News and General Information

TD-MOOC ->> Partnering for Change: Link Research to Societal Challenges

How can we address societal challenges with research? Investigate the principles, processes, and uses of transdisciplinarity. KFPE contributed to this MOOC by discussing ethical aspects in the context of intercultural research cooperation. The MOOC was supported by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

MOOC-series on water, sanitation and solid waste management reaches over 100'000 learners

Eawag and EPFL are offering the MOOC-series Water, Sanitation and Solid Waste for Development featuring free and continuously running online courses. In the last five years, over 100’000 learners have joined the courses. The majority of learners are professionals and students from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Apply to the ICP 2020

In 2020, the ICP will give particular attention to projects that develop or apply methodologies with the aim to foster data-driven decision-making. Preproposals close on 29 February 2020

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 organisations with high replication potential. Next deadline: 22 March 2020.

Open call for ETH4D Research Challenges

The ETH4D Research Challenges offers grants up to 100 kCHF available for project-based collaborations between ETH researchers and non-academic partners (i.e. Private Sector, NGOs, Governmental Organizations) and partners from low income countries. Application deadline: 28th February 2020.
Open call for E4D Doctoral Scholarships

The Engineering for Development (E4D) Doctoral Scholarships promote doctoral research for the benefit of underprivileged people in low-income countries. It awards three doctoral scholarships at ETH Zurich per year. Application deadline: 30th April 2020.

Open call for E4D Continuing Education Scholarships

The Engineering for Development (E4D) Continuing Education Scholarships cover travel and living expenses for candidates from low-income countries to attend continuing education programmes in Switzerland at ETH Zurich, in order to enhance the knowledge and skills of future leaders. Application deadline: 30th April 2020.

Guidelines for Virtual Conferencing - inspired by the COPERNICUS Alliance Online Conference

Virtual events bear a huge potential to contribute to sustainable development by bridging geographical gaps on a global scale while reducing CO2 emissions. Building on experience garnered during the COPERNICUS Alliance Online Conference 2019, the Copernicus Alliance leadership team and CDE researchers developed guidelines on how to prepare, host and evaluate virtual conferences.

Ethics in a Global Context - the Lucerne Summer University

PhD/Doctoral and MA students from around the world and from different disciplines can apply to take part in building a global network for sustainable responsibility. Deadline 21 February 2020

IMAGINE - ICTs to promote sustainable heritage tourism in Indonesia

This Summer School will take place in Indonesia from August 16 – 23, 2020. It is organized by the USI UNESCO Chair (Lugano, Switzerland), in collaboration with Trisakti School of Tourism (Indonesia), and the support of the Indonesian Tourism Office. The School will be dedicated to the issue of how ICTs can be applied to preserve and communicate tangible and intangible cultural Indonesian heritage.

How Can Education Contribute to Sustainable Mountain Development? Past, Present, and Future Perspectives - Call for papers

Mountain Research and Development is looking for contributions that address the title question by presenting systematically validated experiences, integrated analyses, and well-referenced reflections and suggestions regarding thematic issues, pedagogic concepts and methods, formal and informal practices, institutional setups, and policy frameworks. Full papers are due by 31 March 2020.

Last Call: Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) ETH in Development and Cooperation 2020-2022

Studying at ETH Zurich and gaining professional experience in the field? Apply for the MAS ETH EZ by February 29 and launch your career in international cooperation.

Courses

Health Care and Management: From Research to Implementation

23 March – 26 June 2020 at Swiss TPH, Basel, Switzerland
Master of Business Administration in International Health Management
Check the different interesting Modules 2020, starting from February till November 2020 at Swiss TPH, Basel, Switzerland

swisspeace courses


The future is sustainable – it’s in our hands!
Sustainable Development – International Bachelor and Master Summer School, 17 – 28 August 2020, CDE, University of Bern, Switzerland

CAS WASH @ SUPSI-Eawag-UNINE
The 2nd edition of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Water Sanitation and Hygiene will start 27 September 2020. This course is designed to empower practitioners with an understanding of the fundamentals of the WASH sector, both in the humanitarian and development context.

Practice-oriented training courses at NADEL
Do your programs achieve the desired impact? How to deal with the challenges of migration? Is your evaluation practice up-to-date? Deepen your knowledge in a NADEL course – register now

Events
Development Actions - Experience the Field
19 February: 12:00–12:45, Informational webinar to present the Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices (DPP)

Science at noon: Sprachkompass Mobilität – Wege zum massvollen Reisen

Geneva Health Forum 2020
24–26 March 2020: Improving access to health: learning from the field

From Manufacturer to Patient: Reshaping Healthcare Supply Chains

Publications
Engaging Nutrition to Improve Pregnancy Outcomes
Good nutrition sets off a ripple effect. It can dismantle inequity, poverty, and poor health and drive
progress at every stage in life. It supports physical and cognitive development, helps prevent a number of medical conditions — from spina bifida to diabetes — and saves lives. [Full Devex article](#).

**Sight and Life Completes an Egg Value Chain Analysis in Ethiopia**

*In the following report*, the authors provide an understanding of the poultry ecosystem and the dynamics of various stakeholders across the egg value chain. This was done with the intent to identify the challenges and opportunities for a range of stakeholders and also to stimulate attention and investment on the part of various actors who are working to increase egg production in Ethiopia.

**Making food systems safer: Time to curb use of highly hazardous pesticides**

Use of synthetic pesticides has expanded widely. These insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides have helped to boost crop production, but at a major cost — one whose full extent remains unknown. Evidence from farms in the global South confirms heavy use of pesticides. Farmers and nearby communities face the most direct health threats. [This CDE policy brief outlines](#) key harms and research findings, highlights alternatives to pesticide–intensive agriculture, and calls for phasing out the riskiest substances.

**Rencontre scientifique interdisciplinaire : environnement, changement climatique, populations**


**New articles available in open access on International Development Policy**


A case study on the use of PPP by local authorities and the Swiss cooperation in Burkina Faso by Jean-Pierre Salambéré, now translated into English [The Use of Public–Private Partnerships (PPP) by a Local Authority: the Case of the Koudougou Bus Station in Burkina Faso](#)

An analysis of the oil sector relationship between China, Latin America and Africa by Patricia I. Vasquez, now translated into Spanish ‘[La huella hidrocarburífera de China en América Latina y África’](#) – [English version](#)