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Think Global, Act Local:

Relevance and Prospects of SDGs for Swiss Universities and their Global South Partners

Welcome Address

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Definition of sustainable development:

«Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.»

***Our common future, Brundtland Report
United Nations, 1987***

The Sustainable Development Goals



The Agenda 2030 in the swissuniversities Strategy 2021-2024:

“In their role as centers of excellence and innovators, the universities endeavor to make a concrete contribution to solving major social challenges such as demographic change, an ageing society, inclusion of all social groups, energy and climate. Universities are also aware of their responsibility to actively promote sustainable development. With their diverse activities in the four areas of teaching, research, infrastructure and dialogue with society, they are already making an important contribution. Over the next few years, they intend to examine how their role as role models and leaders can be strengthened further.”

Strategy 2021-2024, p. 11
swissuniversities, 2018

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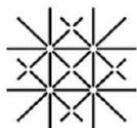


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Sustainability as a criteria for accreditation:

“The higher education institution or other institutions within the higher education sector shall give consideration to an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development in the completion of its tasks. The quality assurance system shall ensure that the higher education institution or other institution within the higher education sector sets objectives in this area and also implements them.”

***Guidelines for Institutional Accreditation, Standards of Quality, 2.4.
AAQ – Swiss Agency of Accreditation and Quality Assurance 2018***

The Sustainable Development Goals



Thank you to all of today's speakers

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Thank you and enjoy the
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