

EXCHANGE

between the SDC
and Swiss Partners active in Africa

When: Thursday, 29 January 2026

Where: SDC, Eichenweg 5, Zollikofen (Meeting room: Nile 1 und 2)

Objectives: Yearly exchange between SDC and Swiss partners active in Africa on context developments, priorities and lessons learnt in the region

Networking for strengthening the joint dialogue

This event is co-organized by the SDC Africa Division and the SDC NGO Section and will be conducted in English and French.

09.30	Arrival, Registration, Coffee		
10.00-12.00	<p>Strategic Outlook and Actualities 2026 Input by Valérie Liechti, Head of Africa Division and by Heads of Sections, Africa Division</p> <p>Q+A</p> <p>Panel discussion: Geopolitical shifts, resource constraints and the push for more locally led development actors: Opportunities and risks</p>		
12.00-13.30	Networking Lunch in the Foyer		
	Parallel Group Works		
13.30-15.00	<p>Africa – Ecosystem of International cooperation with a particular focus on modalities</p> <p>The ecosystem within International Cooperation is changing (for ex: new actors, new modalities, new alliances etc.).</p> <p>This session will explore how to strengthen efficiency and gain more impact in our work, with a particular focus on modalities.</p>	<p>Climate Change across Africa, with a focus on Southern and Eastern Africa</p> <p>How can we strengthen communities' resilience to climate-related shocks in a rapidly urbanizing context? This session will explore practical strategies and complementary approaches for building the resilience of urbanizing communities to climate disasters.</p>	<p>How to address the 'Gender Backlash' in Africa – with a focus on Western Africa / Sahel</p> <p>Recent social and political dynamics have been marked by persistent armed conflict, rising insecurity and the consolidation of authoritarian regimes. This has been accompanied by a worrying decline in the rights acquired in terms of gender equality.</p> <p>This session is for collective reflection on possible response and adaptation strategies.</p>
15.00-15.30	Farewell Coffee in the Foyer		