



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments Switzerland 2019

Individual commitments

1B Act early

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Switzerland actively supports the reform of the Security Council to enhance the accountability, transparency and coherence and supports substantive exchanges in the relevant Groups of Friends on the Protection of Civilians and Mediation, as well as in the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262008
Switzerland is committed to strengthen and support efforts to mainstream human rights issues throughout the entire UN system, in particular as an early warning instrument within those institutions whose work focuses on the UN peace and security pillar, inter alia by supporting the Human Rights Up Front Initiative and by encouraging regular and more systematic exchanges between the human rights bodies based in Geneva (Human Rights Council and the OHCHR and the Security Council).	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262064
Switzerland is committed to support the multilateral initiative "Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes" (GAAMAC), which focuses on putting in place the necessary national measures for the prevention of (mass) atrocities through working with national governments and stakeholders and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262067
Switzerland is committed to the continued co-chairmanship of the Group of Friends on the Protection of Civilians.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262069

1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

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As Co-Chair of the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), Switzerland commits to adhere to and promote the 2016 Stockholm Declaration on Addressing Fragility and Building Peace in a Changing World.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262002
Switzerland is committed to address the root causes of violence, conflict, and fragility and to strengthen and expand partnerships for effective peacebuilding, statebuilding and conflict prevention.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262060
Switzerland is committed to further strengthen its and others' capacities in regard to peacebuilding such as facilitation, confidence building and mediation on policy as well as on the operational level.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262061
Switzerland is committed to increase the effectiveness of peacebuilding endeavors by offering specific training courses for mediators and their teams, as well as for conflict parties engaged in dialogue and peace negotiations.	Training	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262062
Switzerland is committed to strengthen the UN peacebuilding architecture based on a recent review. Switzerland also supports the recommendations to strengthen conflict prevention made by the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (A/70/95-S/2015/446) and the subsequent implementation report by the UN Secretary General (A/70/357-S/2015/682).	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	262066

Switzerland is committed to support the UN's efforts in sustaining peace and preventing countries from lapsing or relapsing into conflict by extending and increasing its financial support to the Joint Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention of the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).	Financial	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	262068
Switzerland is committed to use the New Deal principles and the Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals (PSGs) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, especially in protracted humanitarian crises.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262071

Develop solutions with and for people

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Switzerland is committed to the continued support of the Burundi configuration of the UN Peacebuilding Commission as a platform for long-term peace-building efforts in Burundi.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262001
Participation of women in the political, social and economic sphere is a priority of Switzerland's foreign policy. Switzerland specifically commits to promoting greater and meaningful participation of women at all levels and stages of peace processes, humanitarian action and post-conflict reconstruction, and will advocate for and strengthen women's leadership in disaster risk management, in particular in cooperation with multilateral partner organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262004

Switzerland is committed to promote inclusive conflict transformation processes, in particular through dialogue with political actors with religious reference.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	262063
Switzerland is committed to strengthen the participation of women in peace processes and the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	262065
Switzerland is committed to the universal implementation of Agenda 2030, including its Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peaceful and inclusive societies.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262070

2A Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Switzerland commits to support dialogue with all parties to armed conflict to enhance their knowledge and respect for IHL.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262047
Switzerland commits to support mine action as an enabler for peace and security, humanitarian action and development, on the basis of its national mine action strategy.	Financial	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262049
Switzerland is committed to the continued co-chairmanship of the Group of Friends on the Protection of Civilians.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262069

2B Ensure full access to and protection of the humanitarian and medical missions

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Switzerland commits to clearly distinguish humanitarian action from the political agenda, including by preventing the use of Swiss humanitarian aid for political purposes. Furthermore, it commits to consistently respect and promote respect for humanitarian principles, and in line with its obligation under international humanitarian law, to ensure conducive environments for humanitarian actors and facilitate humanitarian action that is based exclusively on needs and conducted without discrimination. Switzerland further commits to providing more core funding and reducing earmarking thereby enabling humanitarian actors to develop the financial independence necessary for principled humanitarian action. It commits to developing public education programs to disseminate humanitarian principles, informed by social and cultural traditions.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262019
Switzerland commits to engage in endeavours to ensure safety and security for humanitarian actors and the protection of the medical mission, including by fostering a principled approach, by enhancing the dialogue with all parties to armed conflict and by developing relevant standards and policies.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262020

