



Conference

Sustainable Development Goals: The Contribution of Science

Monday, 22 January 2018

Bern, Kursaal, Room «Szenario»

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With the «**Agenda 2030**» the international community determined 17 goals on global sustainable economic, social and environmental development. Adopted as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015, all states committed themselves to achieve these goals until 2030.

To attain the Agenda 2030 goals at national level, the Swiss Government seeks cooperation and coordination with relevant stakeholders. For that purpose it established an advisory group with representatives from the private sector, NGOs, associations and the scientific community. Committed to provide **scientific advice for policy making** and for the benefit of society and the environment, the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences nominated two scientists to this advisory group.

To **engage the broader scientific community** in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences and the Swiss Commission for UNESCO organise this conference to set the framework, illustrate the challenges and showcase possibilities of contributions.

Programme

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13h30 **Arrival of participants**

14h00 **Welcome**

- **Prof. Maurice Campagna**
President of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
- **Dr Jean-Bernard Münch**
President of the Swiss Commission for UNESCO

14h15

Keynotes

- **The SDGs: a global challenge**
Dr Flavia Schlegel
Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences at UNESCO
- **The Swiss perspective on the SDGs**
Ambassador Michael Gerber
Special Envoy for the SDGs of the Swiss Federal Council

- **The contribution from the Swiss Academies**

- **Prof. Marcel Tanner**

- President of the Swiss Academy of Sciences

15h00

Plenary discussion

15h20

Networking break

15h50

Panel: the role and engagement of the scientific community

- **Prof. Janet Hering**

- Director of the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (eawag)

- **Prof. Peter Messerli**

- Swiss SDG Advisory Group member & Director of the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) at the University of Bern

- **Dr Thorsten Kiefer**

- Director of the Future Earth Global Hub, Paris

- **Prof. Yves Flückiger**

- President of the swissuniversities International Relations Delegation & Rector of the University of Geneva

16h35

Plenary discussion

17h20

Closing remarks

- **Prof. Thomas Zeltner**

- Board Member of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences & Vice President of the Swiss Commission for UNESCO

17h30

End of conference

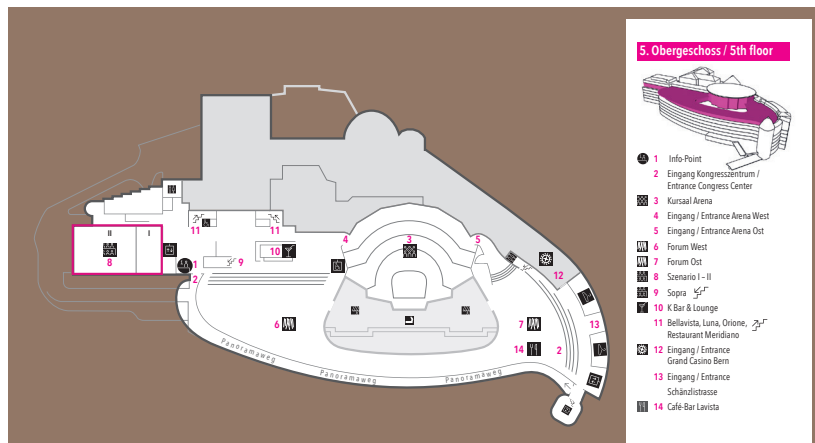
Moderated by Claudia Appenzeller

exec. MPA, Secretary General of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences

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