

2026 Finance for Development (F4D) Partner Forum

Thursday, June 11, 2026 – Friday, June 12, 2026

Hybrid: Bern, Switzerland and online

Logistical Note

The Finance for Development (F4D) Partner Forum will take place on Thursday, June 11, 2026, and Friday, June 12, 2026, in the hybrid format: in person in Bern, Switzerland, and online. We put together this logistical note which we hope would help you in your travel preparation and arrangements. We are looking forward to seeing you soon in Bern!

FORUM WEBSITE: [F4D Partner Forum 2026](#)

IMPORTANT: All participants are required to bring their valid ID cards or passports to be able to access governmental buildings.

Partner Meeting Date, Time, Location, and Format

DATE: Day 1, Thursday, June 11, 2026

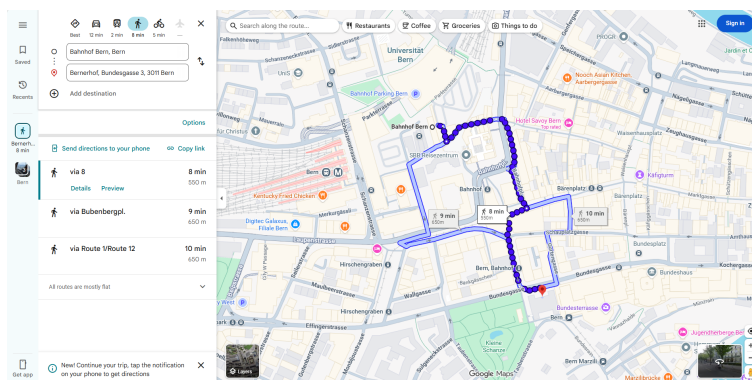
TIME: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

FORMAT: Hybrid

LOCATION: [Bernernhof](#) ([Bundesgasse 3, 3003 Bern, Switzerland](#))



Bernernhof is easily accessible from Bern railway station. The easiest way is to walk 8 min. Alternatively, take the bus line 10 (direction “Ostermundigen, Rüti”) or 19 (direction “Bern, Elfenau”) from “Bahnhof Bern” station to “Bundesplatz”.



Welcome Cocktails and Dinner Date, Time, Location, and Format

DATE: Day 1, Thursday, June 11, 2026

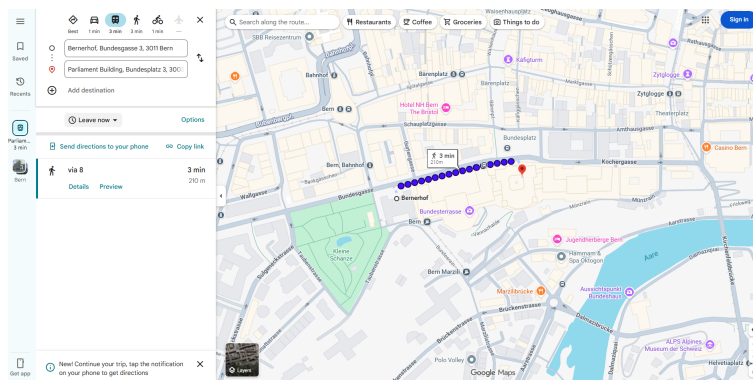
TIME: 7:00 pm – onwards

FORMAT: In person

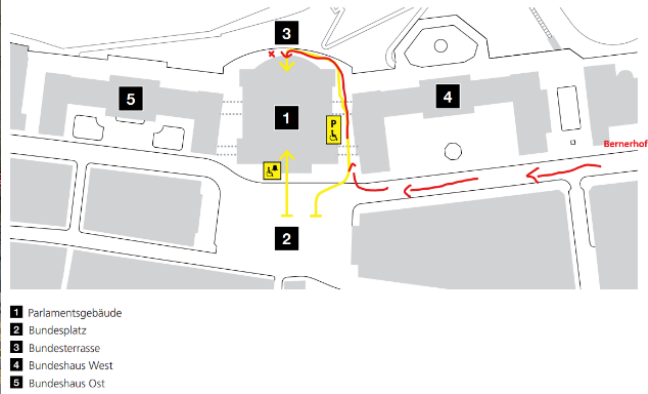
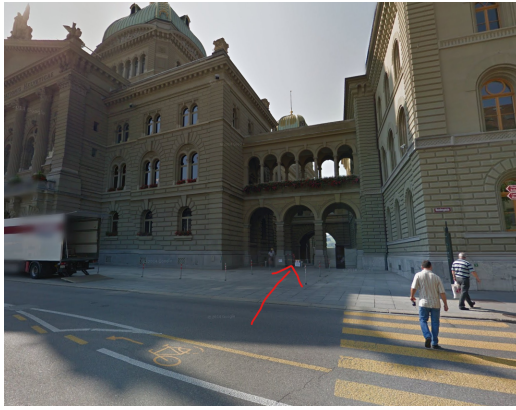
LOCATION: Galerie des Alpes Restaurant, Federal Palace ([Bundesplatz 3, 3003 Bern, Switzerland](#))



The Galerie des Alpes Restaurant is located in the Swiss Federal Palace, which is just 3 minutes' walking distance from the Bernerhof. The route from the Bern railway station to the Federal Palace is the same as to Bernerhof.