Speak out on violations

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Switzerland commits to raise awareness of the potential of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission and of its services, including good offices and confidence-building, and to encourage the resort to the Commission as well as the recognition of its competence in accordance with article 90 of the first Additional Protocol of the Geneva Conventions of 1949.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262038

Switzerland is committed to strengthen and support efforts to mainstream human rights issues throughout the entire UN system, in particular as an early warning instrument within those institutions whose work focuses on the UN peace and security pillar, inter alia by supporting the Human Rights Up Front Initiative and by encouraging regular and more systematic exchanges between the human rights bodies based in Geneva (Human Rights Council and the OHCHR and the Security Council).	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262064
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Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

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Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is to become a new priority topic for the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Department from 2017 onwards. In relation to this new priority theme and the Call to Action roadmap, the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Department commits to develop and implement an internal operational concept for SGBV prevention and response, which outlines the following priorities, actions and resources: 1) capacity of personnel of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Department on SGBV prevention and response is strengthened; 2) sufficient resources for the implementation of the commitments are made available and internal tracking of GBV funding is enhanced; 3) implementation of Call to Action commitments by key partners (UN etc.) is systematically monitored and GBV in emergencies is a regular topic in policy dialogue with these partners and; 4) international policy and advocacy opportunities for the promotion of the Call to Action are being used.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262005

Switzerland commits to advocate for the respect of international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law as well as the rule of law when countering terrorism. International humanitarian law carves out important protections for principled humanitarian actors, including offering services to all parties to armed conflict. Counter-terrorism measures may recast such activities as unlawful support for terrorism or designated terrorist groups. Therefore, Switzerland commits to engagements to ensure that principled humanitarian action is not affected by counter terrorism measures and that potential dilemmas between norms are addressed including by way of the necessary exemptions for humanitarian action.	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262016
Switzerland commits to promote the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262033
Switzerland commits to promote the universalization of the Rome Statute, to cooperate with and support the International Criminal Court and other mechanisms to ensure accountability and justice for victims at the national, regional and international levels, including by non-judicial measures.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262035
Switzerland commits to promoting compliance by States and non-State actors with international law, including international humanitarian law, human rights law as well as international refugee law in relation to gender-specific violations and gender equality norms.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	262036
Switzerland further commits to tackling SGBV from a short- to long-term perspective through its humanitarian and development programmes.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262059



Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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Switzerland commits to support endeavours that aim at rendering the UN humanitarian system fit for purpose, including by strengthening engagements for the protection of civilians. Switzerland also commits to support endeavours that strengthen other humanitarian actors such as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, as well as regional and local actors.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Invest in Humanity	262048
Switzerland commits to support the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, in particular those relevant to forced displacement and migration (i.e. Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, and Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons and other), with a view to strengthen a human rights based approach to forced displacement and migration.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	262052
With regard to WHS core commitment 2 under the Uphold the Norm roundtable, it is the understanding of Switzerland that the references to "working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas" and "sparing civilian infrastructure from military use" do not restate or modify existing obligations and do not create new ones beyond those enshrined in existing and applicable norms of international humanitarian law.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262081

Joint Commitments

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Switzerland commits to facilitate, jointly with the ICRC, an intergovernmental process as set out in resolution 2 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2015, "to find agreement on features and functions of a potential forum of States and ways to enhance the implementation of IHL using the potential of the International Conference [of the Red Cross with Red Crescent] and IHL regional forums".	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262021
Other Partners that are yet to register: ICRC			
Switzerland commits to strengthen cooperation among National Committees for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law, notably by supporting the ICRC in the organization of a Universal Meeting of National Committees for International Humanitarian Law in Geneva in November/December 2016.	Partnership	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	262041
Other Partners that are yet to register: ICRC			

3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Switzerland acknowledges the crucial role played by local and national authorities as well as host communities, and commits to support them whenever possible and feasible with targeted measures.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	262007

