



FACT SHEET

# GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY MULTILATERALISM

**Effective, viable responses to global challenges can only be found in a multilateral framework. Switzerland will therefore advocate focused and efficient multilateralism. Thanks to the mechanisms of International Geneva, Switzerland can contribute to global solutions.**

## UN

Switzerland has a strong multilateral profile, which is being further sharpened by its seat in the UN Security Council in 2023 and 2024. It aims to mediate global solutions as a bridge-builder. To remain relevant, multilateralism and thus also the UN and its specialised agencies need to be more effective. Reforms are therefore essential. From Switzerland's point of view, reforms should include clarifying and sharpening mandates, intensifying partnerships and coordination between actors, and identifying complementary overlaps within the system. That would make it possible to reduce duplications of effort and exploit synergies.

## Other multilateral organisations and forums

In the World Trade Organization (WTO), Switzerland defends its trade policy interests and supports measures to create optimum transparency. Regular participation as a guest in various G20 working groups allows Switzerland to present its interests at the highest global level. It participates in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). As the head of a voting constituency in the Bretton Woods Institutions and as a member of the governing bodies of the regional development banks, Switzerland plays an active role in shaping their strategic, institutional and operational orientation.

## International Geneva

International Geneva is a neutral location for negotiations in the framework of Switzerland's good offices, international dialogue and the search for forward-looking solutions. As a global hub for cooperation, it also represents a bridge between Europe and countries of the Global South. Switzerland will reinforce the competitiveness of International Geneva, especially in the areas of digitalisation, science diplomacy and the environment. Additionally, it will define its future positioning as a host state with its multilateralism strategy.

## 2030 Agenda

Switzerland will contribute to the efficient implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In doing so, it will give equal consideration to the three dimensions – the environment, the economy and society – in an integrated manner. It will promote an effective follow-up 'post-2030' agenda.



**41** international organisations are based in the Lake Geneva region.



Switzerland is already a member of the UN Security Council for the period 2023–24, and it is a candidate for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council for the period 2025–27.



Full section of the strategy