people affected by crisis

Colombia/Venezuela

- Key role in Colombian peace process (integrated approach PHRD, SDC, SECO)
- Support most vulnerable people impacted by conflict and crises in COL/VEN (SDC).
- Support COL graduation to OECD membership (Seco – phasing out).

Peru

- Support sustainable economic development and public services/structure at subnational level (SECO).
- Improve economic framework conditions for graduation of Peru to OECD membership (SECO).

Regional Thematic Program (Hub Lima)

- Focus on climate, water and disaster risk reduction.
- Strengthen environmentally-friendly development, resilient to climate change and natural disasters for the benefit of the most disadvantaged.
- Regional humanitarian rapid response

Principles for IC activities in the region



Fully aligned with the Foreign Policy and the Americas Strategy



Integrated in remaining network of Swiss representations and a small footprint.



Based on **know-how** transfer. Less capital-intensive programs, smaller financial commitments. **Focus on institutions, norms, governance;** sustainability; ownership, participation.



Demand-driven: Partnerships with local, national and regional actors in the driving-seat and contributing their share



Swiss expertise: Mobilization of Swiss actors (private sector, academia, NGOs)

REGIONAL HUB LIMIA



CLIMATE



WATER



RIESGOS



RAPID RESPONSE



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Embajada de Suiza en el Perú

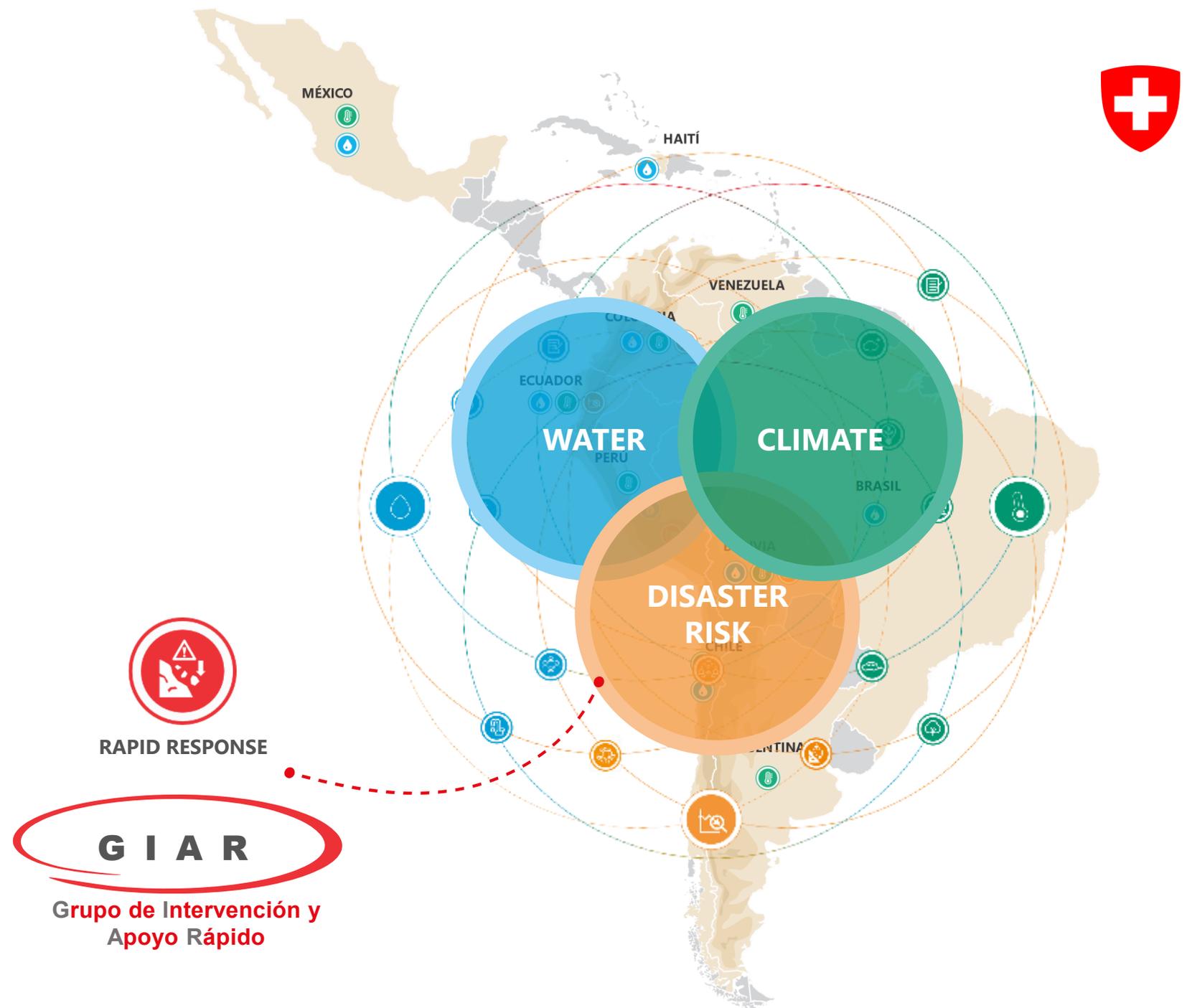
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Key figures