Switzerland commits to address the protection needs of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and climate change, in particular through the promotion and implementation of the Protection Agenda of the Nansen Initiative at the different levels, and its active engagement within the new Platform on Disaster Displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	262014
Switzerland commits to promote international human rights law and international humanitarian law as well as other internationally recognized protection standards, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, which seek to ensure protection and assistance of those forcibly displaced internally. Switzerland further commits to promote regional protection frameworks such as the Kampala Convention and encourages and supports the elaboration of such frameworks in other regions of the world.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	262032
Switzerland commits to promote the universal ratification, as well as the full and effective implementation of the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Protocol of 1967, and in particular the right to seek asylum as well as the principles of non-refoulement and responsibility-sharing, at the bilateral and multilateral level within the relevant fora.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	262034

Switzerland commits to support sustainable solutions, in particular for protracted displacement situations catering to refugees, IDPs, returnees as well as host communities through: 1) joint analysis and programming frameworks, 2) an earlier engagement of development actors, 3) the integration of target populations in long-term development plans, in order to increase the protection, resilience and self-reliance of forcibly displaced persons.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262051
Switzerland commits to support the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, in particular those relevant to forced displacement and migration (i.e. Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, and Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons and other), with a view to strengthen a human rights based approach to forced displacement and migration.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	262052
Switzerland is committed to work towards more equitably sharing of responsibilities for refugees and to create, particularly for vulnerable people, additional legal pathways for admission. Switzerland is further committed to support first hosting countries in their capacities to provide refugee protection.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	262072
Switzerland supports the call by the Secretary-General to adopt a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing which should build on the principles of protecting displaced persons, ensuring their self-reliance and assistance to host communities, as well as preventing situations of forced displacement in the first place.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	262074

Switzerland supports the need to address forced displacement based on an integrated, multi-stakeholder approach, by engaging more systematically and coherently with all relevant actors, including the civil society, academia and the private sector. In a similar vein, Switzerland also commits to promote enhanced coordination and cooperation across the UN system, through system-wide objectives, followed up with system-wide funding. It will for instance promote the alignment of UNDAFs and the humanitarian strategic response plans at country level in order to improve coherence and efficiency.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	262077
Switzerland will also engage in addressing the root causes of forced displacement, including through the framework of the 2030 Agenda, as well as for instance through long-term engagement of development actors, particularly in fragile contexts, contributing therewith to state-building and peace building efforts.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	262078

Empower and protect women and girls

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Participation of women in the political, social and economic sphere is a priority of Switzerland's foreign policy. Switzerland specifically commits to promoting greater and meaningful participation of women at all levels and stages of peace processes, humanitarian action and post-conflict reconstruction, and will advocate for and strengthen women's leadership in disaster risk management, in particular in cooperation with multilateral partner organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262004

Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights are a priority of Switzerland's foreign policy. Switzerland promotes sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for all, including full reproductive choices for women, men and adolescents. Switzerland commits to promoting sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights through its bilateral and multilateral engagement (Commission on the Status of Women, Human Rights Council, including the Universal Periodic Review) as well as its development and humanitarian interventions, including by supporting key partners with core contributions (UNFPA, UNAIDS, IPPF, WHO Human Reproduction Programme).	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	262006
Switzerland commits to advocate for and strengthening women's leadership in disaster risk management either through direct actions and funding or in cooperation with multilateral partner organisations.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262015
Switzerland commits to promoting compliance by States and non-State actors with international law, including international humanitarian law, human rights law as well as international refugee law in relation to gender-specific violations and gender equality norms.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Leave No One Behind	262036
Switzerland commits to supporting the roll-out of the new IASC age and gender marker, continues to track the gender-responsiveness of its own humanitarian action and increases its efforts in presenting gender-results including sex disaggregated data in all its humanitarian work.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	262055

