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List of References International Projects

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- **SECO Project Support Partnership (PSP): Los 6 Debt Management**
Consulting, support and backstopping services in policy formulation, project and programme management and communication with regard to debt management in Switzerland's development partner countries.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, ongoing project
- **Research for Development: Skills for Industry**
The project 'Skills for Industry' is carried out by universities in seven countries. We support its implementation through technical inputs and backstopping services.
 On behalf of Zurich University of Teacher Education (project funding by the SNF and the SDC, as part of their Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development), ongoing project
- **Practice closures, discontinuities of care and the impact on patients' outcomes**
By studying events of physician retirement and practice closures, this project investigates the impact of discontinuities of care on patients' healthcare utilization and health-related outcomes. Outcomes include emergency department visits, hospitalizations and mortality. The empirical analysis is based on detailed register data provided by health insurers.
 On behalf of Swiss National Science Foundation, ongoing project
- **Scoping mission on environmental awareness, Sultanate of Oman**
The purpose of the scoping mission was to learn about issues and challenges regarding environmental awareness in Oman, to determine Omani authorities' interest in and potential benefit from a consultancy, and to sketch out content, scope, feasibility of such consultancy.
 On behalf of the Swiss Embassy in the Sultanate of Oman, 2018
- **Business Environment Reform and Labour Productivity**
Analysis of labour productivity in low and middle income countries as well as its drivers. Identification of good donor practice through the assessment of selected project documents.
 On behalf of DCED Business Environment Working Group, 2018
- **Mid-term evaluation: Austrian Development Cooperation Country Strategy Bhutan 2015-2018**
The main objective of the project is to assess the performance of the country strategy implementation and to provide evidence for informed decision making regarding a potential continuation of Austria's development assistance to Bhutan.
 On behalf of Austrian Development Agency ADA, 2017

- **Evaluation of the Support to the National Pensions Regulatory Authority in Ghana**

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the project in terms of achievement of expected results; performance of project management and steering mechanisms; and fit of the project within SECO's Ghana portfolio.

On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2017

- **Backstopping support for the design of a VET project in Croatia**

Backstopping support to the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education in the design of a VET project in Croatia and the elaboration of a Project Document (ProDoc).

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2017

- **Advisory support on the integration of work-based learning models in Albania's VET system**

We provide technical support, advisory and backstopping services to the Skills Development for Employment Programme in its efforts to upscale work-based learning models in Albania's VET system.

On behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2017

- **Public Finance Management (PFM) Reform Backstopping Mandate**

Three-year backstopping mandate to support the Macroeconomic Support Division of SECO in the fields of Public Finance Management (PFM) Reform, with a Focus on Budget Management and Fiscal Decentralisation.

On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2017

- **External Evaluation of the African Tax Administration Forum**

The evaluation assesses design and organisation, thematic focus and technical assistance delivery mode of the program. Furthermore, recommendations are formulated to improve the program in the next four-year implementation phase.

On behalf of African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), 2016

- **Capitalisation and Strategic Outlook for Swiss engagement in the area of Social Inclusion in Albania**

Experiences, lessons learned and good practices are identified in a participatory process and entry points for future social inclusion related interventions are elaborated.

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2016

- **External Review of the Support to Improve Social Inclusion in Serbia**
The review focuses on relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the current project implementation and provides recommendations for the design of the next project phase.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2016

- **External mid-term evaluation Bilateral Assistance and Capacity Building Program for Central Banks**
The review focused on the design and set-up of the programme and whether it was implemented successfully. We conducted interviews in Tunisia and Vietnam and online surveys in six additional countries.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2016

- **Planning Mission of Vocational Education and Training Project - Phase 2**
B,S,S. advises SDC in Mongolia in the design of a youth employment promotion project. Our work consists of moderating a consultation process and of drafting a programme document.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2015

- **External review of the Swiss Regional Police Cooperation Programme in the Western Balkans**
The review provides recommendations for the current programme phase and suggestions regarding the future orientation of the police programme beyond 2016.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2015

- **Mid-Term Review of the SDC Programme in Bhutan**
The current development programme, which places emphasis on strengthening democratic institutions at central and local levels and on fostering civic participation, shall be reviewed in terms of its progress and its achievability.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2015

- **Concept note for the planning of a new Swiss support programme to the constitutional reform process in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Development of a concept note on the basis of a political economy analysis. A document review and semi-structured interviews with 40 different stakeholder groups were the most relevant methods applied for this assignment.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2014

- **Programme Document: Skills Development and Employment**
B,S,S. advises UNDP in Albania in the design of a vocational education / skills development programme. Our work consists of moderating a consultation process and of drafting a programme document.
 On behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2014

■ **Mid-term evaluation: Vocational Education and Training in Western Mongolia Project (VET Project)**

The objectives of the evaluation are to review progress of the project, to identify intended and unintended outcomes and to formulate recommendations for the planning of the next phase.

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2014

■ **Feasibility Study for a Vocational Training Program in Laos**

The feasibility study's objective is to gather and analyze data on the TVET sector and the labour market in Laos, assess the areas for support, as well as to accelerate and prepare strategic decisions.

On behalf of Swisscontact, 2014

■ **External Review of the Contribution to Constitutional Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The main objectives of the mandate are to carry out an "appraisal of outcomes and impacts of the project since 2005" and to support SDC in "informed decision making on future opportunities for a coherent support package of the Swiss Cooperation" to BiH's constitutional reform process. A comprehensive political economy analysis preceded the elaboration of the project concept.

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2014

■ **External Review: "Support to the Judiciary in Bosnia and Herzegovina"**

Evaluation of the SDC funded project to improve efficiency and credibility of the prosecutorial system and to strengthen the "High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council" (HJPC).

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2013

■ **Mid-term Evaluation: Integration of Environmental Education in Macedonian Education System**

The main objective of the review is to assess to which extent the objectives of the ongoing phase were achieved as yet. In addition, it shall shed a light on the project approach and management and assess OXO's capacities against the intention to develop.

On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2013

■ **Evaluation of the Swiss Return and Reintegration Assistance**

The objectives of the evaluation are to assess the outcomes of selected instruments of voluntary return and reintegration assistance, to identify lessons learned and to propose recommendations for improving and further developing the instruments.

On behalf of the Federal Office for Migration, 2013

- **Preparation of the final phase of the CEFA project in Albania**
B,S,S. Economic Consultants provides support to SDC and its implementing partner in elaborating the programme document for the exit phase of a project to support inclusion of Roma in Albania. Participative planning workshops with several relevant stakeholder groups were organised and moderated.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2013
- **PPP Program in the Water Sector in Tabora and Dodoma, Tanzania**
Realisation of two projects for a sustainable public water supply and waste water disposal in Tanzania.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2013
- **External Review of the Support to Improve Social Inclusion in Serbia**
The project evaluates the effects and impact of the Social Inclusion Unit in the Government of Serbia and provides recommendations for its future mandate and institutionalisation.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2012
- **Creation of employment opportunities in water sector for young graduates, Tunisia**
Development of an implementation concept for a SDC project in Tunisia which aims to increase the labour market integration of young graduates.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2012
- **External evaluation of the Technical Assistance for the implementation of a Medium Term Expenditure Framework in Nicaragua**
The summative and formative evaluation shall specifically identify and define recommendations and pertinent elements regarding forthcoming support in this sector in Nicaragua.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2011
- **External Review of the Alternated Education and Vocational Training Project - Phase VI (CEFA VI), Albania**
The purpose of the review is to assess the progress of the project and achievement of objectives and, specifically, the organisational development and performance of the implementing agency.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2011

- **Feasibility Study of a CDM Project in the Lime Kiln Cluster of Piduguralla, India**
Assessment of an UNIDO Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project in the lime kiln industry of Piduguralla (Andhra Pradesh). Analysis of the technical, financial and organisational feasibility of the project.
 On behalf of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 2011

- **External Review of the Joint Programme for Roma and Marginalised Groups Inclusion through Education**
The evaluation shall appraise to what extent the activities and interventions of the project reached the objectives, purposes and results to date and provide recommendations for the design of follow-up interventions in a forthcoming second project phase.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2011

- **Evaluation of the ODIHR Rule of Law Program**
OECD-DAC based assessment of four projects and their contribution to achieve OSCE's human dimension commitments (policies, legislation, practices) on the rule of law.
 On behalf of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), 2011

- **External Evaluation of the Youth Employment Project in Bosnia-Herzegovina**
The evaluation shall appraise to what extent the activities and interventions of the project reached the objectives, purposes and results to date and provide recommendations for the design of follow-up interventions in a forthcoming second project phase.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 2011

