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Dear Swiss compatriots and friends of Switzerland,

It is a pleasure to reach out to you with a new edition of our Newsletter as we mark our National Day on 1st August this weekend. As in 2020, we regret not being able to organize our official ND reception at the Swiss residence!

Indeed, we still find ourselves in the Covid pandemic. It has become all the more important to stay in touch with each other and to nurture the bonds that connect us. I am proud to say that despite all the challenges and difficulties, the Embassy continued to work tirelessly for the Swiss community and towards strengthening the excellent relations between Switzerland and Ghana, Benin and Togo.

Foremost on our agenda was the successful organization of an official visit from Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga to Accra in early July, which focused on our bilateral cooperation in the fight against climate change and environmental protection. It showed us not just how well we are positioned to deepen this relationship in the future, but also how essential it is to tackle the challenges we face today and tomorrow together.

Besides working on official ties, the last weeks and months demonstrated once more the added value for close exchange with the private sector, universities, cultural institutions and NGOs – and the wider public at large. Also, in this perspective, the Embassy has been quite active and successful as this new edition of our Newsletter illustrates by highlighting some of the past activities.

I am excited to inform you, dear readers, that the Swiss Embassy has also expanded its online presence in step with the times: Since July 2021, you can follow us on our own Twitter-Account: [@SwissEmbAccra](https://twitter.com/SwissEmbAccra)! Let me also say a warm 'thank you' to the more than 3'000 friends who follow us on [Facebook.com/SwissEmbassyAccra](https://www.facebook.com/SwissEmbassyAccra) since December 2019.

Wherever you are celebrating 1st August, dear Swiss compatriots in Ghana, Togo and Benin, my Embassy team and I wish you a very happy National Day!

How each of us commemorates this particular day, one has the opportunity to share text & photos online by checking our special website dedicated to this event: www.missione1agosto.org/en/embassy-of-switzerland-in-ghana/

I wish you a nice summer time and a safe & healthy manoeuvring through the special time we are still facing!

Philipp Stalder
Swiss Ambassador to Ghana, Togo and Benin

Politics

Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga in Ghana



FC Sommaruga arriving in Accra

Swiss Minister for Environment, Traffic, Energy and Communications, Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga was in Ghana for a 3-day working visit in July. Following up on the innovative Climate Agreement signed with Ghana in November 2020 under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, the Federal Councillor's programme focused on the topic climate change.

See media report on the visit [here](#) and [here](#).

During her visit, she launched the new SECO (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs) Ghana Cooperation Programme 2021-2024 (see more below) and signed a roadmap towards the implementation of the Climate Agreement. The Minister furthermore visited an electronic waste recycling firm as well as a start-up where innovative female engineers build electric vehicles. At an organic cocoa farm in Suhum, FC Sommaruga discussed how to promote the sector sustainably and held an exchange with representatives of Swiss businesses in Ghana.



Visit to Organic Hill cocoa farm



Interaction session on the Citi Breakfast Show

Finally, a visit to the studios of CitiTV and CitiFM was an opportunity to highlight on air the outstanding value of a vibrant media scene for democracies like Ghana and Switzerland. You can find more details as well as a short video on the Minister's visit [here](#).

Preparatory high-level meetings to ministerial visit



Amb. Stalder, with Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia

The visit by FC Sommaruga gave opportunity for a string of important discussions with representatives of the Government.

Ambassador Philipp Stalder and Deputy Head of Mission Heinz Kaufmann met the Vice President of Ghana, H.E. Alhaji Dr. Mahumudu Bawumia. The Vice President was briefed on the upcoming visit, as well as our new development cooperation program with Ghana; in addition, innovation and digitalization were also discussed.

Next was a call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Finance. Foreign Minister Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey was also informed about the growing importance of Africa in global issues and as such, the launch of Switzerland's first ever Sub-Saharan Africa Strategy.



Amb. Stalder, with Mme. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey



Amb. Stalder, with Nana Asante Bediatuo

Critical points on the visit were also discussed at an early stage with the Executive Secretary to the President, Nana Asante Bediatuo, over an amical lunch at the Swiss Residence.

Ambassador meets Ministers of New Government



Amb. Stalder with the Minister of Education, Dr. Yaw Adutuwm

At the meeting at Parliament, an interesting discussion on the nature of consensus building in the Swiss political system was held with Rt. Hon. Alban Bagbin, The Speaker appreciated the meeting and expressed an interest to collaborate with the Swiss parliament.



