



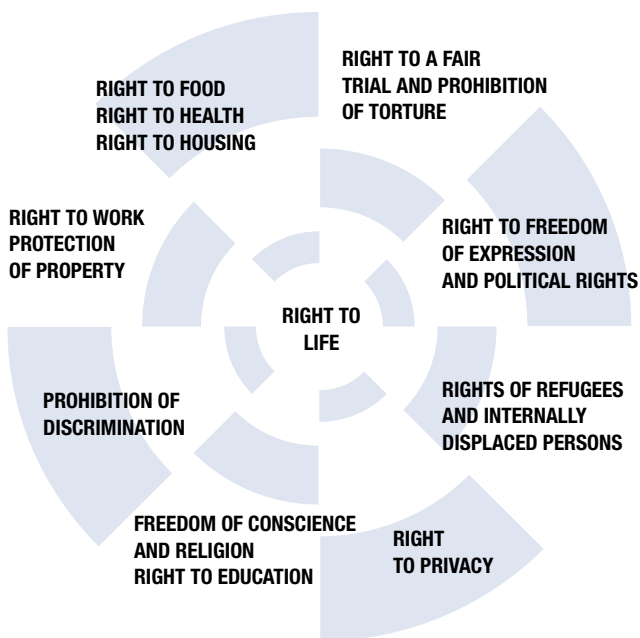
SWISS CENTRE OF EXPERTISE IN HUMAN RIGHTS



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SWITZERLAND AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights are an integral part of the Swiss legal system. They are based on international treaties ratified by Switzerland. Civil and political rights are also incorporated as fundamental rights in the Federal Constitution.



Switzerland has made significant contributions to the development of international law that protects human life and dignity. Today, human rights enjoy a high standard of protection in Switzerland.

However, violations of human rights are a concern here too. Vulnerable members of society, such as children, migrants and persons with disabilities, are at particular risk.

THE SCHR FILLS IN THE GAPS

Human rights issues are often highly complex and multifaceted.

How can we ensure that our treatment of older people reflects human rights?

What can we do to combat discrimination?

How can Swiss companies avoid their foreign investments having an adverse impact on human rights?

In Switzerland too, there is a need to inform about and act on human rights. The Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights (SCHR) supports authorities, civil society, and the private sector in the implementation of international human rights obligations in Switzerland.

WHO WE ARE

The SCHR

- **creates a network of human rights experts from the Universities of Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Neuchâtel, and Zurich;**
- **conducts practical and high-quality research in a Swiss context;**
- **is politically independent;**
- **provides services as tasked by the Federal Government;**
- **handles mandates from authorities, civil society, and the private sector;**
- **is not a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) according to the Paris Principles adopted by the UN General Assembly.**

WHAT WE OFFER

The SCHR

- **produces practice-based studies and expert reports on current issues;**
- **organises conferences and training courses;**
- **provides information and advice;**
- **strengthens the capacity of the various actors protecting and promoting human rights;**
- **analyses and translates international requirements for companies based or operating in Switzerland;**
- **promotes public debate about human rights;**
- **does not deal with individual human rights cases.**

**“All human beings
are born free and equal
in dignity and rights.”**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948

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