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Chile – Switzerland

Scientific Cooperation

Action Plan



Agreements Chile – Switzerland

- Outline agreement about Scientific Cooperation from 1968
 - should be revised
- Free Trade Agreement EFTA Chile
- Investment Protection Agreement
- Double Taxation Agreement
- Action Plan for Scientific Cooperation 2008 - 2011



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Background

- 24.01.07: Chile becomes a priority country for Switzerland in the promotion of research, education and innovation in its 2008 – 2011 plan (together with China, India, Russia, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and South Korea)
- 01.06.07: President Bachelet signs a letter of intent to intensify the bilateral cooperation in the field of Science with Switzerland during her official state visit.
- August 07: Exploratory Mission to Chile led by State Secretary Kleiber which defines the fields of mutual interest and lays the basis for the Action Plan
- June 2008: Action Plan is signed



Major areas of cooperation

(for the period 2008 – 2011)

- Energy
 - energy efficiency, alternative renewables (PV, thermo solar and geothermal of common interest and wind, primarily for Chile), small hydro, public policy, regulatory policy, second generation biofuels
- Climate Change
 - (past, present and future scenarios), Climate variability including long-term trends, observations and regional models, impacts of Climate Change on natural and managed systems (life support systems, including economy and society).



Possible further areas for the period after 2011

- Industrial processes, systems biology, Bio active processes
- Applied Maths and Computer Science
- Astronomy and Astrophysics and Applied related technologies
- Health: social epidemiology, mental health, HIV
- Technology Transfer: Solar power generation, MEMS technology, S&T TechParks, process of tech transfer and technoparks, photo voltaic and thermo solar.



Mechanisms

- Implementation:
 - On the Swiss Side:
 - State Secretariat for Education and Research SER (operative side by EPFL)
 - On the Chilean Side:
 - CONICYT
- Scientific Evaluation:
 - Joint decision
 - Joint financing



Financial Resources

- the contribution of each country should be overall balanced within the 4-year-period 2008-2011.
- Funding of selected initiatives will be jointly agreed.
- Funding can be completed by other institutions.



What has been done so far

- Projects:
 - 4 Projects (funding from Chilean side still pending).
- Scholarships:
 - 2009 / 20010: 5 – 10 scholarships should be accepted by Switzerland
 - Switzerland is one of the countries which are important to the scholarships of the Comisión Bicentenario. A convention between the Ministry of Education of Chile and the Conference of the Rectors of Swiss Universities has been signed.





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Thank you very much

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