

**To the members of the Board of Directors of economiesuisse
To interested parties**

10 July 2026

Invitation

Economic Mission to India with State Secretary Helene Budliger Artieda (5 to 9 october 2026)

Ladies and Gentleman,

The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) has informed us that State Secretary Helene Budliger Artieda will lead an Economic Mission to India from 5 to 9 October 2026. She will be accompanied by a business and scientific delegation.

The aim of the Economic Mission is to mark the first anniversary of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between EFTA and India coming into force and to use this opportunity to reflect, together with India, on the progress made to date. Furthermore, Swiss companies will have the opportunity to raise their concerns regarding trade and investment directly.

SECO has asked us to coordinate the business delegation to India. We would therefore like to ask whether you, or a senior representative from your organisation, would like to be part of the business delegation.

Please note that representatives from Switzerland will be given priority over local representatives. SECO wishes to limit the maximum number of participants in the business delegation to 30 people.

If you are interested in taking part, please send the details below to moana.seif@economiesuisse.ch **as soon as possible and no later than Monday 31 August 2026: Surname, first name, organisation, E-mail.**

If you wish to involve **an assistant** to facilitate further processing, please provide us with that person's first name and surname, as well as their telephone number and email address.

If your organisation is currently implementing or planning a project in India for which SECO's support would be helpful, please feel free to mention this in your feedback.

Flight connections		
Outbound: Zurich – Delhi		
October 5, 12.10 pm	Zurich	Swiss International Air Lines LX 146
October 5, 11.35 pm	Delhi	
Return: Hyderabad – Zurich (via Frankfurt)		
October 9, 03.10 am	Hyderabad	Lufthansa LH 753
October 9, 09.05 am	Frankfurt	
Lay-over: 2h20		
October 9, 11.25 am	Frankfurt	Lufthansa LH 1188
October 9, 12.20 pm	Zurich	

Important: Participants are responsible for booking and payment of the above mentioned flights.

Provisional programme (subject to change)	
October 5 2026	— Arrival of economic delegation in Delhi at 11.35 pm
October 6 2026	— Official start of the Economic Mission
	— Official meetings
	— B2B networking event
October 7 2026	— Business roundtable
	— Pharmaceutical dialogue, innovation roundtable
	— Prosperity Summit TEPA
October 8 2026	— Field visit to the state of Telangana (optional)
	— In the evening: official end of the mission
October 9 2026	— Departure of the business delegation from Hyderabad

Official meetings and other planned programme items

As part of the Economic Mission, SECO and the Swiss diplomatic missions in India are striving to organise meetings with **high-ranking representatives of the Indian Government**. Discussions are planned with the following contacts (subject to change):

- Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance
- Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry (MoCI)
- Rajesh Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Commerce (DoC), MoCI
- Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, Department for the Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), MoCI
- Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)
- Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Health
- Nivruti Rai, CEO Invest India
- Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana

The planned programme also includes the **EFTA-India Prosperity Summit**, marking the first anniversary of TEPA, as well as a high-level **business roundtable**. The programme is accompanied by a **B2B networking event**.

Another key focus of the mission is a field trip **to Hyderabad in the state of Telangana**. The city is regarded as a major centre for technology, innovation and the life sciences, and is home to numerous international companies as well as Swiss firms from the financial and pharmaceutical sectors. Planned visits include HITEC City, Genome Valley and the T-Hub innovation platform, offering participants insights into key growth sectors.

Further important information regarding the Economic Mission

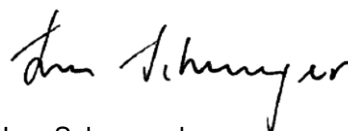
- For the **flights listed above, transport to the hotel and back to the airport** is provided by the Swiss Embassy in Delhi.
- The **number of participants** in the Business Delegation is limited to 30. Only one representative per organisation will be permitted. The final composition of the delegation will be determined in consultation with the State Secretary. *economiesuisse* is therefore unable to guarantee your participation even after expressing an interest.
- We would like to point out that participants are expected to take part in the entire mission. The EAER expects those who have registered to actually take part in the Economic Mission once their registration has been approved by State Secretary Budliger. Should participants be unable to attend, they are expected to ensure that a **replacement of equivalent standing** is provided.
- The EAER cannot guarantee that members of the economic delegation will be able to attend all **official meetings** of the economic mission. However, SECO is endeavouring to make this possible.
- The language of the economic mission is **English**.
- The **outward and return journeys** will be organised individually by the participants. We will send you the travel information (visa requirements, hotel information, a more detailed program, etc.) as soon as possible. We would like to remind you that all **travel and additional costs** are to be borne by the participants.
- By participating, all participants undertake to keep confidential information discussed during the talks that has not been made public secret, not to pass it on to third parties and to take all appropriate technical and organizational precautions to ensure confidentiality. The **confidentiality obligation** is unlimited in time and remains in force even after the end of the mission.
- The list of members of business delegations may be published at the request of journalists in accordance with the **Federal Freedom of Information Act** (FoIA; SR 152.3). By participating in the trip, you agree that the EAER may disclose the names and companies of the business delegation upon request. As a rule, this will be done immediately before departure.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
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