



World Meteorological Organization
Working together in weather, climate and water

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Statements of the national hydrological service of Switzerland

Organization, role and main tasks

- NHS of Switzerland is a division of the Office of the environment, with 5 sections and 60 collaborators (48 FTE)
- Surface (250 stations) and groundwater (500 stations), quality and quantity monitoring: for water resources, natural hazards and climate trends
- Hydrological forecast: for natural hazards (flood, drought) and navigation
- Understanding hydrological processes (research community)

Biggest success

- More personal for hydrological forecast
- What makes me happy at work is to coordinate the hydrological services with other environmental issues

Biggest failure

- Having been obliged to outsource the installation, maintenance and calibration of sensors
- What makes me unhappy at work is the idleness of structures in a changing world.

Expectations

- My main expectations :
 - At the national level: a better coordination of the monitoring of the water cycle
 - At international level: gain of experiences and recognition of the importance of hydrological services