Amb. Stalder and Tim Segessemann (Diplomatic Intern) with Energy Minister, Hon. Matthew Opoku Prempeh



Amb. Stalder, interacting Rt. Hon. Alban Bagbin

Ambassador Stalder paid a series of courtesy calls to newly appointed ministers and members of the government in the first half of 2021. Among them were the Minister for Local Government, Decentralisation and Rural Development, the Minister of Trade & Industry, the Minister of Environment, Innovation, Technology & Science,

the Minister of Education and the Minister of Energy



Amb. Stalder and Trade Minister, Alan Kyeremanten, speaking to journalists

Swiss Government's first ever Sub-Saharan Africa Strategy



In January of this year, the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation for the very first time formulated a Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa. Switzerland is consolidating the various policy areas into a coherent overall approach, focusing on the themes of Peace, Security and Human Rights, Prosperity Sustainability and Digitalisation. The aim is broad-based cooperation with its African partners on an equal footing.

Read the strategy [here!](#)

Ghana and Switzerland cooperate on E-waste (Basel Convention)



BASEL CONVENTION

the world environmental agreement on wastes

The Governments of Switzerland and Ghana are together championing an initiative on electrical waste. At the next Conference on the Basel Convention in June 2022, Switzerland and Ghana will bring forward an amendment to the Convention on hazardous wastes aiming to improve transparency by monitoring movement of all e-waste across borders and to protect vulnerable countries from unwanted imports.

Accra hosts St. Gallen Symposium event



The Embassy hosted former “leaders of tomorrow” – alumni of the St. Gallen Symposium – for a televised panel discussion to celebrate the Symposium’s 50th edition in May. The St. Gallen Symposium is the world’s premier gathering for cross-generational debate on issues of management, politics and civil society run by students. Our guests were Aisha Addo ([Power To Girls Foundation](#)), Patrick Awuah ([Ashesi University](#)), Simon Aseno ([The Peoples Foundation](#)) and Franklin Cudjoe ([Imani Center for Policy & Education](#)).

In the absence of the Ambassador, the event was co-hosted by the Embassy’s Diplomatic Attaché Tim Segesseemann together with by Harriet Nartey of Pan African TV’s Diplomatic Affairs programme which broadcast the discussion. You can watch the entire discussion under this link.

Visit to Togo



Amb. Stalder with MSC Managing Director Gregory Krief

In March, Ambassador Stalder attended an international conference on the Transition in Mali which was held Lomé.

The visit offered the opportunity for bilateral meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Robert Dussey, as well as gatherings with various Civil Society Organisations and Swiss businesses like the Geneva-based company MSC Cargo at the Lomé Container Terminal. Already now the biggest port in West Africa, it is well on its way to becoming a regional and continental shipping. The stay of the Ambassador and Mr. Tim Segesseemann was perfectly organized by the Swiss Honorary Consul, Mrs. Myrna Tabchoury.

News from the KAIPTC



Amb. Stalder, in a meeting with the Commandant of the Center

In early spring, Ambassador Stalder had the chance to meet the Commandant of the Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC), Major General Francis Ofori to discuss Switzerland’s continued



A course participant receiving his certificate

The Embassy launched two Swiss-funded courses at the KAIPTC: Intelligence Support for Peace Operation in May and the Multidimensional Peace Support Operations course in June. Officials of the Embassy were present for the opening and closing ceremonies of the programmes.



Colonels Peter Maurer (L) and Albert Ulrich (R)

In May, we bade farewell to Col Albert Ulrich - a very experienced Military Officer deployed at KAIPTC for the last three years. Col Ulrich retired from a successful military career. Ambassador Philipp Stalder organized a farewell dinner at the Swiss Residence and, a few days later, had the pleasure to welcome the successor, Col Peter Maurer.

In summer, we also welcomed Major Marc Wettstein, replacing Major Ralf Lünsmann. We wish Marc all the best at the Center and a safe journey home to Ralf.

Development Cooperation

Embassy engages with Ghana's finance sector



Amb. Stalder with Central Bank Governor, Dr. Ernest Addison

The Embassy had extensive engagements with state authorities in the finance sector. On 21st June, Ambassador Stalder met with the Governor of the Central Bank, Dr. Ernest Addison for broad discussions around topics like Switzerland's contribution to the establishment of the "Ghana Sustainable Banking Principles", implemented through the Environmental and Social Risk Management project (ESRM) and the Digital Financial Services project – two important projects which Switzerland through SECO, supported the BoG with almost 6 million USD.

