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To whom it may concern

Beijing, Zurich, July 16, 2025

Subject: Invitation to the 4th Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum in Shanghai, August 27–29, 2025

Dear Distinguished Guest

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the **4th Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum**, which will take place in **Shanghai from August 27 to 29, 2025**.

In light of the global challenges posed by climate change and rapid urbanization, this year's Forum will focus on strengthening local cooperation between China and Switzerland in the areas of **green energy transition, sustainable urban development, and innovation for ageing societies**. The event will bring together government representatives, academic experts, and business leaders to share experiences, explore synergies, and identify practical pathways toward carbon neutrality and sustainable development.

The Forum will open with a **welcome dinner** on the evening of **Wednesday, August 27**, followed by a **full-day programme on Thursday, August 28**, including an **opening ceremony**, two parallel **breakout sessions** on key themes—**green energy and carbon neutrality**, and **smart cities and sustainable urban development**—as well as **concluding remarks**, a **networking lunch**, and **site visits** in the afternoon for Swiss participants. The Forum will conclude with a buffet dinner on Thursday evening, and **participants will depart on Friday, August 29**.

Please take a look at the attached programme for further information.

We very much hope you will be able to join us for this meaningful exchange and contribute your insights to the ongoing dialogue on Sino-Swiss sustainability cooperation.

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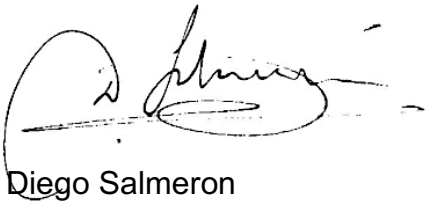
We look forward to welcoming you in Shanghai.

Yours sincerely,

For the Organizing Committee and on behalf of CPAFFC and SCA



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Annexure:

Programme of 4th Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum

I. Date
August 27 to 29, 2025

II. Location
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
Headquarters address: No.7, Lane 622, Huaihai Middle Road, Shanghai

III. Context

In the global context of addressing climate change and promoting green development, digital transformation has become an important pathway for countries to achieve their carbon neutrality goals, while also creating new opportunities for local cooperation between China and Switzerland. Switzerland's technological innovations in areas such as smart cities, clean energy, and the circular economy can be combined with China's vast market scale and advanced digital infrastructure advantages, with their unique complementarity laying a solid foundation for bilateral cooperation.

This Forum will explore key local development issues such as green energy transition, smart city development and environmental governance, as well as innovation in urban development to meet the challenges of an ageing society, through a combination of government policy interpretation, corporate case sharing, and academic achievement presentation, to promote mutual learning and exchange of local governance experiences between China and Switzerland, and jointly explore practical and feasible sustainable development pathways.

IV. Scale
Approximately 150 participants

V. Participants

Chinese Side:
- Shanghai Municipal Government Leaders
- Leaders of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- Representatives from Provincial/Municipal Governments
- Industry and Enterprise Representatives
- Academic Representatives

Swiss Side:
- Federal Representatives
- The Swiss Embassy in China
- Swiss Consulate General in Shanghai
- Swiss Business Hub (Beijing, Shanghai, tbc)
- Swissnex Shanghai (tbc)
- SwissCham Shanghai (tbc)
- Swiss Companies & Associations
- SCA (Board Members and Honorary President)

VI. Programme

Wednesday, August 27
Arrival in Shanghai, Check-in hotel

Accomodation (recommendation):
Okura Garden Hotel Shanghai, 58 Mao Ming Road, Shanghai 200020
https://www.gardenhotelshanghai.com/

17.45: Group photo of key Chinese and foreign guests before dinner
18:00: Welcome Dinner for the 4th Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum

Thursday, August 28
08:40-08:55 Small-group Meeting of Leaders from Both Sides

09:00-09:30 Opening Ceremony
* Moderator: Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office / Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC)
- Address by Shanghai Municipal Leader
- Address by Senior Representative of the Swiss Federal Government
- Address by Leader of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- Address by Representative of the Swiss-Chinese Association

09:45-12:15 Breakout Sessions
Breakout Session I: Green Energy Transition and Carbon Neutrality
* Host: Shanghai
* Speakers:
- Shanghai Representative (1)
- Representatives from Other Chinese Provinces/Cities (3)
- Swiss Representatives (4)

Breakout Session II: Sustainable Urban Development and Smart Cities
* Host: Shanghai
* Speakers:
- Shanghai Representative (1)
- Representatives from Other Chinese Provinces/Cities (3)
- Swiss Representatives (4)

12:20-12:30 Concluding Remarks
- Swiss Representative
- CPAFFC Representative

12:40-13:40 Buffet Lunch

14:15-18:30 Group Visit for Swiss Participants
- Option 1: Visits to Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center,
- Option 2: Visit to Yangpu Riverside, etc.
- Option 3: TBC (to be further confirmed)

18:45-20:00 Buffet Dinner

Friday, August 29
Departure from Shanghai