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# Event Details

## Sino-Swiss Economic Forum 2026

### Celebrating the Conclusion of the FTA Upgrade Negotiations

**31 October 2026 | 14:30 - 22:00 | Beijing time (GMT+8)**

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BEIJING 北京四季酒店

No. 48, Liang Ma Qiao Road, Chao Yang District, Beijing, China 北京市朝阳区亮马桥路48号

SwissCham China warmly invites you to its flagship Sino-Swiss Economic Forum 2026 , bringing together business leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore opportunities for Sino-Swiss cooperation.

Marking the conclusion of the Switzerland-China FTA upgrade negotiations , the programme features:

- High-level speeches from government, industry leaders, and experts
- Industry sub-forums on Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing, and Life Sciences
- A closed-door CEO Macroeconomic Outlook + FTA forum (subject to eligibility)
- A gala dinner to connect with peers and potential partners

Join us in Beijing to gain business insights, strengthen connections, and explore new partnership opportunities.

Organizers: SwissCham Beijing; Embassy of Switzerland in China; Switzerland Global Enterprise.

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### Main schedule

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| 14:30 - 15:30 | Registration for Sub-forum Dresscode: Business (for men: with tie) |
| 15:30 - 17:30 | Sub-forums                                                         |
| 17:30 - 18:30 | Registration for Gala Dinner and Cocktail Hour                     |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | Opening Speeches                                                   |
| 19:00 - 22:00 | Gala Dinner                                                        |

#### Event page and registration

Event-page snapshot: 8 October 2026. Published schedules and wording retained.

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# Artificial Intelligence

## From strategy to reality - what AI actually looks like on the ground

Explore real-world AI applications in food development and finance, and debate their implications for human creativity and decision-making.

### Programme | Beijing time (GMT+8)

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| 15:30 - 15:35 | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15:35 - 15:55 | <b>Case Study 1</b><br><b>AI challenges in food and drinks - when the machine has no taste</b><br>Discover AI's possibilities and limits in food development, and why human taste and judgment remain essential.                                                     |
| 15:55 - 16:15 | <b>Case Study 2</b><br><b>The invisible analyst: how AI is transforming M&amp;A and wealth management</b><br>Explore how AI analyses financial documents, identifies acquisition targets and informs wealth management decisions.                                    |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | <b>Provocateur</b><br><b>A Provocation on behalf of SwissCham</b><br>A bold position on whether AI supports human creativity and decisions - or takes them over - opens the debate.                                                                                  |
| 16:25 - 16:55 | <b>Panel</b><br><b>Is AI meant to facilitate and expedite our current processes - or can we see AI taking over creative and decision-making tasks?</b><br>Four panelists debate AI's role in efficiency, creativity and decision-making, drawing on real experience. |
| 16:55 - 17:10 | <b>Open floor Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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# Advanced Engineering & Manufacturing

## The endurance game - what it actually takes to stay, adapt, and come out stronger

Examine how Swiss manufacturers can strengthen competitiveness in China through faster innovation, deeper localization, sustainability and resilient business strategies.

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| 15:30 - 15:35 | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15:35 - 15:55 | <b>Case Study 1</b><br><b>The 90% machine: how one Swiss company turned imperfection into a competitive weapon</b><br>Discover how one Swiss manufacturer used deliberate imperfection and continuous improvement to outpace competitors and protect its competitive edge. |
| 15:55 - 16:15 | <b>Case Study 2</b><br><b>Beyond the factory: how one Swiss company rebuilt itself for China - and the world</b><br>Explore how local R&D, an independent supply chain and strategic partnerships turned deep localization in China into a global competitive advantage.   |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | <b>Provocateur</b><br><b>A provocation on behalf of SwissCham</b><br>A candid challenge to Swiss manufacturing assumptions about speed and localization - and the cost of getting them wrong - opens the debate.                                                           |
| 16:25 - 16:55 | <b>Panel</b><br><b>Endure or exit: what does staying in China actually demand?</b><br>Four senior leaders debate the difficult decisions, commitments and costs of staying competitive in China for the long term.                                                         |
| 16:55 - 17:10 | <b>Open floor Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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# Life Sciences

## Swiss made, China tested - localization, identity, and the innovation reversal

Explore how Swiss medtech and pharmaceutical companies are navigating localization, preserving Swiss identity and building innovation partnerships in China and helping patient.

