Call for Solution Initiatives – Collaboration for Transformation

**Motivation**

SDSN Switzerland is a network that promotes collaboration among its members and partners to develop transformative solutions for a sustainable future. The network and its partners: (1) enable project activities leading to transformation, (2) increase the visibility of the network to attract new members and partners, and (3) strengthen and build the capacity of members and partners.

**Overall objective**

In this **call for proposals**,SDSN members from Switzerland and their partners are invited to submit proposals for projects and activities that contribute to accelerating the implementation of the SDGs in Switzerland and beyond called Solution Initiatives. We invite you to develop and test innovative solutions that open up transformative pathways to sustainable development. Your proposal of a Solution Initiative should address a well-defined problem, be scalable, collaborative and leverage the science-policy interface through the SDSN network. SDSN Switzerland will engage with the Solution Initiative, and promote it in the global SDSN Network.

**What is a Solution Initiative**

Solution Initiatives are projects which contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals in Switzerland and beyond. Solution Initiatives promote systemic approaches for implementing the SDGs rather than focus on one specific SDG. Solution Initiatives test new ways to promote the SDGs through collaborative action, exploring social or technical innovations, develop and demonstrate transformative pathways or leverage the science-policy interface. Please check our website for more information: [www.sdsn.ch/solution-initiatives](http://www.sdsn.ch/solution-initiatives)

**Application**

SDSN members from Switzerland and their partners are eligible to respond to this Call. Proposals ideally involve collaboration between at least two members of SDSN Switzerland, with one member designated as the contact person for the proposal and project. Project proposals may be submitted **until 29.05.2020** in English, French or German. Participation is free of charge. The application must be submitted using the attached template and sent to [sdsnswitzerland@biovision.ch](mailto:sdsnswitzerland@biovision.ch) with cc to Jorge Tamayo ([j.tamayo@biovision.ch](mailto:j.tamayo@biovision.ch)). The project period can be up to **one year** and the application must include a work plan with milestones and budget. The budget can include an expected co-funding of SDSN Switzerland of up to CHF 40’000. The requested amount can be less than the maximum.

**Selection**

The Executive Committee of SDSN Switzerland will select one or more than one submitted Solution Initiatives based on the criteria defined below. There is no right of appeal. All members who submitted a proposal will be notified before 30 June 2020.

**Selection criteria**

The following criteria will be considered when assessing your proposal:

General

* Meeting the formal requirements specified above
* Relevance to accelerating the implementation 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals in Switzerland and beyond
* Cooperation among members of SDSN as well as information on possible further cooperation with other members of SDSN and/or organizations

Contents and ideas of the proposal

* Are the objectives (expected outcomes) clear and well-aligned with the Call?
* How creative and innovative is the approach?
* Is the idea sustainable?
* To which extent is the idea scalable?
* Who can use/benefit from the project?
* Is the planned implementation of the project realistic?
* What is the potential impact of the project?

Budget and economic efficiency

* Is the budget reasonable and realistic?
* Economic viability and efficiency
* Share of the financial contribution of the applicant (other donors, in-kind contribution)

**Reporting**

The selected initiative(s) will be required to provide yearly progress and financial reports. They are also expected to contribute content to SDSN Switzerland publications.

**Data Privacy**

Your application will be treated confidentially.

**Submission of the proposal**

* Please complete the following form (3 pages max).
* Please attach the budget (including all financial information and the requested contribution from SDSN Switzerland).

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| **PROPOSAL FOR SOLUTION INITIATIVE** | **Title:** | **Lead organization:**    **Date:** |
| **Duration:** | **Location:** | |
| **Contact person:** | **Partner organization(s), if applicable:** | |
| **Rationale**  *Outline of what the initiative is, why it is important and how it will work* | | |
| **Expected results (outcomes):**  *What does the initiative want to achieve?*    **Outputs (e.g products):**  *What are the deliverables of the initiative?*  1)  2)  3) | | |
| **Target audience / beneficiaries:** | | |
| **Sustainability of the intervention / options for scaling up after completion of the initiative**  *Outline how you ensure that the project unfolds impact beyond the project period. How can the impact reach scale?* | | |
| **Monitoring**  *Please indicate how progress and success of the initiative will be measured.* | | |
| **Budget**  Total budget:  Own contribution:  Amount requested from SDSN Switzerland: | | |