



## Message from Ambassador Edgar Doerig



Dear fellow Swiss citizens in Qatar,

I hope you are all doing fine and enjoying some holidays in Qatar, Switzerland or wherever you have travelled. It is a great pleasure to greet you all on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2022. This day symbolizes the founding of Switzerland and allows us to reflect on our national motto: “Unos pro omnibus, omnes pro uno – one for all, all for one”.

Hence, the whole Swiss Embassy team would like to renew our special bond with you on our National Day. One of our key missions is to maintain ties with all Swiss citizens registered in Qatar. This link is essential, especially during the ongoing pandemic situation. Considering the current rise in Covid-cases in Qatar and elsewhere, I sincerely hope that you and your family will continue to stay healthy.

As FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 is approaching swiftly, the Embassy, in close cooperation with Presence Switzerland, Berne, is preparing for a considerable number of cultural and other events. We are looking forward to experience and share them with you. Their majority will take place at “Club Suisse Doha”, a prime location which our extended team will be running in November and December this year. You are all invited to come and celebrate with us the Swiss National Day on 2 November. You will find more information below. Make sure to follow and share our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. Stay updated on latest developments regarding our activities at Club Suisse Doha and the Embassy of Switzerland in Qatar.

During the World Cup the Embassy will have a number of additional tasks: We will receive and manage bilateral high level-visits. Should an emergency arise, the Embassy, in coordination

with our capital, will have the responsibility for crisis-management. Fan-information and support as well as consular protection will also be granted before and during that period.

In September, we will publish a communication containing World Cup related guidelines on our website and on our social media accounts. Please make sure to share this content to make sure resident citizens and visitors alike are also informed about any updates we will communicate. We are confident that with the personal reinforcement we received for our Embassy and the Club Suisse Doha, we will fulfill those demands and enjoy this both challenging and exciting period together. I hope to see many of you during the games of our Swiss national team so we can cheer for our squad together.

In the meantime, the whole Embassy team, my wife Junko and I wish you a happy 1<sup>st</sup> of August. All the best, and thank you for representing Switzerland before and during the World Cup. Kind regards.



Edgar Doerig  
Ambassador of Switzerland to the State of Qatar

## Happy First of August!

The Embassy of Switzerland in Qatar wishes you a very Happy First of August! We hope that you are able to celebrate our precious National Day with your friends and family, even if you are far away from home. Due to the summer heat and summer vacation the Swiss Embassy in Doha will postpone the celebration of the National Day to 2 November 2022. More information will follow in the coming months. In the meantime, we invite you to watch a short [video](#) featuring the Ambassador, Mr. Edgar Doerig, and the Embassy team demonstrating our World Cup preparations and presenting good wishes. Further, you can watch the National Day speech of the President of the Swiss Confederation, Ignazio Cassis, following this [link](#).



## Switzerland helps to #keepqatarclean!

In April this year, the Swiss Embassy team, together with the Belgian Embassy, joined in the beach cleaning initiative organized by the Doha Environmental Actions Project (DEAP) to fight against plastic pollution in Qatar. As the project was very successful, the Swiss Embassy is planning to participate in more beach clean-ups from September onwards. We are cordially inviting Swiss community members to join our efforts after the summer break. More information on how to participate will follow. In the meantime, make sure to follow DEAP Qatar on [Instagram](#) to learn more about their initiative.



## Visit of the Swiss Football Federation

On 1<sup>st</sup> of April the Swiss Ambassador, Mr. Edgar Doerig, had the pleasure of welcoming an important Swiss Football Federation delegation to his residence in Doha for a working luncheon. We are very proud that our national team was able to qualify for this big tournament and are looking forward to watch many exciting matches.

The Swiss national team will lodge at Le Royal Meridien Hotel and use the University of Doha as training facility during their stay in Qatar. The first match will be played on the 24 November against Cameroon. Afterwards, the national team will face Brazil on 28 November and play against Serbia on 2 December. For more information and the latest news about our national team you can take a look at the [website](#) of the Swiss Football Federation or check their [Instagram account](#).



