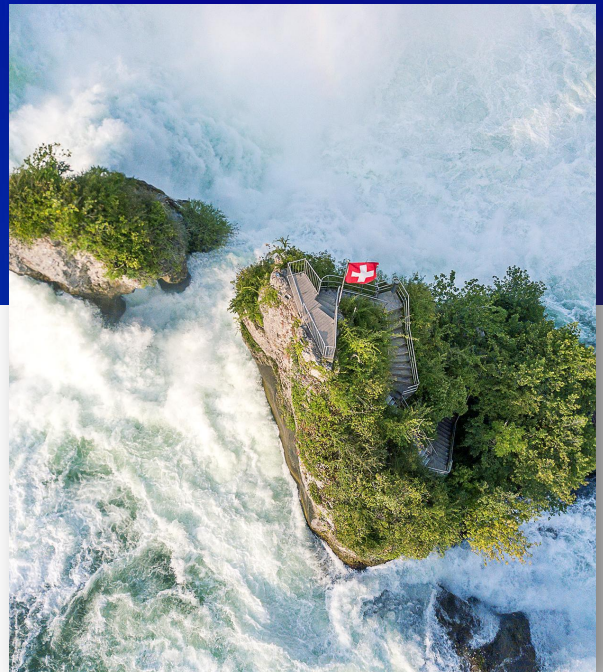


# Swiss Water Partnership Summit 2026

June 9, 2026

Radisson Blu Lucerne,  
Switzerland



## A New Flagship Event for the Swiss Water Sector

The SWP Summit 2026 launches a new annual flagship event for Switzerland's water sector - supported by a new secretariat led by GWF and WASSER FÜR WASSER (WfW), aligning non-profit, public and private sector actors.

At a time of accelerating global water challenges, the Summit creates a focused platform to connect international perspectives with Switzerland's diverse expertise across technology, governance and innovation.

### Why this Matters

Switzerland holds significant capabilities in the water space - yet these remain fragmented. The Summit brings together key actors to strengthen coherence, enable collaboration, and position Switzerland more clearly in the global water landscape.

More than a traditional conference, this year's Summit is designed as a high-level exchange platform - connecting international thought leaders with Swiss decision-makers across sectors.

### Focus of the Summit

The program moves from global context to concrete opportunities:

- Framing key global water challenges and the role of partnerships
- Connecting international insights with Swiss strengths
- Identifying pathways for stronger alignment and collective impact

Register at <https://forms.gle/7LiQXLKj3zKTqmxz7>

# Program Overview

Time	Session	Details
<b>General Assembly</b>		
09.30 – 11.00	General Assembly 2026	for SWP Members only
<b>Global Perspective and the Role of SWP</b>		
11.00 – 11.15	Opening and SWP Vision 2030	Introduces the broader Swiss water sector context, outlines SWP 2.0 ambitions, and invites participants to co-create solutions.
11.15 – 12.30	Global Water Perspective and Why Water Partnerships are needed  <i>Speaker: Åsa Jonsson Head of Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (UN-Habitat)</i>	International perspectives on today's most pressing global water challenges and needs. The session will explore expectations towards the Swiss water sector, as well as the potential role and added value of partnership facilitators such as SWP in strengthening coordination, accelerating solutions, and enabling more effective collective action across sectors and regions.
12.30 – 14.00	Networking Lunch	
<b>Swiss Solutions</b>		
14.00 – 14.20	How can Switzerland contribute to global water solutions?  <i>Speaker: Janine Kuriger, Head of Section Water, Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC)</i>	Perspectives from Swiss Development Cooperation Agency on the role of Switzerland's international cooperation in the water sector: What kind of partnerships are needed today to reach SDG6 globally? Which strengths can Swiss stakeholders apply? Where are opportunities of intersectoral collaborations which should be seized today?
14.30 – 15.30	Partnerships in Practice: Breakout Sessions Inputs: <i>Eva Lieberherr, ETH Zurich Thomas Häusler, WWF Schweiz Andreas Peter, Wasserversorgung Stadt Zürich Mark Untersander, Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE)</i>	The session consists of four sector-led breakout rooms (public, private, academia and non-profit). Each room features short case-based inputs of concrete Swiss water solutions, ideally presented as international partnership examples. Participants engage with these cases through moderated discussions focused on partnership dynamics and how effective cross-sector collaborations are established.
<b>Plenary</b>		
15.30 – 16.00	Plenary	Consolidate interactive breakout sessions. Conclusion with next steps and immediate SWP 2.0 implementation.
from 16.00	Apéro Riche	

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