

Deep Dive Section Caucasus, Central and East Asia:

Afghanistan: A new chapter of Swiss cooperation.

Afghanistan remains one of the most severe and complex humanitarian crises worldwide. Soon, SDC will have again a presence in Kabul. How can we adopt a coherent and coordinated approach to address humanitarian needs while laying the groundwork for long-term recovery? We discuss these new perspectives in Afghanistan

Key Topics of Discussion:

- Approaches and practices to foster the integration of development and humanitarian processes and architectures for longer-term sustainable solutions, particularly in contexts with limited funding, to ensure macro-economic growth and stabilize livelihoods.
- Modalities to stimulate local capacities and resilience through locally anchored solutions and non-governmental organizations, aiming to secure basic needs, address the adverse effects of climate change, and strengthen human rights.

Program

Time	Topic	Who	Focuses
	Introduction	D. Vignati - SDC	Setting the scene
14:00 – 14:20	Macroeconomic outputs	Faris Hadad-Zervos - <i>World Bank</i> Country Director in Afghanistan Matt Reed - <i>Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)</i> Global Director of Institutional Relationships	Prolonged vulnerabilities amid converging crisis; threats and opportunities to buttress the Afghan economy and private sector
14:20 – 14:25	Q&A		
14:25 – 14:45	Humanitarian-resilience integration	Ruslan Piontkivsky - Program Leader of the <i>Afghanistan Resilient Trust Fund (ARTF)</i> in Kabul Dr Najmuddin Najm - AKDN Coordinator in Afghanistan	Factors and practices that enable effective integration and alignment in the humanitarian and development programming
14:45 – 14:50	Q&A		
14:50 – 15:10	Locally anchored solutions	Mr. Shoaib Sadaat - Program Director of the non-governmental organization <i>The Liaison Office</i> in Kabul Marie-Louise Vogt - UNICEF Senior Water Expert in Afghanistan	The alarming effects of climate change and water shortages in Afghanistan
15:10 – 15:15	Q&A		
15:15 – 15:25	Human rights	Dr. Sima Samar - Former Chairperson of the <i>Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission</i> , UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights, Director of <i>Shuhada Organization</i> in Kabul	Gender policy and human rights deterioration; women-led civil society initiatives
15:25 – 15:15:30	Q&A		
	Wrap-up and closure	SDC	