### Programme | Beijing time (GMT+8)

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| 15:30 - 15:35 | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 15:35 - 15:45 | <b>MedTech Case Study 1</b><br><b>Swiss made in China: navigating the localization decision</b><br>Explore how Swiss medtech companies approach localization - balancing operational decisions, customer expectations, and the preservation of Swiss identity.                     |
| 15:45 - 15:55 | <b>MedTech Case Study 2</b><br><b>Grow, buy, or partner: choosing your China localization strategy</b><br>Examine different paths to building a stronger China presence - from organic localization to acquisitions and partnerships.                                              |
| 15:55 - 16:05 | <b>MedTech Case Study 3</b><br>Details of this session will be announced soon.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16:05 - 16:15 | <b>Discussion / Q&amp;A - MedTech</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | <b>Pharma Case Study-China as innovation partner</b><br><b>China as innovation partner: what the shift actually looks like in practice</b><br>Discover how Swiss pharmaceutical companies are building co-development partnerships and embracing China as an innovation ecosystem. |
| 16:25 - 16:35 | <b>Discussion / Q&amp;A - Pharma</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16:35 - 16:45 | <b>Provocateur</b><br><b>A provocation on behalf of SwissCham</b><br>A bold perspective on the changing relationship between Swiss life science and China - and what the future demands from both sides.                                                                           |
| 16:45 - 17:15 | <b>Panel</b><br><b>Two years on: what actually changed, what was harder than expected, and why some are going it alone now</b><br>Four senior leaders reflect on localization journeys, unexpected challenges, and what they have learned from operating in China.                 |
| 17:15 - 17:30 | <b>Open floor Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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# CEO Macroeconomic Outlook + FTA

## China's economic outlook and the business implications of a new era of China-Switzerland cooperation

Explore the macroeconomic outlook and the business implications of the latest China-Switzerland FTA upgrade following the conclusion of negotiations.

### Programme | Beijing time (GMT+8)

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| 16:00 - 17:00 | <b>Welcome &amp; FTA Panel Discussion</b><br><b>FTA Panel Discussion</b><br>Guided by the panel's provocateurs, official delegation representatives explore the implications of the FTA upgrade negotiations for China-Switzerland cooperation, focusing on sustainability, environmental protection, and stronger bilateral trade and investment ties. |
| 17:00 - 17:20 | <b>Presentation 1 - China's Macroeconomic Outlook</b><br><b>China's Macroeconomic Outlook</b><br>An academic perspective on China's economic outlook, exploring key trends and their implications for international businesses.                                                                                                                         |
| 17:20 - 17:30 | <b>Open Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17:30 - 17:50 | <b>Presentation 2 - China's Macroeconomic Outlook</b><br><b>China's Macroeconomic Outlook</b><br>An institutional perspective on China's economic outlook, providing insights into market trends and business implications.                                                                                                                             |
| 17:50 - 18:00 | <b>Open floor Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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# Speakers



## Lijun LEIBOLD

Founder and CEO of AION technology AG

Lijun Leibold is a serial entrepreneur and the Founder and CEO of AION technology AG, a Zug-based, AI-native M&A house for business succession, company sales and cross-border transactions in the European Mittelstand. AION combines data-driven valuation, register-verified buyer qualification and AI-supported matching with personal advisory - connecting European business owners with vetted strategic buyers and investors across Europe and Asia, supported by a presence in mainland China, Hong Kong and Singapore. A native speaker of both German and Mandarin, Lijun has built several ventures at the intersection of entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence and cross-border dealmaking, with a particular focus on Europe-Asia transactions and the early coordination of regulatory matters such as foreign direct investment screening. Beyond AION, she is an active business angel with Business Angels Switzerland and serves as a mentor at the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and at Startup Teens (Axel Springer), supporting founders and young talent in building their ventures. She holds sole board responsibility for AION technology AG.



## Jin LIU

Professor of Accounting and Finance and the Director of the Investment Research Center at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB)

Professor Liu Jin is Professor of Accounting and Finance and Director of the Investment Research Center at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB). He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Columbia Business School and previously taught at Columbia University and UCLA, where he earned tenure. His research spans capital markets, financial accounting, equity investment and China's economic transformation. He created the quarterly CKGSB Investor Sentiment Survey and leads a team of over 30 researchers examining AI's impact on business models and organizations. He was named an Elsevier Highly Cited Chinese Researcher annually from 2014 to 2020.

**Further speaker details will be announced soon.**

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# Tickets and registration

## 票务与报名

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| Ticket type                                   | Price             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Member individual ticket</b><br>会员个人票      | <b>RMB 1,488</b>  |
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