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The ecological dimension of sustainability is to be a new priority in foreign policy. It concerns both Switzerland's domestic policy and its foreign policy. Hence, ensuring coherence in this area is important. The key themes are the climate, biodiversity and pollution. The Federal Council will also update its energy foreign policy.

Climate change

Tackling the climate crisis is becoming a central task for domestic and foreign policy. Switzerland will advocate an effective international climate regime that is also binding on the major emitters. Developing countries need to be given support in implementing climate policy and adopting climate measures. As part of its international cooperation work, Switzerland will support low-emission, climate-resistant development paths in its priority countries. It will secure access to CO2 storage facilities abroad by means of bilateral agreements.

Biodiversity and pollution

Abundant biodiversity that is resilient in the face of change could help mitigate climate change and its consequences. Measures are needed at both the local and global levels, and international coordination is essential. Switzerland will promote the protection and sustainable use of global biodiversity. It will strive to secure greater synergies between the relevant conventions and to achieve the goals set out in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which was adopted in 2022 in Montreal. In the areas of chemicals and waste, raw material extraction and trading, and infrastructure, it will aim for high standards.

Energy

The Federal Council will update its energy foreign policy, in particular with a view to improving Switzerland's energy security and civilian nuclear safety. To this end, it is working to ensure that its investments in the energy sector are secured under international law. Switzerland will drive forward the implementation of the energy-related goals in the 2030 Agenda and improve access to clean energy (at reasonable prices) as part of its international cooperation work.

THE ENVIRONMENT



Max.

+1,5°C

Global warming



70%

imported energy



700 million
people worldwide
without electricity

