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Changes at the top for Swisscontact

## **A new management duo has taken the helm**

**The former Chairman of the Swisscontact Foundation Board, Heinrich M. Lanz, passed the torch to his successor Thomas D. Meyer on 2 June 2021. Meyer and the new CEO, Philippe Schneuwly, who takes over from Samuel Bon, will form the new team at the head of Swisscontact from June 2021.**

The Swisscontact offices said goodbye to Heinrich M. Lanz and Samuel Bon, its former Chairman of the Foundation Board and CEO respectively, and welcomed their successors, Thomas D. Meyer and Philippe Schneuwly, into their new roles at yesterday's official handover.

### **Ready for the future**

Lanz and Bon, who had each held their role for a number of years, both made it clear in their speeches that this change in leadership puts Swisscontact in an excellent position going forwards. Despite the great challenges over recent years – particularly the COVID-19 pandemic – the foundation has managed to utilise its stable structures, networks and partnerships to strengthen resilience to crises. “Swisscontact has proved that the organisation has a strong innovative spirit. I want to continue to drive this forwards and use it to benefit our projects”, said the new CEO Philippe Schneuwly, who has worked at Swisscontact since 2009.

### **Working towards objectives with the private sector**

“For me, it is particularly important to mobilise new partnerships with the private sector. Development cooperation work – and therefore achieving the development goals of the UN's 2030 Agenda – can only succeed through collaborations with companies, and therefore the support of the economy”, explained Thomas D. Meyer, the new Chairman of the Foundation Board.

Further information:

[Media release from 4 March 2021: Swisscontact appoints new CEO](#)

[Thomas D. Meyer CV](#)

**About Swisscontact**

Swisscontact is a leading organisation for the implementation of international development projects. It promotes integrative economic, social and ecological development in order to contribute to sustainable and wide-reaching prosperity in developing and emerging nations. This provides economically and socially disadvantaged people with opportunities to improve their livelihood independently. Swisscontact is an independent charitable foundation set up under Swiss law in 1959.

It helps people to develop their skills so that they can improve their employment prospects, increases the competitiveness of companies to facilitate their growth, and promotes socio-economic systems to facilitate holistic development.

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