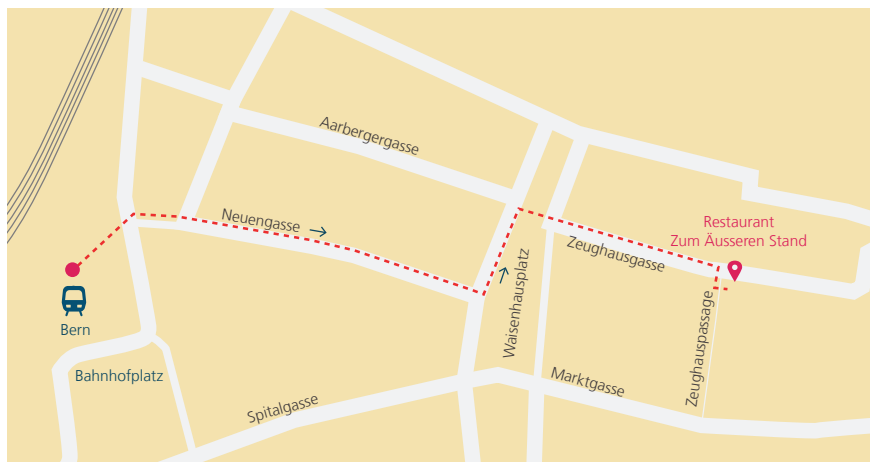


## Further Information

### Venue

Restaurant Zum Äusseren Stand, Zeughausgasse 17, Bern



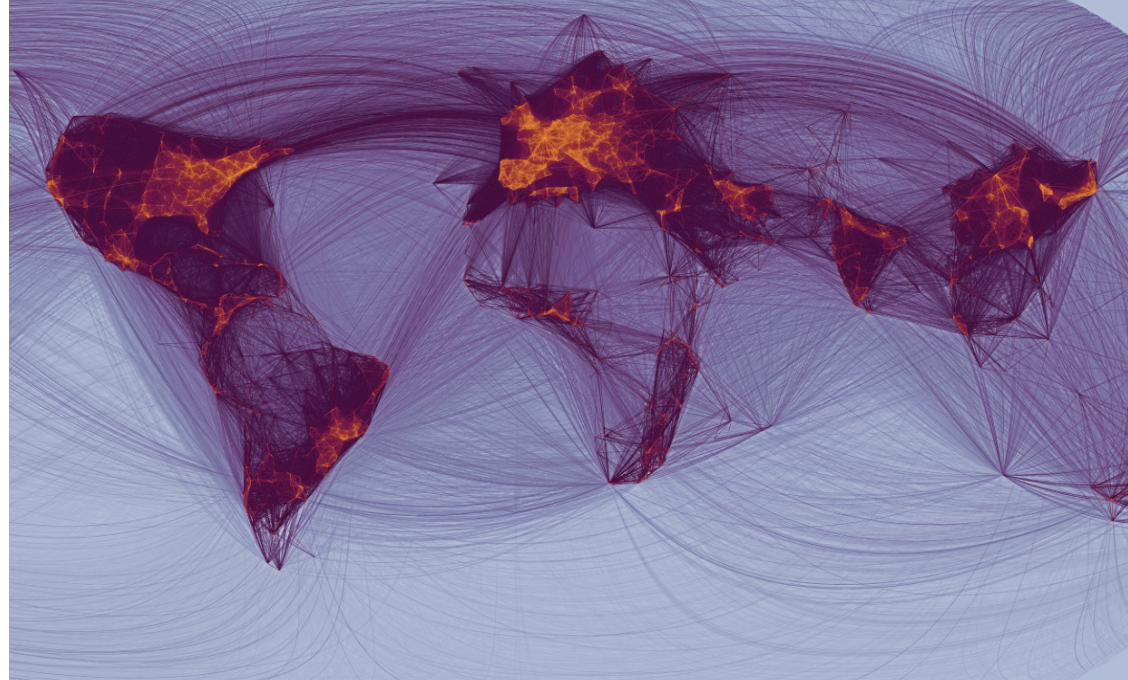
Exit Bern train station and head east towards Neuengasse.  
Turn left on Waisenhausplatz, right on Zeughausgasse  
until the Restaurant Zum Äusseren Stand (Zeughausgasse 17).

The conference is open to the public and free of charge.

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## Leveraging Research Partnerships for Global Challenges 20 years of KFPE Guidelines

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## Background

The context in which research questions are formulated has changed dramatically in the 20 years since the Guidelines were drafted. Key terms such as multipolar world, Anthropocene, or global transformation highlight such changes. In addition, our understanding of development has evolved markedly; today, all countries are considered as ‘developing’. The Agenda 2030 can be understood as a melting pot of the diversity of elements indicative of transformative change.

This does not mean that research partnerships today are fundamentally different than they were 20 years ago. However, research has become more complex and evolved to require a broader and more in-depth view of external determining factors. These include the research policy framework as well as ‘the new expectations and tasks’ faced by research partnerships.

## Focus of the conference

The 2030 Agenda is ambitious because of not only the number of outlined objectives and the topics they address, but also because of two additional fundamental challenges. The first is the time horizon: in just 12 years, we are meant to have moved into the post-fossil age, or at least such a shift should be in sight. This requires a pragmatic approach, building on prevailing knowledge and existing capacities. The second challenge is systemic in nature: the 2030 Agenda also call for a new global partnership. Such a partnership should be inclusive and multidisciplinary, with stakeholders from politics, the private sector, civil society, as well as, explicitly, the research domain. What this means, for the respective stakeholders, or how it is effectively achieved, is left open. The challenges for science and research are therefore twofold: they are to translate, in a short space of time, knowledge into action, while also help establish a new global partnership for sustainable development. In tangible terms, what does that mean for research partnerships? Simply suppliers of scientific evidence to political decision-makers? Or designers of solutions (including dos and don'ts)? Or even active players in generating transformative change (engagement), beyond the traditional role of research?

## Programme

- 8:45 Registration
- 9:15 Welcome by **Marcel Tanner**, President of SCNAT
- 9:30 Introduction by **Thomas Breu**, President of KFPE

### Setting the stage – The new roles and tasks for science and research partnerships

- 9:45 **Melissa Leach**, Director, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton  
**Mohamed Hassan**, President of the Sudanese National Science Academy and Founding Executive Director of TWAS
- 10:15 Panel discussion moderated by **Silvia Hostettler**, Deputy Director of CODEV (EPFL)
- 11:15 **Break**

### Views and perceptions from different regions – How do scientific systems in different regions develop and what is the potential of research partnerships?

- 11:45 **Xiao-Nong Zhou**, Director, National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, China  
**Maria Balarin**, GRADE (Group for the Analysis of Development), Peru  
**George Oduor** (Kenya), Global Director, Value Chains & Trade, CAB International
- 12:10 Panel discussion moderated by **Elisio Macamo**, Centre for African Studies Basel
- 13:00 **Lunch**

### Adaptations in science policies and funding systems

- 14:00 **Helen Fletcher**, Challenge Leader for Health to the Global Challenge Research Fund  
**Tatjana von Steiger**, Deputy Head at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Global Cooperation Department  
**Matthias Egger**, President of the Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation  
**Mohamed Hassan**, President of the Sudanese National Science Academy
- 14:30 Panel discussion moderated by **Peter Messerli**, Director of Centre for Development and Environment and Co-Chair of the Global Sustainable Development Report
- 15:30 Concluding remarks – take home messages  
**Thomas Breu**, President of KFPE
- 15:45 **Reception**