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How direct democracy in Switzerland promotes economic growth and strengthens society - *a seminar presentation by Swiss Ambassador Marion Weichelt Krupski*

25 October 2012 - 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Government Building Lecture Theatre 1
All welcome

Switzerland's direct democratic system is unique. Switzerland is virtually the only country in the world where the people have such extensive decision-making power. In hundreds of referenda over more than one hundred years, Swiss citizens have learned to make decisions on substantive political issues. The seminar will discuss what direct democracy means in practice, what political tools there are for citizens to use and how they function, and what the direct and indirect effects are.

Dr Marion Weichelt was appointed to her current position as Ambassador to New Zealand and several Pacific Island countries in 2010. She has a wide background in international humanitarian law, and has previously served in Tel Aviv and Washington.

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