



GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2023

REPORT



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OPENING STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GENEVA PEACEBUILDING PLATFORM

"We have been working for months to prepare for this 10th edition of the Geneva Peace Week, including the official Opening Ceremony. But in light of the recent events in Israel and Gaza, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform decided to issue a statement before the ceremony starts.

The Geneva Peace Week has always taken place in the midst of conflict in many parts of the world. As we speak, there are more than a hundred armed conflicts taking place in almost all continents of the Earth. All these situations are equally tragic. That said, the intensity and nature of the outbreak of violence in Israel and Gaza, the images and controversies that have arisen are emotionally difficult and force us to think about the message we want to give, as a team organising a week-long discussion on peace.

The message, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and its core partners would like to convey is clear: In this context of ongoing violence in so many part of the world, we have in mind the victims, all of them and everywhere, for it is certain that victims of armed conflicts only wish for one thing: to be able to live, and to live in peace and dignity.

We are therefore convinced that it is essential to continue discussing and showcasing the efforts that international organisations, governments and the civil society undertake on a daily basis to prevent conflict, ensure respect for Human Rights, and strengthen the conditions of a lasting peace, and to do it here in Geneva, the city of peace.

Last year, in the context of the conflict in Ukraine, participants of the Geneva Peace Week reminded us that peace is possible. Peace is still possible today. But we are not blind to the tragic events unfolding before our very eyes nor to the risks of a dramatic escalation in the region.

It is thus crucial to state a basic moral precept: the end never justifies the means. And it is obvious that in armed conflict, respect for international law is, and has to remain, the moral compass, the essential and vital means through which any form of lasting peace can exist.

Thank you."

Dr. Annyssa BELLAL, Executive Director of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform



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IN A FEW WORDS

Geneva Peace Week (GPW), the flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, is a leading annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar through which organisations in Geneva and their international partners come together to share knowledge and practice on a diverse range of topics related to peace across contexts and disciplines.

Geneva Peace Week offers an opportunity to connect and highlight the work of peace builders and to expand the space for each and every person, actor and institution that has a role to play in building peace and resolving conflict.

GPW recognises that peacebuilding occurs in many different contexts and cuts across disciplines and sectors. In this sense, Geneva Peace Week breaks



down professional silos in order to enable creative responses to violence, exclusion and insecurity. By synchronising meetings and events on different topics related to the promotion of peace during one week, GPW maximises synergies between organisations in Geneva and their international partners, focusing on the cross-cutting nature of peace.

CONSORTIUM

Driven by suggestions from the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform team, the Consortium governs the strategic decision-making process regarding Geneva Peace Week that includes, among others, the thematic direction of each edition, criteria for applications, event formats and participation modalities. Members of the Consortium work collaboratively to bring diverse perspectives, innovative ideas and different skills to the table to achieve a common goal: making each edition of Geneva Peace Week a unique experience.







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A WORD FROM THE GENEVA PEACE WEEK LEAD

"The Maison de la Paix in Geneva hosted the landmark 10th edition of Geneva Peace Week, a momentous occasion that brought together 5,500 attendees from across the globe. The event, held from October 30 to November 3 2023, marked a decade of fostering dialogue, cooperation, and innovative solutions in the pursuit of global peace.

The 10th anniversary edition of Geneva Peace Week surpassed all expectations, with over 3,000 participants gathering in person and an additional 2,500 joining virtually. The Maison de la Paix served as the backdrop for 61 diverse events, comprising ceremonies, high-level panels, policy briefings, workshops, art exhibitions, and social gatherings.

The extensive program was meticulously organised by a collaborative effort of 149 organisations committed to advancing the cause of peace. Participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions, exploring pressing issues such as conflict resolution, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and human rights. The diverse range of events provided a platform for stakeholders from governmental, non-governmental, and academic sectors to share insights, forge partnerships, and explore innovative solutions to global challenges.

The anniversary edition showcased the power of innovation and collaboration in addressing complex global issues. Workshops and policy briefings delved into emerging technologies, climate change resilience, and the role of education in promoting peace. Art exhibitions

and cultural events added a unique dimension to the discussions, highlighting the role of creativity in fostering understanding and empathy.

With a record-breaking attendance, the success of the 10th Geneva Peace Week underscored the growing global commitment to building a more peaceful world despite ongoing conflicts. The virtual component allowed for broader participation, enabling individuals from various corners of the world to participate in the dialogue on peace.

As the curtains closed on the 10th edition of Geneva Peace Week, the Geneva Peace-building Platform and its core partners expressed gratitude for the unwavering support and participation that has characterised the event over the past decade. The commitment of individuals, organisations, and governments to the cause of peace was evident throughout the week, reaffirming the belief that collaborative efforts are essential in addressing the world's most pressing challenges.

Geneva Peace Week has firmly established itself as a key platform for diplomacy, dialogue, and progress. As the world looks ahead, the lessons learned and connections forged during this milestone edition are poised to catalyse a decade of even greater advancements in the pursuit of lasting global peace".