Early in July, the Head of Mission met with the Minister of Finance, Hon. Minister Ken Ofori-Atta, and his team to discuss bilateral relations and especially the area of economic cooperation. The Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Heinz Kaufmann, also had several engagements with the Finance Minister.

SECO launches new country strategy



The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) launched its **Ghana Cooperation Programme 2021-24** at an event witnessed by Ghana's Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Finance Minister. Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga handed over the finalized document during her official visit to Ghana.

The Cooperation Programme outlines Switzerland's commitment to allocate 65 million Swiss Francs towards development cooperation with Ghana within the next four years, covering two major topics, first to promote attractive framework conditions for sustainable growth and secondly, to unlock more and better jobs and decent income opportunities.

Switzerland supports TVET in Ghana



Ambassador Stalder after the ceremony

In late May, the Embassy assisted the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, in inaugurating the new offices for the Sector Skills Bodies in East Legon. In his intervention, Ambassador Philipp Stalder shared the Swiss experience in the area of vocational training and lauded the government as well as the TVET Commission for its efforts to involve and empower the private sector through the Sector Skills Bodies.

Trade & Business

Swiss Business Lunch



A section of participants at the Swiss Business Lunch

In May, we resumed our regular Swiss Business Lunch at the Embassy. These informal meetings allow us to interact with our Swiss companies in Ghana and provide useful insights into various business aspects, allowing participants to jointly reflect on important economic & trade-related developments. Because of pandemic restrictions, the companies were hosted in two groups and outdoors in the garden of the Swiss Residence.

Embassy visits dry fruit production facility in Adeiso



When the processing of delicious mango from Ghana was in full swing in June, a small representation of the Embassy visited the Swiss-run company HPW Fresh & Dry Ltd. The firm with headquarters in Aarau/Rohr is the largest producer of naturally dried mango, pineapple and whole coconut in West Africa.

At the factory in Adeiso situated 70 km north of Accra, a workforce of 1'300 women and men do a great job to allow consumers in Europe and elsewhere to enjoy the natural richness of Ghanaian soil.

Culture & Science

1st August 2021



Once again the Covid-19 pandemic does not allow for a physical gathering to celebrate the Swiss National Day. As it was the case last year, we are celebrating our Swiss National Day on this 1st August virtually!

For the very first time, the Embassy of Switzerland in Ghana, Benin and Togo is launching a dedicated website for this year to showcase a series of personal impressions from Switzerland. **You can also take part in a competition on the website to win a dinner with the Ambassador!**

Please check out our Embassy's internet page [here](#).

Football Euro 2020 - We Lived it together!

At the Ambassador's Residence, we hosted over 120 guests and screened all of Switzerland's five matches of the Euro 2020 Tournament. For the game against Italy (our best congratulations to our neighbor for winning the Championship!) Ambassador Stalder hosted his Italian counterpart, H.E. Daniela d'Orlandi and members of the Italian and Swiss community. The historic quarter final qualification for the Swiss team, after an intense game won against France, was a highlight for our soccer fans.



ETH Zurich and Ashesi University



The joint Master's programme run by Ashesi University and ETH Zurich has officially received accreditation and is open for applications. The Swiss government through SECO supports this program together with several industry partners like ABB, Barry Callebaut, Bühler Group, HPW Fresh And Dry Ltd, LafargeHolcim, Nestlé and Tetra Pak who are providing scholarships and internships.

Afro-Pfingsten Festival celebrated at Beda's in Accra



To celebrate its 30 years' existence, Afro-Pfingsten – Switzerland's largest culture festival on Africa – came to Accra on May 22. Ambassador Stalder had a chat with the festival organizers and singer-songwriter [Yaa Yaa](#) on the cultural connections between Ghana and Switzerland promoted by such events.

The Afro-Pfingsten concert included such famous artists as Atongo Zimba, Wiyala and Yaa Yaa. It was held as the opening attraction of Beda's – a cultural center run together by Swiss and Ghanaians. The Swiss Embassy supports bringing together artists from Switzerland and Ghana to promote cultural connections.

