**PARIS CONFERENCE COP21 (30.11-11.12) – swissinfo’s production**

The TPT’s are in red. The others stories are optional. We will have to have 2 TPT’s before the conference, another one during (to be decided which one, I suggest the Swiss role in climate talks) and of course one at the end (with the outcome of the conference/press review).

Before the COP21:

* **Two opinion papers**: one from the business world (Kurt Lanz, Economiesuisse) and one from an environmental body/association (Patrick Hofstetter, Climate Alliance/WWF). The text focus on one main question: “What do you expect from the COP21?”. **Already available in German. To be published from now on (but before the 27th of November)**

WWF: <https://studio.silium.ch/blueprint/servlet/page/ger/politik/standpunkt_paris--gilt-es-nun-ernst-mit-dem-klimaschutz-/41768520?view=fragmentPreview&p13n_test=true&p13n_testcontext=0>

Economiesuisse: <https://studio.silium.ch/blueprint/servlet/page/ger/politik/standpunkt_die-grosse-klimakonferenz-und-die-kleine-schweiz/41769126?view=fragmentPreview&p13n_test=true&p13n_testcontext=0>

* **Where’s the money? (Paula)**. Finding climate change solutions will depend not only on regulations and innovation, but ultimately on finance to introduce technologies and changes required to maintain global temperatures within the targeted 2 degrees Celsius. Much of the finance for climate change mitigation/adaptation programs is expected to come from the private sector. What are Swiss firms involved in green finance doing to match innovation to funds? **Ready. TPT 18.11.**
* <https://studio.silium.ch/blueprint/servlet/page/eng/sci-tech/climate-finance_cop21-paris--where-s-the-money-/41745214?view=fragmentPreview&p13n_test=true&p13n_testcontext=0>
* **REDD+ and banking (Paula)**: A look at a report published by UNEP offering ideas on how banks’ and investors’ risk policies on soft commodities can benefit REDD+ (the UN’s programme for preserving the earth’s lungs). Credit Suisse (and UBS to a lesser extent) have been particularly active in offering finance to soft commodity producers (fruit, coffee, sugar, etc. ) with an eye on how these may potentially affect forests. How are producers defined? What about the lose existing regulations regarding certifiable production? What exactly do investors and banks offer? Have these policies gained ground over recent years within the sector? How aware are banks to climate change issues? **Ready by the third week of November.**
* **Opener of the COP 21 (Luigi):** Article presenting the official position/expectation of Swiss authorities. **TPT 27.11 (Ready around the 20th).**

On the 30.11 (beginning of the COP21), we will publish the **climate change dossier** on the front page.

During the COP21:

* **How is Switzerland’s role in climate change talks perceived by other negotiators? (Paula).** Switzerland is part of the Economic Integrity Group within UNFCCC talks, bringing together a small group of diverse countries, that are not part of other regional or political groupings. The group, and particularly Switzerland has been playing an increasingly influential voice in talks, due to its perceived neutral position. What do other countries therefore have to say about Switzerland in the talks? How active is CH in behind the door negotiations? **Ready by the 3rd or 4th of December**.
* **Paris as a networking hub (Paula).** The COP meetings can be seen as the Davos’ of climate change issues. Aside from the two week long political discussions at the COP, the climate change talks attract representatives from NGOs, private enterprises, scientific experts, students, religious figures and members of civic society groups, all vying for attention from others? Why are they there? What is on their agendas? What sort of deals are being struck? How do they interact? We look at groups/firms/authorities in attendance (whenever possible Swiss ones), including some of the original ways that they communicate with each other. **Ready by the 8th of December**.
* **Red-CH will probably have a blog.** We will receive daily contributions from Paris (1500-2000 characters max, in French) written by members of the newly formed Swiss Youth for Climate. Of course, other departments are free to take it or not.
* Paula will send other articles during the COP, based on conference news/developments.

After the COP21

* **Analysis paper and/or press review** (12, 13 or 14.12)