To enter, please go down these stairs and turn left. Someone will be waiting at the entrance (small x on the map) to guide you to the restaurant. Kindly note that a valid passport is strictly necessary to enter.



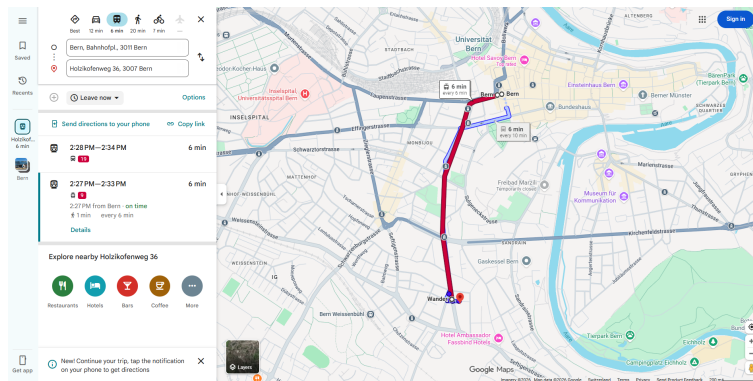
Partner Council Date, Time, Location, and Format
(F4D Partnership Council members only)

DATE: Day 2 Friday, June 12, 2026

TIME: 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

FORMAT: Hybrid

LOCATION: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO ([Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern, Switzerland](https://www.seco.admin.ch/holzikoefenweg-36-3003-bern-switzerland))



The SECO office is also easily accessible from the Bern railway station. The route takes 6 minutes. Take the bus line 19 (direction “Spiegel, Blinzern”) or tram line 9 (direction “Wabern, Tram-Endstation”) from “Bern” station to “Wander”.

Wi-Fi

In all locations of the Forum, the participants will be able to access free public governmental network. Detailed instructions for the internet connection will be printed out and distributed at the Forum locations.

Travel

Bern airport is located just outside of Bern, offering daily connections to many European cities. The international airports of Zurich, Basel, and Geneva are easy to reach using public transportation with travel times between 75 minutes and two hours. For more information check:

- [Getting around Bern - Bern Welcome My Switzerland](#)
- [Public Timetables and Connections](#)

Public transport in Bern

Switzerland has a very well-developed public transportation system. The tickets can be bought at the stations and via [SBB](#) website or app, where you can also get travel information.

Accommodation

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangement and are advised to directly contact the hotel of their choice to make the booking. The earlier you book a room, the more convenient and advantageous it will be. We recommend the following hotels:

1. [Bellevue Palace](#) (Kochergasse 3-5, 3011 Bern, Switzerland)
2. [Swissôtel Kursaal Bern](#) (Kornhausstrasse 3, 3013 Bern, Switzerland)
3. [Best Western Plus Hotel Bern](#) (Zeughausgasse 9, 3011 Bern, Switzerland)
4. [NH Bern The Bristol](#) (Schauplatzgasse 10, 3011 Bern, Switzerland)

Climate

June in Bern features warm, pleasant days and cool nights. Expect average daytime highs around 20°C-22°C (68°F-72°F) during the day and 11°C-12°C (52°F-54°F) at night. While sunny days are common, June is one of the rainy months, with frequent showers often occurring in the afternoon. Check the weather forecast [here](#).

Languages

The official languages of Switzerland are German, French, Italian, and Romansh. English is widely understood and spoken.

Time

UTC/GMT +1 hour

Electricity

The power supply in Switzerland is 230V AC, 50 Hz with Type J (3-pin) and Type C (2-pin Europlug) sockets. While Type C plugs fit, a specific Swiss Type J adapter is often needed. To use American-type plugs, a 220V transformer should be used together with an adapter plug.

Tourist attractions

The main tourist attraction in Bern is the Old City. The Old City of Bern has been labelled as UNESCO World Heritage for conserving its medieval urban structure whilst responding, over time, to the increasingly complex functions of a capital city of a modern State. The capital of Switzerland has many charms. Bern's quaint Old Town, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, is framed by the Aare river and offers spectacular views of the Alps. All information on the town can be found [here](#).

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