

# REGIONAL NEWS

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

### Editorial

Dear readers,

Sometimes we lose track of good news from South Africa. So here is a piece of good news – South African comedian Trevor Noah will be the new host of the hit U.S. satirical news show “The Daily Show”. This is an exceptional achievement for the most successful comedian in Africa, he is the first South African stand-up comedian to appear on the leading TV shows in the U.S.

Noah grew up in Soweto, the son of a black Xhosa mother and white Swiss father. The marriage was considered illegal during apartheid. Noah is currently performing in front of sold out crowds all over the world.

Happy reading,  
Gisela Piercey



GISELA PIERCEY,  
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### Geneva ballet dancers performing in June

After a successful performance at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown last year, the Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève featuring 22 highly skilled and classically trained dancers from around the world is coming to Johannesburg for 6 performances only from 17 - 21 June 2015.

The company will be performing its famous production of Romeo & Juliette.

Tickets can be booked online:  
[www.joburgtheater.com](http://www.joburgtheater.com)

### Council Meeting Update

On 21st March Hans-Georg Bosch attended the Council Meeting in Bern, where important issues were once again tabled and discussed.

As we have been requested to refrain from writing a general report, I herewith would like to inform you all, that I will forward the minutes of the meeting during May, as these minutes are being translated by ASO HQ at this time of writing. All communiqués relating to ASO activities are sent to all Presidents of the various Swiss Clubs in the countries falling under our jurisdiction, as well as to the various consulates. Should you



Geneva Ballet on  
tour in South Africa  
this winter.  
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wish to contact us, then please do so by writing to [aso@hbosch.com](mailto:aso@hbosch.com). The Ausland-schweizer Congress will take place from 15 – 16 August in Geneva. More informations on the ASO website or on [swisscommunity.org](http://swisscommunity.org).

Your ASO representatives

Hans-Georg Bosch and Marcie Bischof

### New collaboration takes Africa to Switzerland

The University of Cape Town has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, a leading European university focused on innovation and the natural sciences.

The agreement will strengthen a collaboration that will facilitate a two-way exchange of high-level ideas on issues crucial to both continents, including urbanisation, infectious diseases, material science and data-intensive research.

#### African voice

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price signed the MOU with ETH Zurich in January, en route to the Global

University Leaders Forum at Davos. He was the only African university head to be invited.

Both platforms have enabled Price to ensure that there is an African voice in global debates around issues such as health and urbanisation, and that international leaders inform research (and teaching) on the continent.

#### Future cities

There are already useful collaborations in place between the two universities. For instance, in the study of urbanisation, ETH Zurich's Future Cities Laboratory has a similar interdisciplinary approach to UCT's African Centre for Cities.

Both centres bring together environmental challenges, such as landscape resource consumption, with social development, such as inclusion and housing.

Technical engineering is

the core of the Future Cities expertise, which would add great value to the work of the ACC, says Professor Danie Visser, the deputy vice-chancellor responsible for research.

A hub of major networks in Africa, the ACC is the continent's leading university-based urban research centre and has become a sought-after research partner. ETH Zurich is where Albert Einstein received his diploma in 1901.

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## South African-Swiss comedian on the rise

Trevor Noah (31) is a South African comedian, TV and radio host, and actor. In March 2015, Comedy Central announced that Noah would become the host of U.S. *The Daily Show*, following the departure of Jon Stewart.

Noah was born in Johannesburg. His mother, Patricia Nombuyiselo Noah, is black South African (Xhosa), and his father Robert is a white native of Switzerland. He has also said, "My mum doesn't fit into any category, she's a black South African woman who's half Jewish." His parents' relationship was illegal at the time of his birth due to apartheid, and his mother was jailed and fined by the South African government. His father later moved back to Switzerland and Noah was raised by his mother and maternal grandmother.

His mixed-race heritage, his experiences growing up in a Soweto township, and his

observations about race and ethnicity are leading themes in his comedy. Noah is a polyglot; he speaks several languages including English, German, Xhosa, isiZulu, Sotho, and Afrikaans.

In December 2014, Noah became a recurring contributor on

*The Daily Show*. On 30 March 2015, Comedy Central announced that Noah will take over as host of *The Daily Show* when Jon Stewart leaves later in the year. His tenure will begin in late 2015.

Trevor Noah's career is taking off in the U.S.



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Our AGM was scheduled for the 17th April 2015, unfortunately we did not have a quorum, therefore another meeting will commence in late May. SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS, Sunday 2nd of August 2015. Our Clubs of Society: Afro Gugge, Amicale Suisse Romande, Boccia, Skittling Club. Associated Groups: Swiss Choir, Swiss Rifle Club, Swiss Golf, G.S.N.A. Senior Swiss Circle meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for Lunch Swiss Ladies meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for lunch; Swiss Rifle Club Johannes-burg: We shoot every 4th Sat of the month, from 9am. We normally shoot two different programs. This is done with Swiss rifles, provided by the club. Visit our Facebook site or call Daniel on 082-5699146.

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We had our AGM on 8th of March and the board is now constituted as follows: President Philippe Lanz; Vice President Rolf Klein; Secretary VACANT; Treasurer Rolf Gribi; Range Master Hanspeter Graber; Advisors Clayton Angus, Markus Bänziger, Ruth Klein. During the opening of the AGM we paid our respects to our Members Heidi and Tim McInnes, Adrian McKenzie, Hugo Gehring, Wolfgang Wagner, who passed away during 2014. The forthcoming events are the Creighton Aloe Festival Sun 5th July, Cheese Fondue Evening Sat 18th July, Swiss National Day celebration Sun 2nd August (venue to be advised) and Guided Tour Durban Botanical Gardens Sun 6th Sep. Please visit our webpage www.swissclubnatal.org.za for more details, the Jass-Evenings and the Sport Target Shooting Calendar. Email: President Philippe Lanz p.lanz@absamail.co.za, Vice President Rolf Klein rolf.klein@telkomsa.net

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