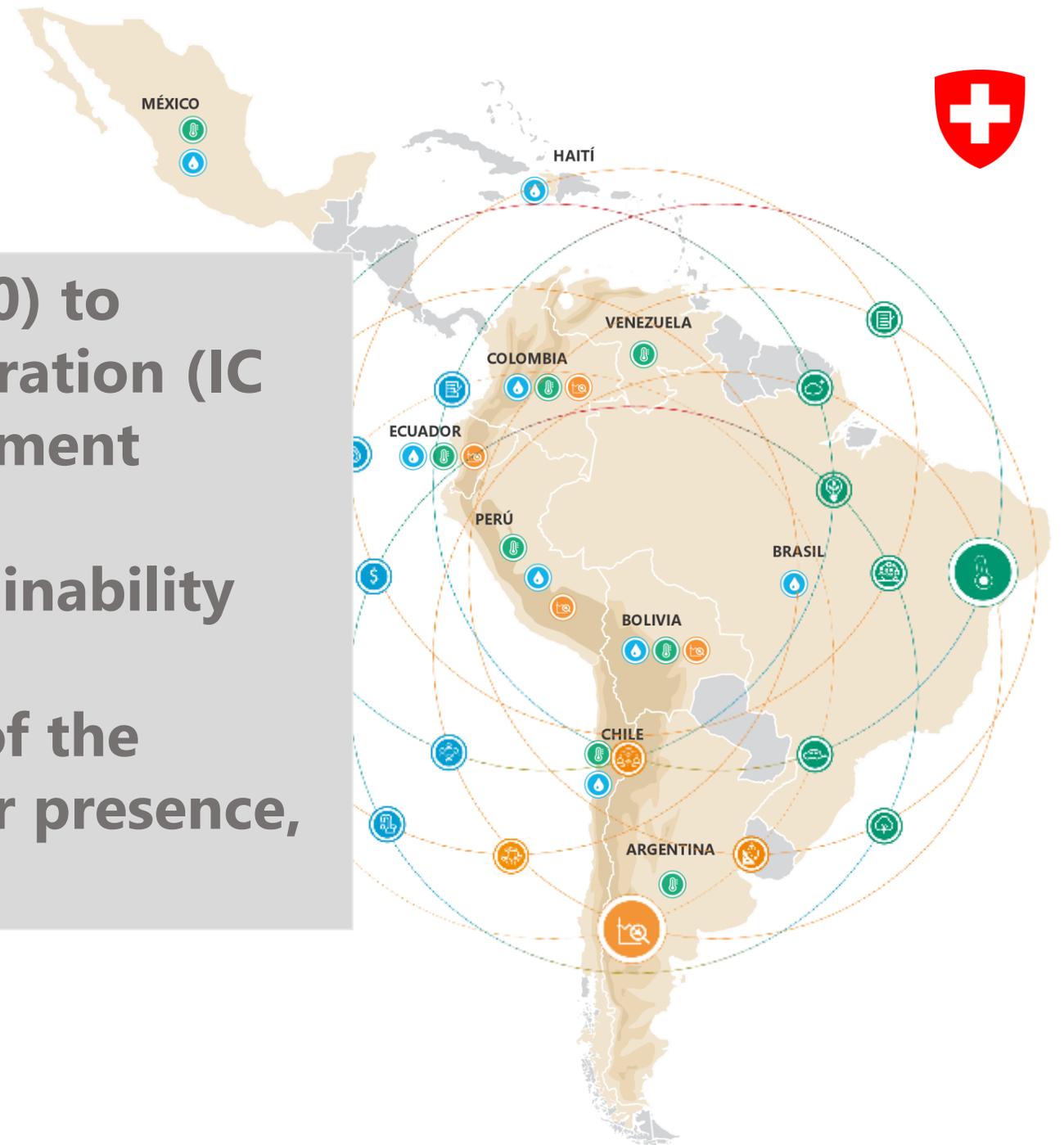
- **3 priority topics:** Climate change, disaster risk reduction, water
- **1 decentralized rapid response mechanism**
- **In 2024: 8 mio CHF budget**
- **14 projects in 10 LAC countries**
- **Main partner countries:** Perú 40%, Ecuador 20%, Bolivia 16%, Colombia 9%



