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## INVITATION

# Partners in Dialogue

**Dear Sir, Dear Madam,**

H.E. Dr Roberto Balzaretti, Ambassador of Switzerland to the EU, cordially invites you to join the evening of discussion



## Partners in Dialogue

### “Linking Food Security & Climate Change and the role of private companies”

**on Monday 9th November 2015 at 5.30 pm**  
**at the Mission of Switzerland to the EU, Place du Luxembourg 1, 1050 Brussels.**

Climate change is already having a negative impact on food security, affecting agriculture, major crops, livestock production and fisheries. As we move towards COP21 in Paris, there is a growing awareness of the urgent need to adapt current food systems to a changing climate, in order to feed the growing population in a sustainable manner. To achieve this in practice, agricultural productivity needs to increase alongside better food systems efficiency and protection of ecosystems.

How can Europe, Switzerland and the international community face the challenges posed by climate change to agriculture and food security? How can public policies stimulate progress on green growth in the agricultural sector more effectively? What more can the private sector do to synergize climate change and food security action?

With a special focus on the example of Africa, this Partners in Dialogue will tackle these questions and will offer insight into specific projects dealing with this complex issue.

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## Programme

17:15 Registration

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17:30 Welcome note H.E. Dr Roberto Balzaretti, Ambassador of Switzerland to the EU

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**Ambassador Pio Wennubst**

Assistant Director General, Head of the Global Cooperation Department at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

**Dr Roberto Ridolfi**

Director Directorate C - Sustainable Growth and Development, DG DEVCO

Panel discussion

**Ms Gerda Verburg**

Chair of the Global Agenda Council on Food & Nutrition Security (WEF)

**Dr Karen Cooper**

Nutrition & Sustainability, Nestlé

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Moderator

**Mr Ewald Wermuth**

ECDPM Director

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19:00 Reception

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## Registration

To register please reply to [partnersindialogue@eda.admin.ch](mailto:partnersindialogue@eda.admin.ch) by Wednesday 4th November 2015.

Please note that places are limited.

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