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From fragile biospheres to exposed communities, the Himalayas remind us that in the climate era, water is both lifeline and fault line—where melting glaciers, shifting monsoons, and growing demand converge to shape the risks we must urgently manage together.

At GPDRR 2025, Pierre-Yves brings stories and insights from Swiss collaborations in the field, where early action can mean the difference between hardship and resilience. His approach reflects a quiet but persistent aspiration shared across cultures: to reduce suffering in the long term by acting with foresight and paving, together, the path to resilience.