IC-Update



- From development aid (IC 1.0) to bilateral development cooperation (IC 2.0) to international development cooperation (IC 3.0): ensure institutionalisation and sustainability
- IC priority countries -> use of the external network for broader presence, smaller footprint

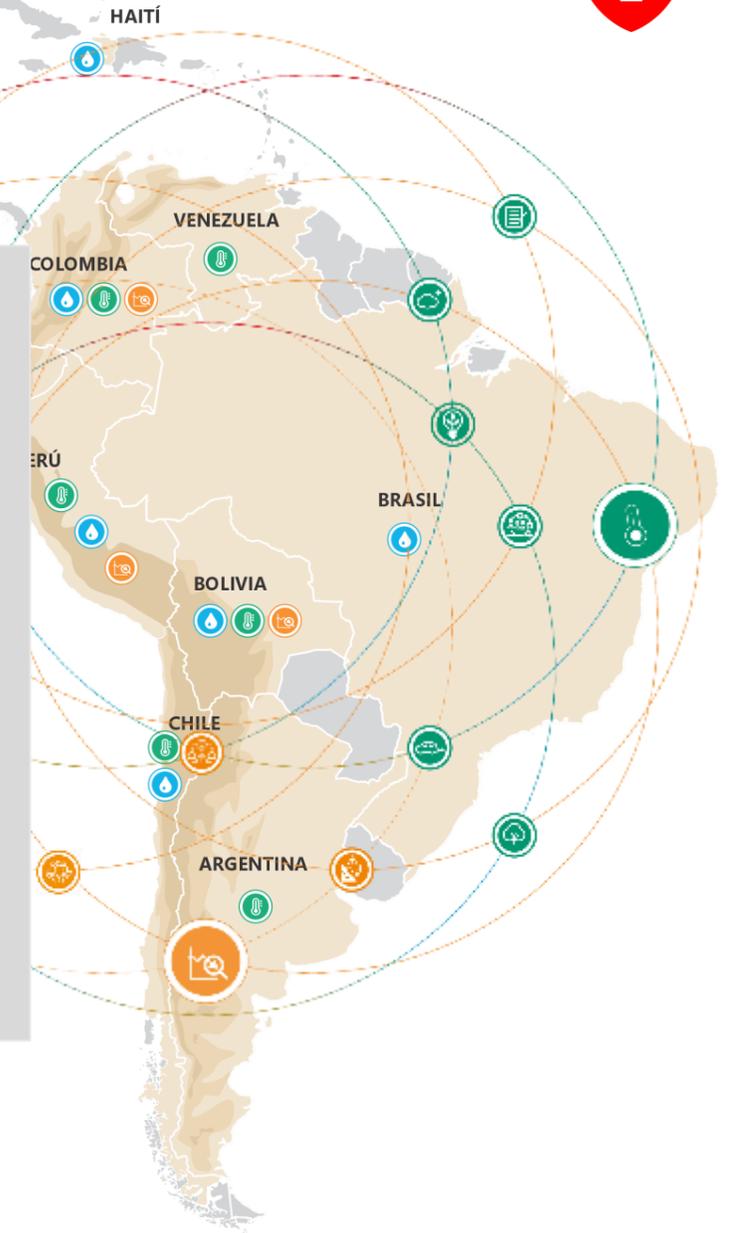


INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION 3.0

