



SDC: Asia - Americas Partner Day 2026

- Topic:** "The Future of Aid: Creating systemic impact beyond traditional funding"
- When:** Wednesday, 14 January 2026
- Where:** SDC Headquarters, Eichenweg 5, Zollikofen
- Objectives:**
- a) Develop a shared understanding on the SDC's priorities in Asia and the Americas
 - b) Discuss and deepen new approaches to international cooperation (IC) with a focus on the role of private actors
 - c) Strengthen the network with important IC partners based in Switzerland

This event is organised by the SDC Asia - Americas Division, together with the SDC Thematic Cooperation Division and will be conducted in English.

General programme

Morning

09:30	Arrival, Registration, Coffee
10:00	Welcome and introduction
10:10	<p>SDC's priorities in Asia-Americas in 2026 and beyond (incl. Q&A) (Arno Wicki, Vice-Director, SDC)</p> <p>From grants to investments – SDC's perspective (incl. Q&A) (Patrick Egli, Head of Section Employment and Education, SDC)</p>
11:00	<p>Keynote Input by Tim Radjy (Founder and Managing Partner, Alphamundi)</p> <p>"The Future of Aid: Creating systemic impact beyond traditional funding" – the mirror</p> <p>Followed by a moderated discussion with a panel of experts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tim Radjy (Founder and Managing Partner, Alphamundi) 2. Ursula Renold (Prof. of Education Systems, ETHZ) 3. Sabine Döbeli (CEO Swiss Sustainable Finance) 4. Christian Frutiger (Vice-Director, SDC)
12:15	<p>Closing – Innovative Collaboration in Times of Reduced ODA (Patricia Danzi, Director General, SDC)</p>
12:30	Joint lunch and networking

Afternoon:

14:00	Parallel Deep Dives: New approaches to cooperation (Option of online participation)		
	<p>From grants to investments in the Eurasia region</p> <p>Traditional grant-based funding in the region is being challenged; the countries are increasingly reaching upper-middle income status. Engaging with the private sector gains more importance, demanding new perspectives on partnerships and funding. In this deep dive, SECO and SDC will share experiences of different instruments and financing vehicles. On this path from grants to investments, we also want to hear and learn directly from you about i) your position in this new reality, ii) the challenges and opportunities for IC in the Eurasia region to scale impact, and iii) your needs for successful engagement of private actors.</p>	<p>Shaping partnerships for tomorrow – the example Latin America</p> <p>With SDC's newly oriented engagement in the LAC region and based on ongoing conversations with Swiss NGOs and foundations, we will explore how Swiss actors in international cooperation can work together in new and meaningful ways. Together, we will discuss emerging approaches and identify opportunities for more effective and innovative collaboration. The session will also present the current concept for a potential LAC platform and invite participants to share feedback on its format, modalities, and next steps.</p>	<p>Selling Outcomes and Impact – examples from Asia</p> <p>Impact-linked finance - first piloted and proven in Latin America - has demonstrated how measurable social and environmental outcomes can be effectively aligned with financial incentives to unlock stronger results. Building these successes, SDC is now exploring how similar approaches can empower enterprises across Asia, with a particular focus on green and climate-related partnerships. In this deep dive, we invite partners to join us in exploring emerging partnership models and innovative financing mechanisms that can drive meaningful, scalable impact.</p>
15:30	Coffee		
	Optional: bilateral follow-ups with partners		

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