Beda's will also host a [concert to celebrate 1st August](#) – free and open to everybody (Tel. 0206670615, Silver Lane 49, Old Ashongman)

Embassy supports “Girl Code”



Mr. Tim Segessemann with reps of “Girl Code”

The Embassy continues this year with supporting innovative initiatives in Ghana and Togo through its small-scale projects budget line. Just a few weeks ago, we launched “Girl Code” in collaboration with the Power to Girls Foundation: Over 150 young students at Accra Girls Senior High School will participate in a three-week workshop series touching on Personal Development, Programming & Robotics, Art & Design, and Entrepreneurship – learning new skills and pushing back against gender stereotypes.

Embassy supports project on emergency services



Team from SnooCode, with Amb. Stalder

In June, we looked back on another successful small-scale project with **SnooCode** on the SnooCode RED Project. The team around Sesinam Dagadu shared on progress of the project which currently makes it possible for people in all 54 African countries to have access to a new technology for emergency responders to determine the nearest ambulance or hospital and navigate easily to the emergency scene, improving the response time and chances of survival.

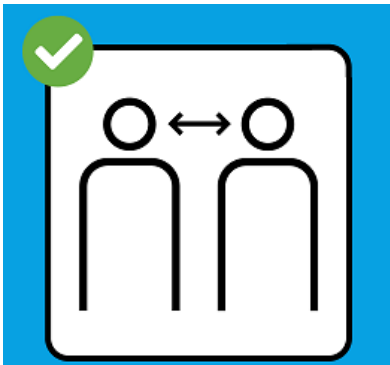
Spouses of Heads of Mission – batik workshop



In late March, Mrs. Susana Stalder-Schmidt hosted the Association of Spouses of Heads of Mission in Accra (ASOHOM), for a workshop at the Swiss Residence. Participants learnt how to design beautiful Ghanaian batik fabrics.

Many thanks to Mrs. Esther Amate (in yellow dress) and her team who have been excellent instructors.

Functioning of the Embassy



Throughout the pandemic, the Embassy of Switzerland remained open to the public from 08.00 am to 12.00 pm. This is largely possible due to our visitors complying with the health protection measures currently in force, in particular the efforts made towards social distancing. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In order to avoid queues in front of the Embassy, we would like our customers to continue to book an appointment by email on accra@eda.admin.ch. People who spontaneously present themselves during opening hours will only be received if conditions allow it.

COVID-19: How can I travel to Switzerland?



On June 23, 2021, the Federal Council decided to lift the entry restrictions for fully vaccinated/recovered people from third countries. The regular entry requirements apply again as of June 26, 2021.

Entry restrictions continue to apply for non-vaccinated foreign nationals.

For all short-term visa applications, the collaboration with VFS Global in Accra has been reinstated as of 2 July 2021. Appointments for applications (stay up to 90 days) to Switzerland can be done via the Website of VFS Global (<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/gha/en/che>).

The Swiss representation of Belgium and Latvia in Ghana as well as the French representation of Switzerland in Benin and Togo are still suspended until further notice.

For additional information, please consult the webpage of the [State Secretariat for Migration \(SEM\)](#).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are special rules for people entering Switzerland. Please refer to the information of the [Federal Office of Public Health \(FOPH\)](#).

We recommend that you check with your airline about their regulations before departure.

For any further questions, please contact the Embassy on accra.visa@eda.admin.ch

COVID-19: Information for Swiss nationals about vaccine

Persons residing abroad must comply with the vaccination requirements of their host country. For logistical reasons, the vaccines that will be administered in Switzerland cannot be dispatched to the external network. No vaccine deliveries are planned by the FDFA for Swiss nationals living abroad.

Swiss nationals insured under the Swiss compulsory health insurance (basic insurance) with a Swiss provider have the possibility to be vaccinated in Switzerland. Please, contact your health insurance provider and/or your Swiss general practitioner (médecin de famille/Hausarzt).

Swiss nationals abroad not covered by a Swiss health insurance policy should contact their health insurance provider to find out about the vaccination policy in their host country.

More information on COVID-19 vaccination can be found on the FOPH webpages: [Coronavirus: Vaccination](#) & [Protect yourself and others: Vaccination](#)

SWI plus App

«SWI plus» is the SWI swissinfo.ch service for the Swiss abroad.

Briefing on Switzerland - the SWI swissinfo.ch app «SWI plus» is available in four languages. The focus is on a daily briefing for the Fifth Switzerland with the most relevant news of the day. Swiss topicality with a special focus on the respective language area together - compact, informative and on schedule at 5 pm.

