



Sustainable financing to reach the Sustainable Development Goals - ADB's work in Asia and the Pacific -

The **Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce** and the **Australian Swiss Chamber of Commerce** in collaboration with the **Asian Development Bank** are pleased to invite you to this most interesting luncheon event.

Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2019
Time: 11:15hrs to 14:15hrs
Venue: Haus zum Rüden, Limmatquai 42, CH-8001 Zurich

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a universal call to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all. They form part of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** adopted by 191 member states of the United Nations. The SDGs set 169 targets for global achievement by 2030, in areas such as the protection of natural resources, climate change, disaster resilience, peace and security, equality, economic growth and decent jobs.

Achieving the SDGs will require massive **new international, domestic, public, and private financial support**. These are all vital issues for Asia and the Pacific. ADB supports the enhanced ambitions the SDGs embody, and is fully committed to helping to meet them.

Building better, more sustainable infrastructure—an area in which ADB excels—will provide the basis for achieving the SDGs.

The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) is a multilateral development finance institution which was conceived in the early 1960s, headquartered in Manila, Philippines. ADB in partnership with member governments, independent specialists and other financial institutions is focused on delivering projects in developing member countries that create economic and development impact. ADB has 68 shareholding members including 49 from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 outside.

ADB raises funds through **bond issues** on the world's capital markets. They also rely on their members' contributions, retained earnings from the lending operations, and the repayment of loans. In 2018, ADB's operations amounted USD 35.8 billion. Its own commitment of USD 21.6 billion for loans, grants and investments compared to USD 20.1 billion in 2017.

Switzerland joined the ADB in 1967. It is an active member in the governing bodies and carries out development projects together with the Bank. As a result, **Swiss companies and consultants can benefit from business opportunities** arising from ADB's activities and the financing products it offers. Comprehensive information is provided via **ADB's [Business Center](http://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/main)** online portal: (www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/main).

In 2018, Swiss companies and consultants were awarded USD 5.1 million in ADB procurement contracts.

We look forward to personally welcoming you at the Haus zum Rüden.

Early registration is highly recommended.

Schedule:

11:15hrs - 11:30hrs **Registration**

11:30hrs - 11:45hrs **Welcome Remarks & Introduction**

Dr. Urs Lustenberger, President, Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, Zurich

Mr. Patrick Kriesemer, Vice President, Chairman Malaysia & Brunei Committee, Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, Zurich

11:45hrs – 12:15hrs **Sustainable financing to reach the Sustainable Development Goals - ADB's work in Asia and the Pacific -**

Ms. Ingrid van Wees, Vice-President for Finance and Risk Management, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines

12:15hrs – 12:20hrs **Switzerland's role within ADB**

Mr. Stefan Denzler, Deputy Head, Multilateral Cooperation, SECO, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research, Berne

12:20hrs – 12:40hrs **Questions & Answers**

12:40hrs – 14:00hrs **Lunch**

Key Speaker:



Ingrid van Wees

Ms. Ingrid van Wees is the Vice-President for Finance and Risk Management of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She assumed the position in December 2016. She is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Office of Risk Management, the Controller's Department, and the Treasury Department.

Before ADB, Ms. van Wees was a senior official at the German Investment and Development Corporation (DEG). Her responsibilities included origination and portfolio management of debt and equity investments in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia and treasury.

Prior to DEG, Ms. van Wees held management positions in corporate finance and business development at international corporations.

She holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands and a Master of Business Administration degree from INSEAD.

Registration Form:

Registration: Please register by returning the form below to the Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1073, 8032 Zurich, faxing 041/620 88 03 or e-mailing sacc@sacc.ch, by Monday, **17 June 2019 at the latest**. The cost of the event, which includes apéro and lunch, is CHF 140.00 for AusCham Members and CHF 160.00 for Non-members. Please specify on the form if you require a vegetarian meal. You will receive a confirmation including the invoice after your registration. **Cancellations** will be accepted until Thursday, 20 June 2019, 10.00 a.m.: - otherwise a full no-show charge applies.

Field of interest:

Last Name: First Name:

Position: Company:

Full Address:

Phone: Fax: E-mail:

Meal preference: Normal meal Vegetarian meal

Date: Signature: