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News & General Information

Going digital in research & education partnerships: opportunities, challenges, risks

Save the date: 1. December 2017 in Bern (13 - 17 hours)
The 2017 annual conference of the KFPE together with SUDAC (the swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network) focuses on the potential and limitations of digital tools and approaches for research and policy and its relevance in the area of education. More information in August.

Seed Money Grants for Swiss-Latin American Cooperations

The goal of the Seed Money Grants is to strengthen or initiate scientific exchanges between Swiss and Latin American researchers and institutions in all disciplinary areas by enabling them to jointly undertake preliminary research or organize workshops. **Deadline for application**: 30 August 2017

REPIC: next deadlines for project outlines and proposals

Are you developing an innovative project, designed to meet the needs of a developing or transition country? Does it involve Swiss technology and knowhow transfer in the renewable energy, resource or energy efficiency fields? REPIC is partially financing new, sustainable and effective small-scale projects from Swiss institutions with high replication potential. **Next deadlines**: 21 July and 6 October 2017.

swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network - first projects selected

In this first call for COFER (Consortia for Education and Research) four projects have been selected for funding by the SUDAC Assembly end of May 2017

Kick-off meeting for a sustainable Switzerland

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) appointed Biovision Foundation and CDE as the co-hosts for a SDSN branch in Switzerland. The kickoff meeting brought together around 40 representatives from the Swiss research and science community, government, business and civil society.

CDE is part of a new European Training Network on telecoupling

Scientists from eight European universities and several international partner organizations from business and civil society have developed a joint graduate school to better integrate research, innovation, and social responsibility.

The Sri Lankan Tamil diaspora in Switzerland and its post-war forms of engagement in Sri Lanka

This new SNSF-funded project at the Department of Geography in Zurich investigates how the Sri Lankan Tamil diaspora in Switzerland engages in development and peacebuilding in post-war Sri Lanka.

7th European Conference on African Studies ECAS 2017 - Basel, 29.6.-1.7.2017

The Centre for African Studies Basel and the Swiss Society for African Studies host the largest and most important convention in the field of African Studies in Europe. On-site registration is possible from 28.6. 2017

SFIAR Award 2017 - Call for Applications

The SFIAR offers an annual Award for graduates and scientists of a Swiss institution who work in agricultural research for development. Deadline for submission: 13 July 2017

Precision Global Health in the Digital Age - Call for Contributions

Global Health Forum 2018 - Deadline for application: 15 September 2017

Call For Papers: Claims-Making

Young South Asia Scholars Meet, Zurich, 15-17 June, 2018 - Deadline for contribution: 31 August 2017

More news - via KFPE

Courses

Practical training courses in development and cooperation by NADEL

To open up their courses to international participants, NADEL is offering 4 courses in English.

Allgemeiner Tropenkurs - ATK

Grundmodul: 18. Sept. - 13. Okt 2017; Biomedizinisches Modul: 16 Okt. -10 Nov. 2017 More information

Business, Conflict & Human Rights Course, 23-25 November 2017

What is needed for businesses to operate responsibly in volatile areas? Learn about the roles and strategies of private and public actors in promoting responsible business practices. Offered in collaboration with Safestainable. More information, register online by 30 September 2017.

Health in Detention

4 - 8 December 2017, Basel/Switzerland More information

Events

Moving with Africa -> Opportunities for Business and Development - Basel, 28.6.2017

The Forum in the frame of ECAS 2017 offers a platform for exchange between academia, business, government and development cooperation.

ICRD, 5–8 September 2017: Registration is open!

The 4th International Conference on Research for Development (ICRD) will convene in Bern, Switzerland, 5–8 September 2017, under the umbrella theme "Evidence. Engagement. Policies."

More Events - via KFPE

Publications

Safer lives and livelihoods in mountains

A [new publication about disaster risk management](#) presents 15 case studies from mountain regions around the world. Messages for policy-makers emphasize the need for mountain-specific disaster risk reduction policies ideally integrated with development activities and climate change adaptation measures.

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[Papers in this issue cover mismanagement](#) of irrigation water and landslips in Pakistan, a review of climate change impacts on ecosystem services in high mountains, maize diversity and poverty reduction in Guatemala, a new approach to assessing tap water recharge in Japan, a method for measuring bark biomass in Nepal, and the habitat ecology of a profitable but endemic resource in Tibet.

Basic Education and Vocational Skills Development - SDC's new Education Strategy

The [SDC pursues the objective of quality education](#) accessible to people of all ages by focusing on two priority sectors: basic education and vocational skills development. In the Federal Council's message on Switzerland's international cooperation 2017-2020, basic education and vocational training are considered priority topics. Over the next four years, the SDC will increase its commitment to education by 50%.

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