- **External evaluation of the frame program of the IHEID to support the development of sound financial systems in developing countries**
In addition to the performance evaluation, designed in compliance with OECD-DAC norms and standards, the evaluation also provided recommendations regarding the program's redesign.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2010

- **Report «Umwelt Schweiz 2011»**
Editorial assistance in generating the report «Umwelt Schweiz 2011».
 On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment and the Federal Statistical Office, 2010

- **Voluntary Carbon Credits in the Forest Sector**
Analysis of the voluntary carbon market in the forest sector and assessment of the contribution of Swiss forests to the voluntary efforts to combat climate change.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, 2010

- **Feasibility study for a new agglomeration definition of Switzerland**
Appraisal of the technical feasibility of a new, not on commuter data relying method.
 On behalf of the Federal Statistical Office, 2010

- **Old residential buildings**
Assessment of the conversion, deconstruction, and redevelopment of old residential buildings in peripheral areas.
 On behalf of the Federal Housing Office, 2010

- **Evaluation of qualification procedures in the Vocational Education and Training**
Evaluation of qualification procedures in the Vocational Education and Training, identification of impact connections and presentation of best-practice-procedures.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology, 2010

- **Emission Reductions by the Manufacturing of Benzoic Acid Derivatives (CDM Project), India**
Development of a CDM baseline and monitoring methodology for the manufacturing of benzoic acid derivatives in Ankleshwar.
 On behalf of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 2010

- **Emission Reductions by the Recycling of Spent Sulfuric Acid, India**
Development of a CDM baseline and monitoring methodology for the spent acid recovery project in Ankleshwar.
 On behalf of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 2010

- **An Indicator of Sustainable Development in the Field of Peace, Security and Human Rights**
Identification of an indicator of sustainable development in the field of peace, security and human rights as part of the MONET indicator system.
 On behalf of the Federal Statistical Office, 2009

- **External Evaluation of Programme Activities Fostering the Geneva Initiative**
Assessment of the achievements and impact of the activities fostering the Geneva Initiative. An ex post evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the partners' work and the relevance thereof in light of a changed political environment.
 On behalf of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), 2009

- **System of indicators concerning the lack of qualified employees**
Identification and analysis of impact connections and development of an early-warning system concerning the lack of qualified employees.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology, 2009

- **Financial advice to the Evangelic and Reformed congregation**
Supporting the congregation in identifying possible cost savings.
 On behalf of the Congregations of the Canton of Zurich, 2009

- **Importance of the life sciences industry for the small and medium enterprises**
Appraisal of the importance of the life sciences industry for the small and medium enterprises in Northwestern Switzerland.
 On behalf of the Basel-Stadt Association of Small and Medium Size Enterprises, 2009

- **Rearrangement of financial equalisation in the Canton of Neuenburg**
Elaboration of an adapted equalisation of resources and a new equalisation of burdens.
 On behalf of the Canton of Neuenburg, 2009

- **Evaluation of initial funding - Sustainability and impulse effects of financial support for family-complementary child care**
Analysis of financial support for family-complementary child care in terms of their sustainability and impulse effects.
 On behalf of the Federal Social Insurance Office, 2009

- **Demand planning in the field of homes for the handicapped in the Canton of Aargau**
Statistical investigation of current supply of homes for the handicapped and future prospects of demand.
 On behalf of the Canton of Aargau, 2009

- **Fundraising Proposal and Project Plan for an in-depth Assessment of A/R and REDD**
Development of a project plan and a fundraising proposal as basis for the work of a "Forest Carbon Business Developer".
 On behalf of the Gold Standard Foundation, 2009

- **Driving forces of the developments in the real estate industry**
Feasibility study of a partial equilibrium model simulating different scenarios for the real estate industry.
 On behalf of the G15 - Group of Fifteen, 2009

- **Roads with regional significance in the urban space: a complex challenge**
Project study on the significance and complexness of regional roads in the City of Zurich
 On behalf of the City of Zurich, 2009

- **Literature Review Nuclear Energy**
Literature review dealing with the critical questions and answers with respect to the usage of nuclear energy.
 On behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy, 2009

- **New positioning of "Bürgergemeinde der Stadt Basel"**
Moderation and elaboration of an environment and corporate analysis as well as definition of strategic directions of impact.
 On behalf of the 'Bürgergemeinde' of Basel-Stadt, 2008

- **Elaboration of a business plan for a residential area for aged people**
The business plan shows the new positioning and the future direction of impact for the residential area for aged people of Stadtmission Basel.
 On behalf of the protestant Stadtmission Basel, 2008

- **Climate Change Impact on Civil Protection**
Analysis and Assessment of the impact of climate change on the civil protection network.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for Civil Protection, 2008

- **Nothern Transport Corridor Riga 2nd Sector, Latvia**
Translation of the project costs to the Latvian level and comparison of different project alternatives.
 On behalf of Basler & Hofmann, 2008

- **Problem of Interests of accumulated Balances and Costs for large scale Railway Projects**
Design of a methodologically consistent modification of the railway and road invoices.
 On behalf of the Federal Statistical Office, 2008

- **Carbon Emission Abatement Costs in Industry and Transportation**
Potential and cost analysis of the major CO₂-reduction methods in the industry and transportation sectors.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, 2008

- **Assessment of the financial sustainability of Posticum Association Romania's activities**
Development of a business plan for the Posticum Association Romania.
 On behalf of Posticum Foundation Switzerland, 2008
- **Customer and Image Analysis of the Federal Accounting Agency (BHAG), Austrian Republic**
Realisation of a customer satisfaction analysis and image analysis including the essential Stakeholders of the BHAG.
 On behalf of the Federal Accounting Agency, Austrian Republic, 2008
- **The Development of the Health Insurance in Switzerland 1996-2006**
 On behalf of the Swiss Health Observatory, 2008
- **Preproject: Develop a Concept for a Strategic Controlling System (PLANAT Single project E2)**
Pilot Study for a Strategic Controlling Concept in the Field of Natural Hazards.
 On behalf of the National Platform for Natural Hazards (PLANAT), 2008
- **CDM Project in the Glass Industry of Firozabad, India**
Development and assessment of an energy efficiency project in Firozabad.
 On behalf of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 2008
- **Systematic Impact Assessment of small and medium scale projects in the Traffic Sector**
Development of a handbook for systematic impact assessments of small and medium scale projects in the traffic sector.
 On behalf of the Swiss Association of Transport Engineers, 2008
- **Impact/Benefit-Analysis of the Economic Development Agency of the Canton of Bern**
Assessment of the effects of tax incentives and funding contributions as instruments of economic development of the Canton of Bern.
 On behalf of Department for Economic Affairs and Department of Finance, Canton of Bern, 2007
- **Protection Goals for Natural Dangers (Single project B2.2)**
Overview over the Protection Goals for Natural Dangers and Comparative Analysis.
 On behalf of the National Platform for Natural Hazards (PLANAT), 2007

- **Adaptation to the Impacts of Climate Change (Part of the Climate Report to the Swiss Federal Council)**
In the context of this project, measures of adaption to changes in extreme events as well as adaptations in selected sectors (tourism, agriculture, health, energy and buildings) were discussed.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, 2007

- **Evaluation energie-cluster**
Evaluation of the Activities of the energie-cluster.
 On behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy, 2007

- **Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Performance Assessment in Azerbaijan**
Analysis of the management of public finances in Azerbaijan on the basis of the 28 "PEFA" indicators.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2007

- **Evaluation "Berufsbildungsindikatoren"**
Survey of the indicator system for the assessment of vocational education.
 On behalf of the Federal Statistical Office, 2007

- **Environment and Community based Framework for Designing Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation Projects in the CDM: Methodology Development and Case Studies (Encofor)**
Development of a methodology for the design of CDM afforestation and reforestation projects and its application in pilot projects in different African and Latin-American countries.
 On behalf of Europe Aid, 2007

- **Transition Problems of Financing of the Disability Insurance in the Range of the New Configuration of the Reform of Intergovernmental Finance System between the Federal Government and the Cantons (NFA)**
External survey of the extrapolation of the Federal Social Insurance Office's (BSV) obligations arising from arrear of the invalidity insurance (IV) concerning collective benefits and positions for subsequent pension payment and the rest of indiv benefits
 On behalf of the Federal Finance Administration, 2006

- **Evaluation of Social Security Institute of St. Gallen**
Customers and employees survey to evaluate and optimise business processes in the social security institute of the Canton of St. Gallen.
 On behalf of the Canton of St. Gallen, 2006

- **Economic Significance of the International Organisations in Geneva**
Evaluation of the economic benefits resulting from the international organisations in the City of Geneva.
 On behalf of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), 2006
- **Evaluation of the coherence of the activities carried out by the SDC**
Appraisal whether the priorities and activities of the SDC are goal-compliant with regard to contents as well as horizontal and vertical coherence.
 On behalf of the Parliamentary Control of Administration (PCA), 2006
- **Upgrading Healthcare Waste Management in Northern Jordan**
Appraisal of the project "Upgrading Healthcare Waste Management in Northern Jordan".
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2006
- **Forest Management**
Study on the possibilities of allowing "Forest Management" in Switzerland as sinks according to the Kyoto Protocol art. 3.4.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN, 2005
- **Forestry Projects under the CDM Procedures, Experiences and Lessons Learned**
 On behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, 2005
- **Benefit of Road and Rail Transportation - Sub-Project "Network Externality"**
Analysis of cluster effects generated by traffic and survey of a welfare based compensation system.
 On behalf of the Federal Office for Spatial Development and the Swiss Federal Roads Authority, 2005
- **PPP Water Projects in Dodoma and Tabora Tanzania**
Preliminary study for an appraisal of two projects for a sustainable public water supply and waste water disposal in Tanzania.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2005
- **Business Development "Waldenburgerthal"**
Analysis of the strengths, weaknesses and the future developments of the four municipalities of the Waldenburgerthal.
 On behalf of the communities of Waldenburg Valley, 2005

- **Funding of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) - Compensation Funds**
Analysis of the different options of how to approach the problem of increased administrative expenses of the OASI Federal Compensation Funds.
 On behalf of the Federal Social Insurance Office, 2005

- **Competition and Environmental Politics in a Global Economy**
Analysis of the question if an independent national environmental policy is economically opportune and legally feasible, considering the international economical interdependence.
 On behalf of the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, 2004

- **Impact of the sanctions on South Africa: The role of Switzerland**
Appraisal of the economic relations between Switzerland and South Africa during the time of the sanctions and the impact of the outsider role of Switzerland in the sanction policy on South Africa and Switzerland.
 Project of the National Research Program NRP 42+, 2004

- **Strategy Consulting of the Communities Aesch and Pfeffingen**
Analysis of the strengths and weaknesses and the future development of the two neighbouring municipalities.
 On behalf of the communities of Aesch and Pfeffingen, 2003

- **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ENVIRONMENT Domain - Preliminary Assessment**
Mission for the identification of environmental projects in Jordan, which can be funded by the mixed credit financing line of the Seco.
 On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, 2003

- **Cleaner Technology Promotion, India**
Different services for the support of the implementation of "Cleaner Production" measures in India
 On behalf of Basler & Hofmann and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco), 2002-2008

- **National Strategy Study Ukraine**
Technical and institutional possibilities to introduce joint Implementation and Emission Trading in Ukraine.
 On behalf of the World Bank, 2002

- **Municipality Münchenstein - Area Heiligholz**
Development of a basis for decision-making with respect to the future usage of the area Heiligholz.
 On behalf of the municipality Münchenstein, 2001

- **Financial and Environmental Effects of an Agriculture Project in Bolivia**
Estimation of the ecological and social-economical effects of an agriculture project in Bolivia.
 In Cooperation with TULUM SA, 2001

- **Feasibility Study for CDM Forestry Project in Bolivia**
Appraisal of the climate impact and the technical and economic feasibility of an afforestation project in Bolivia.
 In Cooperation with TULUM SA, 2001

- **Development of a Mission Statement for the municipality of Birsfelden**
Moderation of the municipality council and the administration department during the formulation of a mission statement.
 On behalf of the community of Birsfelden, 2001

- **National Strategy Study Bolivia**
Technical and institutional possibilities of the implementation of the CDM in Bolivia.
 On behalf of the World Bank, 2000

- **National Strategy Study South Africa**
Technical and institutional possibilities of the implementation of the CDM in South Africa.
 On behalf of the World Bank, 2000

- **KYMBO - Seminar in Portugal**
Seminar on the chances for the economy under the Kyoto mechanisms.
 On behalf of the University of St. Gallen, 2000

- **National Strategy Study Colombia**
Technical and institutional possibilities of the implementation of the CDM in Colombia.
 On behalf of the World Bank, 2000

- **National Strategy Study Zimbabwe**
Technical and institutional possibilities of the implementation of the CDM in Zimbabwe.
 On behalf of the World Bank, 1998