With the "SWI plus" app, SWI swissinfo.ch provides the Swiss abroad with the most useful information and surprising stories from the Swiss media world. Our journalists keep an eye on what is happening in Switzerland and summarise the relevant information in a compact daily briefing. This is service and at the same time also dialogue and networking: The app brings the Fifth Switzerland closer together. In the question and answer section, users can discuss, debate and network. No matter where they are in the world, questions find answers in the community.

The "SWI plus" app was launched in German and French in 2019. It is now also available to our Italian- and English-speaking Swiss abroad, as well as to interested parties, free of charge for downloading from the app stores (iOS and Android).

SWI swissinfo.ch explains Switzerland to an international audience and reports in a journalistic, in-depth and multimedia way. SRG's international online medium publishes online in ten languages and also with a special focus on the Fifth Switzerland.

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SWI plus The App for the Swiss Abroad

From 9 August 2021, Swissinfo will launch its daily "Briefing for the Swiss Abroad" in English. This valuable information service will be available in four languages (German, Italian, French and English) via the "SWI Plus" app.

In addition, Swissinfo will organise an online discussion for the Swiss abroad on one of the voting topics ("SWI Arena") one month before each federal referendum. This discussion takes place alternately in German or French, and other languages are available for discussion.

Please consult as well [information on the application SWI plus](#) of [swissinfo.ch](#)

«SWI plus» est l'offre de SWI swissinfo.ch pour les Suisse.sses de l'étranger

Rendez-vous avec la Suisse – l'app de SWI swissinfo.ch «SWI plus» existe en quatre langues. Elle propose à la Cinquième Suisse un briefing quotidien contenant les informations-clé du jour. «SWI plus»: toute l'actualité de la Suisse avec une attention particulière portée à la région linguistique concernée – de manière concise, informative et ponctuelle, tous les jours à 17 h 00.

Avec l'app «SWI plus», les Suisse.sses de l'étranger reçoivent les informations les plus importantes ainsi que les histoires les plus étonnantes du monde suisse des médias. Nos journalistes ont une vue d'ensemble sur l'actualité en Suisse et rassemblent les informations-clés dans un briefing quotidien. Mais «SWI plus» est bien plus qu'un service: c'est aussi un réseau qui entend favoriser le dialogue. L'app rapproche les membres de la Cinquième Suisse: dans la rubrique Question-réponses, les utilisatrices et utilisateurs peuvent échanger, débattre et faire connaissance, et ce, où qu'il.elles soient dans le monde.

Lancée en 2019 en allemand et en français, l'app «SWI plus» est désormais aussi disponible pour les Suisse.sses italophones et anglophones de l'étranger et pour toute autre personne intéressée. Elle peut être téléchargée gratuitement depuis l'App Store (iOS et Android).

SWI swissinfo.ch explique la Suisse à un public international et couvre l'actualité de manière approfondie, dans un esprit journalistique et sur un mode multimédia. Le média en ligne international de la SSR publie ses articles en dix langues, aussi en accordant une attention particulière à la Cinquième Suisse.

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A 5 heures précises!



SWI plus L'App pour les Suisses de l'étranger

A partir du 9 août 2021, Swissinfo lancera également son "Briefing des Suisses de l'étranger" quotidien en anglais. Dès lors, ce précieux service d'information sera disponible en quatre langues (allemand, italien, français et anglais) via l'application "SWI Plus".

En outre, Swissinfo organisera une discussion en ligne pour les Suisses de l'étranger sur l'un des thèmes de votation ("SWI Arena") un mois avant chaque votation fédérale. Cette discussion a lieu alternativement en allemand ou en français, et d'autres langues sont disponibles pour la discussion.

Veuillez aussi consulter [Information sur l'application SWI plus](#) de [swissinfo.ch](#)

Itineris – Plan well, travel well.



The Embassy of Switzerland in Ghana strongly recommends its fellow citizens to register with [Itineris](#), which allows entering dates of your leisure or business trips. It helps the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs to locate and contact you more rapidly if a serious crisis occurs abroad and to warn you if the security situation in a region suddenly deteriorates drastically.

Please install the app on your Smartphone free of charge.

Keep your data updated



Regular contact between yourself and our Embassy can be very useful to both parties. To ensure that you can be contacted quickly, it is important that your contact information (address, phone number and email) is always up to date.

Reporting a change of address will also enable you to continuously receive the documentation on your right to vote by correspondence (if you are registered in the electoral roll), as well as the "Swiss Review" published by the Organization of the Swiss Abroad (OSA). This magazine is distributed free of charge to Swiss citizens registered abroad.

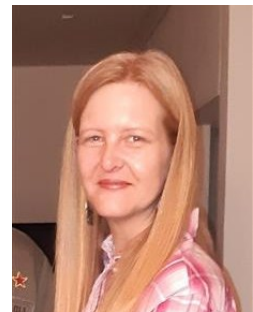
At the same time, according to the Ordinance on Civil Status (OCS), it is your obligation to report any changes in your civil status to this Embassy. Therefore, kindly inform us about any changes in your civil status: marriage, birth of a child, divorce or death of a relative, by e-mail or through a personal visit at the Embassy (with a prior appointment via email) from Monday to Friday between 8-11 AM. We will be happy to advise you on the required documents.

Personnel changes at the Embassy



Mrs. Jacqueline Graf, our Head of Chancery was transferred to Marseille in early July, after four years in Accra. She is replaced by **Mrs. Teresa Chejlava Nkundwa**. We wish Teresa all the best in her new position.

Mme Jacqueline Graf, notre Cheffe de Chancellerie a été transféré à Marseille en juin après quatre ans à Accra. Elle est remplacée par Mme. Teresa Chejlava Nkundwa. Nous lui souhaitons le meilleur dans son nouveau rôle.



Mrs. Marie-Noëlle Chappatte left Ghana to retire after being in charge of the visa section for four years and the consular tasks concerning Togo, Benin and São Tomé e Príncipe. We wish her all the best for the future. **Mr. Lionel Rochat** will take her place after arriving to Ghana at the end of July. We wish him a good start and much pleasure in his new assignment.

Mme Marie-Noëlle Chappatte a quitté le Ghana pour profiter de sa retraite, après avoir travaillé les dernières 4 années pour la section de visa et des tâches consulaires, concernant le Togo, le Bénin et Sao Tomé e Príncipe. Nous lui souhaitons tout de bon pour son futur. M. Lionel Rochat reprend son poste et arrivera au Ghana fin juillet. Nous lui souhaitons beaucoup de plaisir dans sa nouvelle aventure.



Ms. Michèle Schatzmann arrived at the beginning of June to take the post as a trainee for Consular work. We wish her much pleasure in her new job.

Mlle Michèle Schatzmann est arrivée au Ghana début juin et travaille comme stagiaire. Elle est en formation dans le domaine des tâches consulaires. Nous lui souhaitons beaucoup de succès dans sa nouvelle carrière.



We are excited to also welcome **Ms. Monique Gyenfi** to the team as the new Assistant to the Ambassador. Monique comes with much experience, having worked in similar roles for the UNFPA and Tullow Gh. Ltd. We wish her much success and satisfaction in her new position.

Public Relations



In the Independence Day Edition of Citi TV's Diplomatic Licence show, the Ambassador joined other diplomats to celebrate heritage and history during the commemorative month.

In April and on the same [programme](#), the Ambassador shared light moments with other diplomats to share the essence of Easter in their respective countries.

In March, Ambassador Philipp Stalder was featured on PanAfrican Television's Diplomatic Affairs TV show to talk about Swiss-Ghana relations, priorities of Swiss foreign policy and views on the private sector.



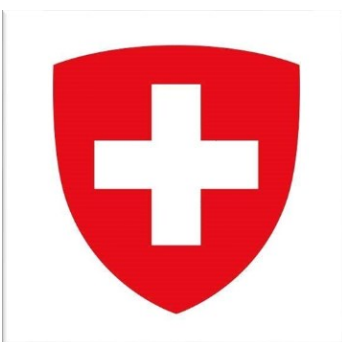
[on set open-air at the Independence Square](#)

Ghana to the UN Security Council – Switzerland on the way [Article]

June 10, 2021

In July, the Ambassador authored a well publicized article congratulating Ghana on her election to the United Nations Security Council as a non-permanent member for the 2022-23 term, while also announcing Switzerland's bid for a Security Council seat for the for the period 2023-2024. The [article](#) sheds some light on the ongoing campaign and what Switzerland's foreign policy stands for on the bilateral and multilateral stage.

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