



SANTD

Swiss Alliance against Neglected Tropical Diseases
Schweizer Allianz gegen vernachlässigte Tropenkrankheiten

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on behalf of the Board

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Overview

- **Network of NGOs, educational and research institutes and pharmaceutical companies in Switzerland**
 - **Awareness for existing resources**
 - **Lobby to acquire new resources**
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History

- **Idea floated by small group of interested individuals**
 - **Informal discussions in second half of 2016**
 - **Launch meeting in Jan 2017 to discuss vision, goals etc.**
 - **Founded April 2017 (finalization of statutes)**
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Member's list (2017)



Aim & Vision

Creating a stronger, more visible and better-resourced Swiss answer to the global challenge of neglected tropical diseases.

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Sustaining and increasing Swiss commitment to control, elimination and/or eradication of neglected tropical diseases.

Overarching goals

- **Creating awareness for NTDs**
 - **Development of new and user-friendly drugs, diagnostic tests and interventions**
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- **Improving relevant training at universities**
 - **Closing the investment gap**
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Advocacy & Communication

- **Influencing political agenda setting**
 - **Shifting the focus from short-term to long-term thinking**
 - **Making the Swiss public aware of the global challenge of NTDs**
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Networking & Research

- **Platform for knowledge sharing**
 - **Foster synergies through the mapping of expertise, stakeholders and existing networks**
 - **Easy access to NTD expertise for other organizations**
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Holistic view on NTDs

- **NTDs as indicator for poverty and inequity**
 - **NTDs as a challenge for global health**
 - **Quitting the “silo mentality” by establishing collaborations with WASH, DID, Malaria...**
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Structure

- **Founded in Geneva on 20 April 2017**
 - **First general assembly: 08 December 2017 (Basel)**
 - **Organized as an association**
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Structure

- **Coordinated by a Secretariat**
 - **Governed by an Executive Board (currently seven members)**
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Membership

- **Open to organizations as well as individuals**
 - **Requirement for membership: legal seat in Switzerland**
 - **General Assembly approves new members by vote**
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Finance model

- **Annual membership fee**
 - **Tier-based (assigned by self-assessment)**
 - **Tiers are structured by income and organizational form**
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Current situation

- **Operational since April**
 - **Establishing finance model for memberships**
 - **Running on start-up budget (donations by members and Swiss government)**
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Current situation

- **Creation of identity (logo, branding, website, etc.)**

 - **Working groups for activities in 2018**
 - Working group 1/Goal 1: Creating a stronger, more visible and better-resourced Swiss answer to the global challenge of NTDs
 - Working group 2/Goal 2: Sustaining and increasing Swiss commitment to control, eliminate and/or eradicate NTDs
 - Working group 3/Goal 3: To enhance advocacy, public relations and technical/information exchange activities

 - **Mapping of existing, internal resources**
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Future plans

- **Realization of first activities in 2018**
 - **Collaboration with the Swiss Malaria Group**
 - **Connecting with**
 - **Similar networks in neighbor countries**
 - **Associations and parliaments groups with related interests**
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