Switzerland commits to upholding its obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol and to support the implementation of General Recommendation 30 of the CEDAW Committee on Women in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	262057
Switzerland is committed to strengthen the participation of women in peace processes and the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind	262065
Switzerland, based on the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, commits to promoting gender equality as a strategic objective in its new strategy for international cooperation 2017-2020. This will apply to all operations and engagement in humanitarian aid, both for operational and policy work, and throughout all stages of an emergency.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	262080
Switzerland commits to ensure that 50% of leadership positions in the Swiss Cooperation Offices in humanitarian contexts are held by women by 2020.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	262082



4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

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Switzerland commits - at all stages of humanitarian and development interventions - to seeking and heeding the voices of affected communities and grass-roots organizations.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262009
Switzerland commits to build community resilience in countries where protracted humanitarian crisis are linked to drought and environmental degradation.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262018

Switzerland commits to increase the use of cash as a powerful programming modality to be considered systematically alongside other tools, e.g. vouchers, in-kind, accordingly with affected population's needs and preference.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262027
Switzerland commits to invest in capacity-building of local government, as well as other local actors, including civil society.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262028
Switzerland commits to scaling up cash programming in humanitarian crises, and designing these programs so that they can eventually become national social protection systems.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262040
Switzerland commits to support coordination models/solutions for the delivery of cash-based transfers within the existing humanitarian architecture and to promote greater national leadership wherever possible, based on context specificities, best practices and lessons learned from the country and regional levels.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262046
Switzerland commits to supporting its main partners to use cash in emergency, alongside national capacity, existing systems and social protection programs in place.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262054

Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
In its economic development cooperation, Switzerland commits to support partner countries to reduce the financial vulnerability of the state to natural disasters by improving their financial response capacity in the aftermath of natural disasters, while protecting their long term fiscal balance.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262003

Participation of women in the political, social and economic sphere is a priority of Switzerland's foreign policy. Switzerland specifically commits to promoting greater and meaningful participation of women at all levels and stages of peace processes, humanitarian action and post-conflict reconstruction, and will advocate for and strengthen women's leadership in disaster risk management, in particular in cooperation with multilateral partner organizations.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262004
Switzerland commits to a proper and coherent use and effective coordination of foreign military assets in humanitarian action based on the Oslo Guidelines and common humanitarian civil-military standards for deploying, employing, receiving, integrating and coordinating foreign military assets in natural disasters.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262010
Switzerland commits to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks by dedicating human and financial resources to support implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR and other international efforts to reduce disaster and climate risks.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262011
Switzerland commits to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks by planning to allocate over the next four years 1/6 of its international humanitarian aid budget to disaster risk reduction and resilience building.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262012
Switzerland commits to advocate for and strengthening women's leadership in disaster risk management either through direct actions and funding or in cooperation with multilateral partner organisations.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262015
Switzerland commits to build community resilience in countries where protracted humanitarian crisis are linked to drought and environmental degradation.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262018

Switzerland commits to strengthen disaster preparedness and response through partnership and cooperation amongst practitioners, and to use the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) as a platform for collaboration to develop solutions to the recurring challenges faced by responders.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262042
Switzerland commits to support and invest in the institutional capacities of Red Cross / Red Crescent National Societies, including preparedness, response and coordination capacities, especially in fragile context and where communities are vulnerable to conflicts, disasters, recurrent outbreaks and the effects of climate change.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262045
Switzerland commits to support national and local partners in developing effective disaster risk reduction management abilities and capacities, especially in the field of urban search and rescue.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262050
Switzerland promotes - as 2016-2017 Co-Chair of the World Bank's Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) - initiatives and programmes, which aim at increasing people's access to early warning mechanisms and weather data such as the Climate Risk Early Warning System (CREWS), the GFDRR-WB/WMO Hydromet Programme and the Small Islands States Resilience Initiative (SISRI).	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262073
Switzerland supports the development of new analytical and financial mechanisms that help the international community to act preventively before a disaster or a pandemic outbreak strikes.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262075

Switzerland supports the generation of climate change-relevant knowledge and data, to enhance capacity development of partners and institutions and to support the sharing and application of sound climate change knowledge and data decision-making and as a contribution to relevant climate services.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262076
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Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

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As Co-Chair of the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), Switzerland commits to adhere to and promote the 2016 Stockholm Declaration on Addressing Fragility and Building Peace in a Changing World.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262002
Switzerland commits to further coherence between humanitarian, development, and civilian peacebuilding actors, notably through joint context analysis, joint strategic planning, as well as close operational cooperation.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262022
Switzerland commits to further shift its development cooperation to fragile and conflict-affected contexts in order to strengthen governance and peacebuilding, hence decreasing vulnerability and increasing resilience.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262023
Switzerland commits to operationalise, to adhere to and to advocate for the Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets to Support United Nations Humanitarian Activities in Complex Emergencies (MCDA Guidelines) as well as related policies and co-ordination mechanisms. This includes in particular the endorsement of common standards, which should govern the use of foreign military assets in humanitarian action.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262030

Switzerland commits to provide smarter, more effective and more targeted development support in fragile and conflict affected contexts, including in humanitarian crisis.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262037
Switzerland commits to rigorously applying and strengthening "Conflict-Sensitive Programme Management" in its bilateral and multilateral cooperation.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262039
Switzerland commits to strengthen its "Whole of Government" approach between different parts of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs responsible for humanitarian aid, development cooperation, and civilian peacebuilding, as well as to increase the number of Joint Swiss Cooperation Strategies.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262043
Switzerland commits to support a reform of the UN development system, which would include the introduction of some system-wide objectives, followed by system-wide funding, in order to help orient the incentive structure towards results.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262044
Switzerland commits to support sustainable solutions, in particular for protracted displacement situations catering to refugees, IDPs, returnees as well as host communities through: 1) joint analysis and programming frameworks, 2) an earlier engagement of development actors, 3) the integration of target populations in long-term development plans, in order to increase the protection, resilience and self-reliance of forcibly displaced persons.	Operational	Leave No One Behind Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262051
Switzerland commits to work more closely with humanitarian and development actors and to promote increased incorporation of conflict-sensitive and longer-term development approaches into humanitarian operations in protracted crisis situations.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262058

Switzerland is committed to the universal implementation of Agenda 2030, including its Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peaceful and inclusive societies.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	262070
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5A Invest in local capacities

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Switzerland commits to increase the proportion of humanitarian financial support which is programmed by local and national responders.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262025
Switzerland commits to increase the proportion of total support to funding tools, including pooled or umbrella funding, which helps to increase and improve assistance delivered by local and national responders. These include, as appropriate, UN country-based pooled funds (CBPFs), the IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), as well as NGO-led pooled funds, with the goal of strengthening local and national responders.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262026
Switzerland commits to invest in capacity-building of local government, as well as other local actors, including civil society.	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262028
Switzerland commits to support and invest in the institutional capacities of Red Cross / Red Crescent National Societies, including preparedness, response and coordination capacities, especially in fragile context and where communities are vulnerable to conflicts, disasters, recurrent outbreaks and the effects of climate change.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262045

Switzerland commits to support endeavours that aim at rendering the UN humanitarian system fit for purpose, including by strengthening engagements for the protection of civilians. Switzerland also commits to support endeavours that strengthen other humanitarian actors such as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, as well as regional and local actors.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity Invest in Humanity	262048
Switzerland works towards ensuring that contributions to UN led country-based pooled funds will result in at least 25% of funding for local and national actors by 2020.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262079

Invest according to risk

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In its economic development cooperation, Switzerland commits to support partner countries to reduce the financial vulnerability of the state to natural disasters by improving their financial response capacity in the aftermath of natural disasters, while protecting their long term fiscal balance.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262003
Switzerland commits to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks by dedicating human and financial resources to support implementing the Sendai Framework for DRR and other international efforts to reduce disaster and climate risks.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262011
Switzerland commits to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks by planning to allocate over the next four years 1/6 of its international humanitarian aid budget to disaster risk reduction and resilience building.	Financial	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262012

Switzerland commits to allocate 1/6 of its international humanitarian aid budget to disaster prevention and preparedness interventions and initiatives between 2017-2020.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262017
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5C Invest in stability

Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Switzerland commits to further shift its development cooperation to fragile and conflict-affected contexts in order to strengthen governance and peacebuilding, hence decreasing vulnerability and increasing resilience.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262023
Switzerland is committed to strengthen the UN peacebuilding architecture based on a recent review. Switzerland also supports the recommendations to strengthen conflict prevention made by the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (A/70/95-S/2015/446) and the subsequent implementation report by the UN Secretary General (A/70/357-S/2015/682).	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	262066
Switzerland is committed to support the UN's efforts in sustaining peace and preventing countries from lapsing or relapsing into conflict by extending and increasing its financial support to the Joint Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention of the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).	Financial	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts Invest in Humanity	262068

5D Finance outcomes, not fragmentation: shift from funding to financing

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Switzerland commits to achieve at least 30% of funding to humanitarian organizations that is unearmarked or softly earmarked by 2020.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262013
Switzerland commits to prioritize multi-annual plans in protracted crises through the use of flexible multi-year financing instruments.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	262031
Switzerland commits to strengthen its "Whole of Government" approach between different parts of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs responsible for humanitarian aid, development cooperation, and civilian peacebuilding, as well as to increase the number of Joint Swiss Cooperation Strategies.	Policy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity	262043
Switzerland commits to support the testing of new and bold models to go to scale, and identify best practice and risks in each context, from sudden-onsets to protracted crisis.	Operational	Invest in Humanity	262053



Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency

Individual Commitments

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Switzerland commits to increase inter-donor collaboration to improve and streamline interactions and lessen the burden on local and national responders.	Partnership	Invest in Humanity	262024
Switzerland commits to keep at least the current level of contributions to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), considering the Secretary General's call to expand CERF to \$1 billion by 2018.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262029
Switzerland commits to understand and further explore, together with the private sector, innovative financing mechanisms aiming to generate funds for the most vulnerable and unprotected victims of disasters, wars and conflicts.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	262056

Core Commitments

Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to act early upon potential conflict situations based on early warning findings and shared conflict analysis, in accordance with international law.
- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to sustain political leadership and engagement through all stages of a crisis to prevent the emergence or relapse into conflict.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Implement a coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in crisis contexts, including through the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies.
- Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights.

Leave No One Behind

WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Empower Women and Girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women's groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action.

- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES - FROM DELIVERING AID TO ENDING NEED

- Commit to a new way of working that meets people's immediate humanitarian needs, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years through the achievement of collective outcomes. To achieve this, commit to the following: a) Anticipate, Do Not Wait: to invest in risk analysis and to incentivize early action in order to minimize the impact and frequency of known risks and hazards on people. b) Reinforce, Do Not Replace: to support and invest in local, national and regional leadership, capacity strengthening and response systems, avoiding duplicative international mechanisms wherever possible. c) Preserve and retain emergency capacity: to deliver predictable and flexible urgent and life-saving assistance and protection in accordance with humanitarian principles. d) Transcend Humanitarian-Development Divides: work together, toward collective outcomes that ensure humanitarian needs are met, while at the same time reducing risk and vulnerability over multiple years and based on the comparative advantage of a diverse range of actors. The primacy of humanitarian principles will continue to underpin humanitarian action.
- Commit to enable coherent financing that avoids fragmentation by supporting collective outcomes over multiple years, supporting those with demonstrated comparative advantage to deliver in context.

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- Commit to increase substantially and diversify global support and share of resources for humanitarian assistance aimed to address the differentiated needs of populations affected by humanitarian crises in fragile situations and complex emergencies, including increasing cash-based programming in situations where relevant.
- Commit to empower national and local humanitarian action by increasing the share of financing accessible to local and national humanitarian actors and supporting the enhancement of their national delivery systems, capacities and preparedness planning.

Invest in Humanity

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING - INVESTING IN HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and increase predictable, multi-year, unearmarked, collaborative and flexible humanitarian funding toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability of humanitarian action for affected people.
- Commit to invest in risk management, preparedness and crisis prevention capacity to build the resilience of vulnerable and affected people.
- Commit to broaden and adapt the global instruments and approaches to meet urgent needs, reduce risk and vulnerability and increase resilience, without adverse impact on humanitarian principles and overall action (as also proposed in Round Table on "Changing Lives").