THEMATIC DIRECTION

Overthe past decade, progress in science, technology, and economic development have greatly benefitted peacebuilding work. Nevertheless, our world remains fragile; plagued by internal violence and armed conflicts of far reaching geopolitical dimensions, increasing its fragmentation and polarisation. Urgent issues such as climate change

and disruptive technologies add to our global complexity. As we strive to navigate these challenges, it is crucial to restore trust and faith in our institutions and, most importantly, in each other. The overarching theme for the 10-year anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week (GPW) was the following:



Partner organisations had the opportunity to organise events or produce digital content focusing on one of the three themes mentioned below.

PROMOTING PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

The social contract is fraying. A lack of trust between governments and their people and between groups in society breeds scepticism and fuels divisions. Indeed, global peacefulness has steadily declined over the past 15 years. We must renew the social contract and restore trust. The social contract can only be renewed if all people are able to actively and equally participate in society. In our efforts to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, (re)building trust remains a core value. How do we create inclusive peacebuilding processes? conditions are necessary to promote trust and foster peace?

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH JUST TRANSITIONS

The effects of climate change and environmental degradation are myriad. Resources may become scarcer, environmental crises more frequent. and conflicts more common. We must take immediate action to mitigate the effects of climate change and enact a just transition to a more environmentally sustainable future. However, these transformative processes too mav upend traditional power structures, potentially creating friction and conflict. Emphasising trust among parties is critical to the success of a just transition. But what does this look like in practice? What lessons can we draw on to create more just and equity as we face climate change?

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGIES TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

technologies, like social media, New which were meant to shrink the world and bring us closer together are being weaponized to further create divisions and sow distrust among each other. We too must bring fresh ideas and new technologies to the peacebuilding sector to counter the harmful effects of many of these new technologies. How do we regulate the worst impulses of new technologies? And how do we leverage these new tools for good peacebuilding? What are the implications of different technologies on the future of peacebuilding?



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

During 6 weeks in spring 2023, Geneva Peace Week opened a call for applications to invite Geneva based organisations and their international partners to submit proposals on topics identified in the thematic direction. Organisations could engage in Geneva Peace Week as Event Organisers or by contributing to the Digital Series. As in the previous editions, participation remained free of charge, with English as the primary language of instruction. Geneva Peace Week is a non-promotional and non-political platform; sessions could therefore not exclusively promote a specific organisation or project.

Two event formats were available:

POLICY BRIEFINGS

These in-person sessions in Geneva could accommodate up to 140 participants, with remote access via Zoom. Lasting around 90 minutes, they aimed to foster discourse among experts and stakeholders on specific topics. Audience engagement via Q&A sessions was strongly encouraged.

WORKSHOPS

Exclusive to Geneva, these workshops were for up to 40 participants and lasted about 90 minutes. Practitioner-led, they emphasised interactivity, group work, and knowledge exchange. Speakers' contributions could not exceed 30% of the session time.

In addition, the Digital Series offered another avenue for engagement, sharing peacebuilding expertise, research, and stories through short educational videos and podcasts. These materials are accessible on the GPW website and major streaming platforms like YouTube and Spotify.

A total of 98 applications were received during the process.



FACTS AND FIGURES

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The composition of the final programme for Geneva Peace Week 2023 was the result of a meticulous and rigorous selection process conducted by the consortium overseeing the forum. This process ensured that the offerings are not only diverse but also of the highest quality, representing a broad spectrum of perspectives and expertise in the field of peacebuilding. The careful curation of the programme is a testament to the commitment to delivering substantive and impactful content to participants.

The 10th edition of Geneva Peace Week witnessed the active involvement of a remarkable 149 organisations, serving as

main or co-organisers, or by contributing speakers who shared their invaluable expertise in various events. This wideranging collaboration underscores the forum's ability to bring together multitude of stakeholders, contributing their uniaue insiahts perspectives. Such extensive and participation enriched the discourse and fostered a comprehensive approach to addressing global peace challenges.

Here below a comprehensive list of partners by alphabetic order for Policy Briefings, Workshops, Panels, and Special Events:

- 1. 100 cameras
- 2. Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
- 3. Adelphi
- 4. Aegis Trust
- 5. African Development Bank
- 6. African Union
- 7. Alliance for Peacebuilding
- 8. BBC Media Action
- 9. Bridge
- 10. Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization, United States Agency for International Development
- Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
- 12. Caux Initiatives of Change
- 13. CDA Collaborative
- 14. Center for AI and Digital Policy
- 15. Center for Dialogue and Progress Geneva
- 16. Centre for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
- 17. Centre for Democracy and Development

- 18. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation
- 20. Centre on Armed Groups
- 21. Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding
- 22. CHS Alliance
- 23. City of Geneva
- 24. Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF)
- 25. CMI Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation
- 26. COGINTA
- 27. Conservation International
- 28. Control Arms
- 29. CyberPeace Institute
- **30.** DCAF The Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- **31.** Département fédéral des affaires étrangères de la Suisse
- 32. Division for Peace
- 33. European Institute of Peace

- 35. Everyday Peace Indicators
- **36.** Fight for Humanity
- 37. Finance for Peace initiative
- 38. Fondation Hirondelle
- **39.** Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
- **40.** France Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- **41.** Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- 42. Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- 43. Geneva Graduate Institute
- **44.** Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
- **45.** Geneva International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights
- 46. Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- 47. Geneva Water Hub
- 48. Globethics
- 49. Google DeepMind
- 50. Groupe Securite Climatique Haiti
- 51. HDP Nexus Coalition
- 52. