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## r4d (Research for Development) Programme Conference

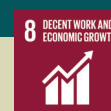
# Job Creation and Conditions for a Social and Environmental Impact

## Discussion of Results from Current Research on Labour Markets

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2:30–6 pm CEST/GMT+2

Hybrid conference: University of Lausanne, Switzerland (UNIL, [Amphimax](#)) and online

**Goal:** Explore the findings of r4d research in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ghana and Switzerland on job creation and employment conditions, and examine their impact for future projects within the International Cooperation community.



## PROGRAMME

### Opening Speakers

- **Mehrotra Santosh**, Visiting Professor, Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, UK
- **Caroline Revaz**, Swiss Politician, Member of the Green Liberal Party, Scientific Advisor at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

## RESEARCH RESULTS

The results are presented in panel discussions by researchers involved in recent studies carried out in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ghana and other partner countries of the r4d programme. The panels are enlivened by short films on research findings and interactive breakout sessions, enabling active participant engagement.

## RESEARCH FINDINGS AND FILMS

### TEXTILE

#### Skills for Industry – Bangladesh

- **Markus Maurer**, Professor of Vocational Education, PHZH, Zurich, Switzerland
- **Atonu Rabbani**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

### AGRAR

#### Feminisation, Agricultural Transition and Rural Employment – Bolivia

- **Sabin Bieri**, Director, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), Bern, Switzerland
- **Elizabeth Jiménez**, Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Doctorate in Development Sciences, Bolivia

## DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

**MODERNIZATION, PROFESSIONALIZATION, PRODUCTIVITY INCREASE:  
WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?**  
**FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS, TRADE POLICIES, FORMAL AND INFORMAL  
SECTORS: WHAT CONDITIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR A POSITIVE SOCIAL  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?**

## PANEL 1

Karin Frei, Moderator, former journalist TV SRF Der Club, Switzerland

- Atonu Rabbani, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Sabin Bieri, Director, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), Bern, Switzerland
- Valérie Berset Bircher, Ambassador, SECO, Switzerland

## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Nicolas Depetris Chauvin, Professor of International Economics, HEG, Geneva, Switzerland
- Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Richard de Raismes Kip Professor, University of North Florida

## ACTIVISTS' STATEMENTS

- Dan-Thomas Elbaum, Student International Relations, UNIGE; Member of Green Switzerland
- Jessica Gauch, Researcher, PhD candidate, UNIFR, Switzerland

## DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

### FUTURE CHANGES

HOW CAN THE RESEARCH RESULTS INFLUENCE PROJECTS IN THE FIELD AND INITIATIVES OF IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES, NGOs AND THE DONOR COMMUNITY?

## PANEL 2

Karin Frei, Moderator, former journalist TV SRF Der Club, Switzerland

- Hans-Peter Egler, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, South Pole, Switzerland
- Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Kip Professor of Economics and Distinguished Professor at the University of North Florida, USA
- Guido Beltrani, Co-Head, Expert Team Inclusive Economic Development, SDC, Switzerland
- Hilda Liswani, Tech4Dev Sustainability Engagement Manager, EPFL, Switzerland

## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Take Aways and Future Direction** | Interactive plenary discussion

Moderated by

- Irenka Krone-Germann, Co-Head of Networks, Knowledge Management and Communication, cinfo, Switzerland
- Hans Peter Egler, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, Public Sector, South Pole, Switzerland

Closing statements and key messages

## Costs

Hybrid event: Join us onsite (90 CHF / Students 40 CHF) or online (80 CHF / Students 30 CHF).  
Waivers available.

**More info and registration at [r4dconference.ch](https://r4dconference.ch)**

The event is followed by an aperitif for those joining onsite.

