

## News & General Information

### UKRI – KFPE Workshop: Working in Effective Partnerships to Address Sustainable Development Goals

12 – 14 September 2018  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



### Working in Effective Partnerships to Address SDGs - UKRI-KFPE report

The report highlights the need to (1) embed equitable partnership principles throughout the funding cycle; (2) Empower researchers to engage in equitable partnerships and (3) Design research programmes with impact in mind.

In addition, [the report gives advice to funders](#) about how they can engage more on various levels to make North-South research programs more equitable and more effective.

### Save-the-date: Friday 18 October 2019 SUDAC International Conference organized by swissuniversities and KFPE

The 'swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network' (SUDAC Programme) is set to increase its public awareness and to start a policy dialogue on the relevance of SDGs in Swiss higher education. To that end, the SUDAC Programme is joined by the KFPE in showcasing both Swiss higher education institutions active in North-South partnerships and their internat. partners. [Detailed information will be issued shortly.](#)

### Research is more focused on Sustainable Development Goals

A [new report reveals that global research](#) is increasingly being redirected towards addressing poverty, reducing inequality and tackling the effects of climate change.

The report is based on analysis of data in the Web of Science, covering 33,000 journals.



### SNIS Award for the best PhD thesis in international studies

The [SNIS Award was established](#) to encourage outstanding young scientists at the beginning of their careers, and to promote the interdisciplinary field of international studies, the envelope of this prestigious award is set at CHF 10'000. Submission deadline: 25 April (13:00 GMT).

## A WorldBank Scholarships Program

[The Robert S. McNamara Fellowships program provides support](#) to developing country citizens who are current PhD candidates studying in developing countries, funding up to \$25,000 to conduct PhD research on a development topic. Application until 2 May 2019

## Peace and security fellowships for African women

The program provides the opportunity for African women at the early stages of their career [to take year-long courses](#) in leadership, development, and security at King's College London. Deadline April 30.

## PhD Fellowships for women scientists from science and technology lagging countries

[The Fellowship is offered to women scientists](#) to undertake PhD research in the Natural, Engineering and Information Technology sciences at a host institute in the Global South. Deadline 30 May 2019

## REPIC: next deadline for project outlines and proposals

Are you developing an innovative project, designed to meet the needs of a developing or transition country? [REPIC is partially financing new, sustainable and effective small-scale projects](#) from Swiss institutions with high replication potential. Next deadline: 6 May & 5 June 2019.

## Graduate Institute and IUCN sign memorandum of understanding

[The two institutions want to enhance](#) and widen their cooperation in the areas of research, internship and career opportunities, joint outreach projects and executive education training programmes.

## SFIAR Award (Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research)

The best team project wins CHF 10'000 and the best Master thesis project CHF 1'000. [Submission is not complicated](#). Deadline 11 July 2019

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## Courses

### MBA in International Health Management

Swiss TPH's [part-time MBA in International Health Management](#) is designed for working professionals who seek to acquire and deepen skills in both international health and management/administration. [Course schedule 2019](#)  
Module 9: **Financial Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting**, Preparation phase: starts 20 May; On-campus: 24 – 28 June. Module 10: **Leadership**, Preparation phase: starts 20 May; On-campus: 17 – 21 June

### Development and Policies and Practices

[Executive Certificate & Master](#) - applications are still open, Also with a specialisation in [Conflict and Fragility](#) Management.

### ETH-NADEL Courses in Development and Cooperation

[Registration and more information](#)

### Summer School: Afghanistan - 24-28 June 2019

[Peacebuilding and conflict resolution](#) in the context of a new great game. Apply by 30 April 2019

## **UNESCO Chair @USI organizes a Summer School on ICTs for preserving Living Heritage**

24 - 31 August 2019 in Val Müstair. [The topic is the role of Information and Communication Technologies \(ICTs\)](#) in tourism for preserving Living Heritage, with a strong focus on sustainability and development. Location of the School will be Müstair, in Switzerland, that is home of a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a biosphere reserve.

## **“CAS-WASH” by SUPSI, University of Neuchâtel and Eawag**

This new 3-module Certificate of Advanced Studies Course is designed to empower WASH practitioners with an understanding of the fundamentals of the WASH sector. It introduces students to the core principles for planning, designing and implementing activities to improve sustainable and equitable access to domestic water supply and sanitation services and to improve hygiene behaviour. [The course starts 22 September 2019](#)

## **CAS Civilian Peacbuilding Essentials Program, September 2019 - August 2020**

Gain insights in research and practice of civilian peacebuilding and broaden your skills to work in fragile contexts. Apply by 30 June 2019 - [more information](#)

## **Dealing with the Past & Conflict Transformation Course**

Learn about the design and implementation of effective and transformative dealing with the past processes. Apply by 15. July 2019 - [more information](#)

## **Events**

### **Global Land Programme - 4th Open Science Meeting**

24-26 April 2019 in Bern, [This conference represents a unique opportunity](#) to build and enhance scientific capacity and enable transformations to a sustainable future by identifying core questions, synthesizing research, and setting future agendas.

### **Human Resources for Health**

8 May 2019 in Basel: Innovations in Medical Education, Vocational Training and Continuing Professional Development - Please register: [Spring Symposium by SwissTPH](#)

### **Sustainability Transformation - A Joint Task for Society**

21 May 2019 in Bern: [The SDSN Switzerland Conference](#) will trigger the debate and deepen the knowledge around how to shape the sustainability transformation in Switzerland.

### **SESS Annual Congress 2019 on Sustainable Development**

13 & 14 June 2019 in Geneva. The [Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics \(SSES\) Annual Congress 2019](#) on Sustainable Development will be at the [Graduate Institute](#).

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## **Publications**

## **Mekong Region: scientific report shows urgent need for transformation**

[The report "State of Land in the Mekong Region"](#) is the first publication of its kind in the Mekong Region. It brings together key data and information on the current status of, and changes in, land resources, their social distribution, and the conditions of governance that shape them. The report stresses the need for urgent action towards transformational change. It was co-produced by the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) of the University of Bern and the Mekong Region Land Governance Project (MRLG).

## **Shaping Sustainable Socio-Ecological Landscapes in Africa: The Role of Transformative Research, Knowledge, and Partnerships**

Traditional systems of land and water use in Africa are increasingly under pressure. In the "Water and Land Resource Centre" project, scientists worked with land users and decision-makers in Kenya and Ethiopia to develop locally adapted solutions for managing water and land sustainably and resolving conflicts. Now they [have summarized experiences and highlights from 40 years of transformative research](#).

## **Curbing Illicit Financial Flows in Commodity Trading: Tax Transparency**

The 2030 Agenda calls for combating illicit financial flows in commodity trading. The aim is to enable resource-rich countries to secure their corresponding tax revenues. As a major commodity-trading hub, Switzerland has recently taken steps to expand its exchange of relevant data. [The latest CDE Working Paper](#) examines whether these steps help to counteract mispricing of commodities.

## **Essen.Macht.Arbeit. Feministische Blicke auf Fairfood Ideen**

[U.a. mit Beiträgen von CDE-Wissenschaftlerinnen](#) Sabin Bieri ("Aufgetischt: faires Essen") + Elisabeth Bürgi-Bonanomi ("Wann stärkt nachhaltiger Handel die Position von Frauen?")

## **Annual Report 2018**

Many activities focused on celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the first publication of the KFPE Guidelines. [Here you find some highlights](#) in English

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