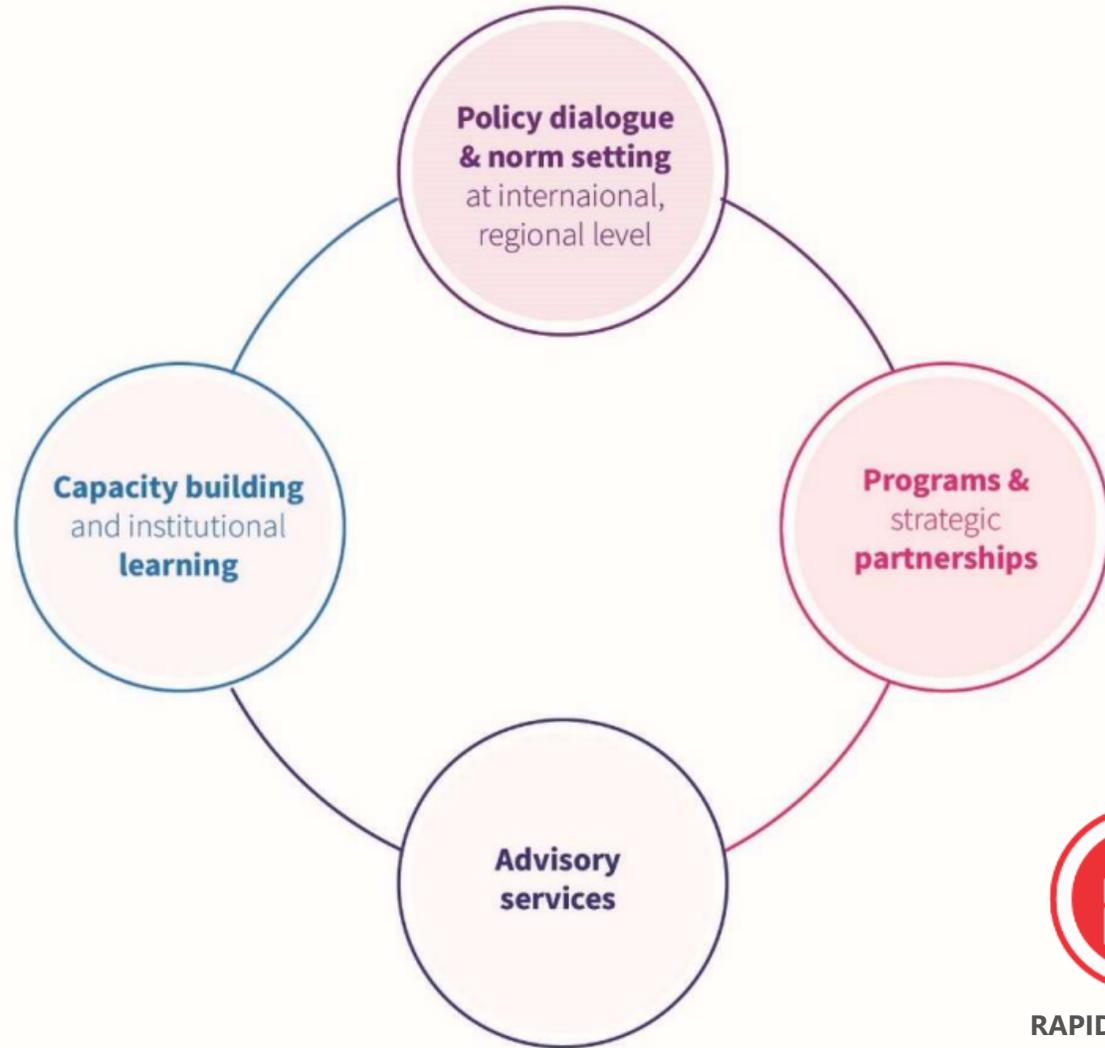


REGIONAL HUB : a model for the future

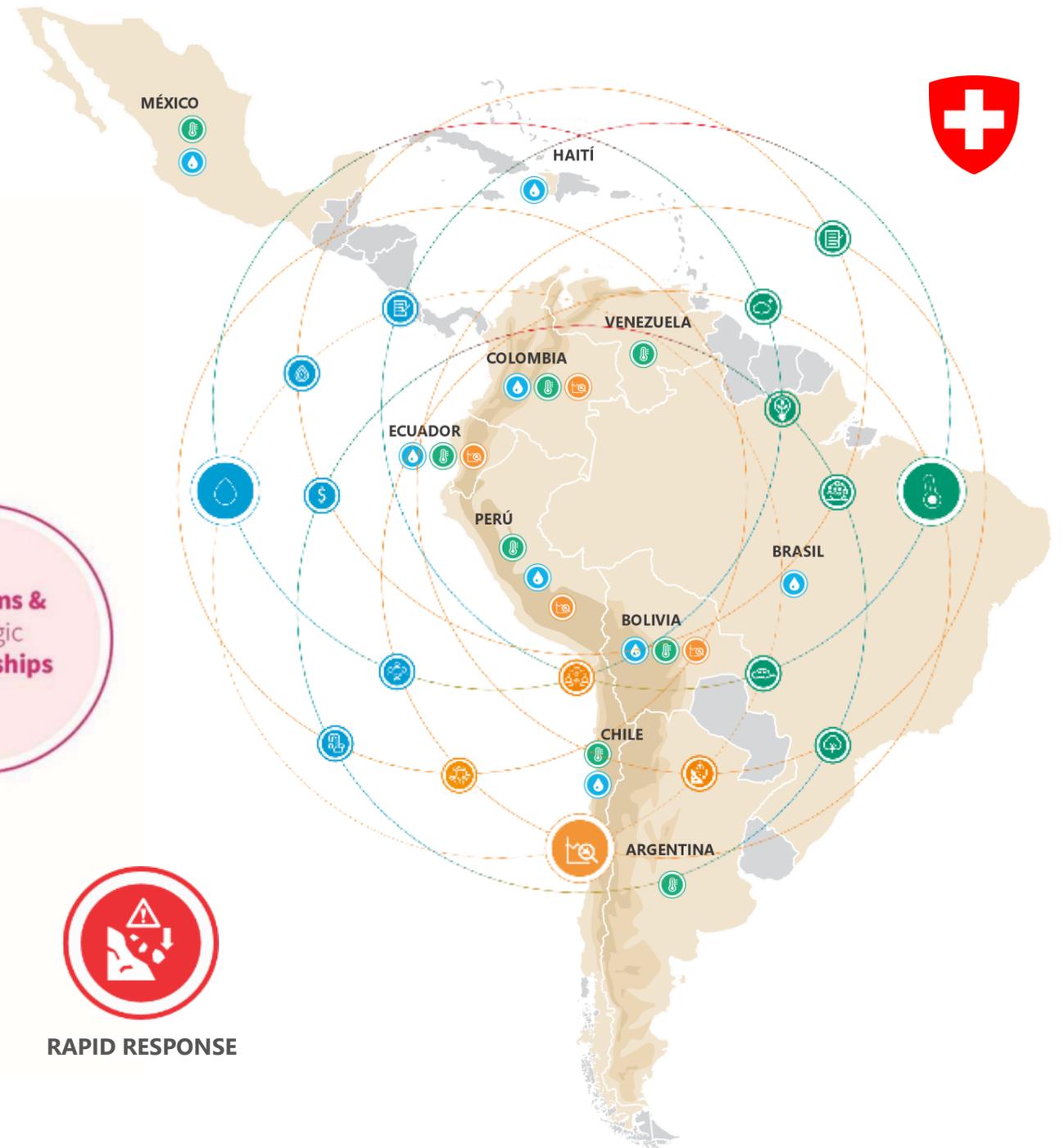
- Less finances -> different impact
- Software -> know-how transfer
- Swissness -> expertise, quality
- Innovation -> science diplomacy
- Demand-driven -> scale, global and regional platforms
- Fully integrated -> Swiss representations, interlink IC and diplomatic tasks



Offer of services



RAPID RESPONSE





Panel discussion



Kaspar Schmidt, HELVETAS



Regional Project

ANDES RESILIENTES AL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO

Phase 2 (2024-2027)



Sofia Foladori, HAFL



Miguel Arestegui, Practical Action

ALERTA TEMPRANA Y ACCIÓN TEMPRANA ANTE MÚLTIPLES AMENAZAS CLIMÁTICAS (MHEWEA) EN LOS PAÍSES ANDINOS



Panel discussion



Closing Remarks

Coffee