## Project “Club Suisse Doha”

In cooperation with Presence Switzerland, the Embassy of Switzerland in Qatar is planning an exciting presence during the WC-tournament, the “Club Suisse Doha”. The Club will be a pop-up structure within a massive house by the sea in the newly constructed MINA district. Access to the club will be open to the public and free of charge. The presence will serve as a hospitality center, meeting point, and social hub to promote Switzerland’s culture, food, sports, tourist destinations, companies and therefore its image during this period. There will be a restaurant, a lounge area, a stage for cultural performances and an activities area with games and interactive entertainment. We hope to see you stop by “Club Suisse Doha” in November and December!

### Call for voluntary helpers

To guarantee a successful presence of “Club Suisse Doha” during the World Cup, we are looking for highly motivated people to support our team as volunteers starting in November. For more details, please get in touch with us via [gatar.worldcup22@eda.admin.ch](mailto:gatar.worldcup22@eda.admin.ch) and do not hesitate to forward this message if you know others who would be interested to be part of this exclusive project!



## Swiss community and fans during the WC

### Call for local and international artists



Do you have a unique and creative talent? Or do you know someone who does?

Join the Cultural Activation FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022!

In preparation for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, the Supreme Committee (SC) is currently on the process of reaching out to artists and performers to showcase their creative and artistic talent through a unique platform to deliver an innovative and exciting program of small to medium performances and cultural activations for the football fans visiting during the tournament. The SC is seeking applications from artists representing all art-forms including visual arts, crafts & heritage, fashion & design, performing arts & theatre, music and film & screening. Out of the box performances are also invited to apply. If you would like to register you can do so under the following [link](#).

### Fan engagement activities

The fan engagement team at the Supreme Committee is looking for fans of Switzerland based in Doha and Switzerland for various activities. If you are interested in participating, the fan engagement team will share and create content related to World Cup with you and invite you to events organized by the fan engagement team. You will get opportunities to interact with Qatar Legacy Ambassadors during most of the events. And finally there is also a chance to get featured in their social media channels. For more information please get in touch with the Supreme Committee via [v.murali@sc.qa](mailto:v.murali@sc.qa)

## Consular matters and information

### Information about the Swiss Abroad Act

The Swiss Abroad Act governs the rights and obligations of Swiss nationals who live and travel abroad.

According to the Federal Act of 26 September 2014 on Swiss Nationals and Institutions Abroad (Swiss Abroad Act), personal responsibility is the basic principle that applies to the Confederation's relations with individuals to whom it guarantees rights or can provide assistance. The Confederation's expectation is that each individual will assume personal responsibility when planning and undertaking a period abroad or pursuing an activity abroad, act in a risk-appropriate manner, and tries to overcome any difficulties on his or her own. The full text of the Swiss Abroad Act can be found [here](#).

### Online desk for Swiss nationals residing abroad

You would like to contact your local Swiss representation from the comfort of your home? The [online desk for Swiss nationals residing abroad](#) makes it possible. You can get answers to questions regarding your long-term stay abroad through the online desk.

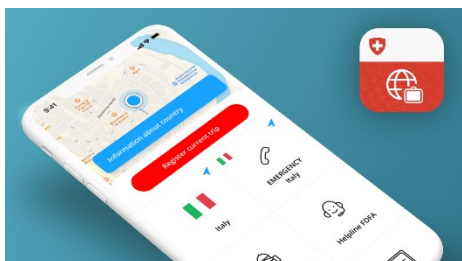


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Online desk: secure, simple and fast.

## Travel Admin App

Travel safely and relaxed with [Travel Admin](#), the FDFA's travel app. The Travel Admin app provides ideal support in preparing a trip. The app also offers useful information and services for people travelling, not only in case of a crisis. But if the crisis does occur, the app can become a particularly valuable tool: The app has proven its worth, for example, in the context of the coronavirus crisis in organizing the return journey of blocked Swiss travelers.



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