NCCR CLIM+ Kick-Off Event

10 September 2026, 10.00–13.30

Audi Max (HG F30), ETH Zurich, Main Building, Rämistrasse 101, Zurich

PROGRAM

09.30-10.00 Registration in the Foyer of Audimax

Moderation: Bettina Walch (Plan Biodivers Umweltkommunikation)

10.00 Welcome and introduction to the NCCR CLIM+

Prof. Dr. Sonia I. Seneviratne (ETH Zurich, NCCR CLIM+ Co-Director)
Prof. Dr. Karin Ingold (University of Bern, NCCR CLIM+ Co-Director)

10.20 From the proposal to the successful NCCR

Prof. Dr. Uwe Sauer (ETH Zurich, President of the Research Commission and representative of the Vice President for Research)
Prof. Dr. Hugues Abriel (University of Bern, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation until July 2026)

10.30 Keynotes on Climate Extremes and Society, with Q&A

- Natural sciences perspective:
  "Building the scientific basis for informed climate policy" by Prof. em. Dr. Thomas Stocker (University of Bern, Director of NCCR Climate 2009-2013)
- Humanities and social sciences perspective:
  „Learning from climate extremes and societies of the past" by Prof. Dr. Eleonora Rohland (Bielefeld University, Center for Interdisciplinary Research)
- Policy and practice perspective:
  "Climate adaptation in practice. A journey through the canton of Lucerne" by Jürgen Ragaller (Kanton Luzern, BUWD, Projekte und Strategie, Klima)

11.30 Panel discussion

Prof. em. Dr. Thomas Stocker
Prof. Dr. Eleonora Rohland
Jürgen Ragaller
Prof. Dr. David Bresch (ETH Zurich, NCCR CLIM+ Deputy Co-Director)
Prof. Dr. Olivia Romppainen-Martius (University of Bern, NCCR CLIM+ Deputy Co-Director)

12.15 From the two leading houses: Closing words and outlook

Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter (University of Bern, Rector)
Prof. Dr. Günther Dissertori (ETH Zurich, Rector)

12.30-13.30 Networking apéro

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