



International Conference on ICT for Sustainability Industry & Policy Leaders Day



Monday, 8 June 2026 - Bern University of Applied Sciences



“Our Common Digital Future”

09:00 **Peter Woodward**, Facilitator, Quest Associates
Prof. Dr. Ingrid Kissling-Naef, Director of Business School, Bern University of Applied Sciences
Daniel Dubas, Delegate Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development
Welcome Notes

09:35 Morning Plenary Session: Does Digital Transformation Serve Sustainable Development?

Prof. Dr. Adrian Friday, Professor of Computing and Sustainability, Lancaster University
The Impact of Technology on People and the Planet

Gerhard Andrey, National Councillor, Swiss Parliament | Co-Founder of Liip
Keynote title (tbc)

Additionally on panel:

Robin Zuercher, Program Lead Green Digital Action, International Telecommunication Union

10:40 ————— Coffee Break —————

11:10 **Footprint: Meeting Digitalizations' Energy and Resources Demand**

Louise Aubet, Resilio Solutions
The Environmental Impacts of Digital Technologies: Status Quo and Future Scenarios

Yves Zischek, Digital Realty Switzerland
Data Center Energy Use and Reduction Strategies

Dr. Vlad Coroamă, Roegen Centre for Sustainability
Implications of Data Center Growth For Energy, Water and CO2 Emissions

Facilitator: **Dr. Monique Calisti**, President Digital for Planet | CEO Martel Innovate

Handprint: Accelerating Industrial Decarbonization Through Collaborative Platforms

Res Witschi, Swisscom
Decarbonization Through Data Platforms

Ina Walthert-Kaufmann, Amag
Case study 1: Car Body Industry

Nora Meier, Lidl Switzerland
Case study 2: Retail Food Industry

Facilitator: **Peter Woodward**, Quest Associates

12:40 ————— Networking Lunch —————





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13:40 The Power of Purchase: IT Procurement for Sustainability

Prof. Dr. Rika Koch, Professor for Public Procurement and Law, Bern University of Applied Sciences
Social Sustainability and Supply Chain Transparency, Recent Jurisprudence

Salome Schori, Head of Sustainable Procurement, Federal Office for the Environment
Sustainable Procurement: Role and Responsibility of the Government

Dr. Jakob Knauf, Project Manager Digital Sustainability, Axa
Private Sector Example: How to Purchase Displays Sustainably?

Facilitator: Peter Woodward

Additionally on panel:

Alain Gut, Board Member, Swico

15:10 _____ Coffee Break _____

15:30 Afternoon Plenary Session: Pathways to a Sustainable and Sovereign Digital Future

Prof. Dr. Cecilia Rikap, Associate Professor in Economics, Head of Research at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, University College London (UCL)
Keynote title (tbc)

Additionally on panel:

Prof. Dr. Adrian Friday, Professor of Computing and Sustainability, Lancaster University

Yves Zischek, CEO, Digital Reality Switzerland | Vice President, Swiss Data Center Association

Robin Zürcher, Program Lead Green Digital Action, International Telecommunication Union

16:55 Closing Remarks by the organizers

17:00 _____ Networking Drinks and Reception _____

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with the ticketing and the latest updates

