

**KFPE & SUDAC Conference- 7. Mai 2021 14.00h-16.15h**

## **«Transformative Research - The New Imperative in Science?»**

Conference of the Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE) and the swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC)



Research shall contribute to transformations towards sustainable development. How does such research look like and what is needed to promote this kind of research? Will transformative research become the new normal or is it just a short-lived new fashion?

This conference brings together actors from academia, civil society, private sector, administration and politics to discuss the role of research for transformation. With presentations of examples of innovative transformative research partnerships and expectations from policy workers and practitioners we learn more about the potential but also challenges of transformative research. Together, we discuss how to implement, improve and promote transformative research.

The conference is online only as the COVID-19 pandemic does currently not allow for a physical gathering. Registered participants receive a link to join the conference in due time.

**Language:** English

**Registration:** [www.kfpe.ch](http://www.kfpe.ch)

## Programme

13.30 Registration

### Welcome

14.00 Welcome: *Franco Gervasoni (President SUDAC)*

### Setting the Stage

14.05 Transforming science for sustainability transformations in the era of COVID-19

*Thomas Breu (President KFPE & SUDAC Assembly Member)*

### Getting Concrete

14.20 The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation's (SDC) strategic orientation regarding research for development.

*Nicolas Randin (Head Analysis and Policy Division, SDC)*

14.35 Impact of COVID-19 on North-South Research Partnerships  
Interview with *Inza Koné (Director Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire)* and *Laurent Goetschel (Director swisspeace)*

14.45 Breakout Rooms to discuss examples of innovative transformative research approaches

- "Cooperation between Private Sector and Universities: A Key Element for Innovation in Sustainable Development?"  
*Hans-Peter Egler (South Pole)*
- "Tech4Dev - Activating EPFL Technologies for Disruptive Development Cooperation"  
*Hilda Liswani (EPFL)*
- "CLOC Knowledge2Action in South Asia"  
*Swetha Rao Dhananka (HETS-FR)*

15.05 Short break

### Shaping the Future

15.15 Panel discussion on the role of Switzerland to fund transformative research for global sustainable development

- Academy: *Jürg Utzinger (Director SwissTPH)*
- Private Sector: *Hans-Peter Egler (Director Public Affairs South Pole)*
- Administration: *Maria Peyro Voeffray (Head International Relations, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation)*
- Administration: *Christian Frutiger (Head Global Cooperation, SDC)*

16.00 Closing Remarks: *Marcel Tanner (President Swiss Academies)*

16.15 Informal online exchange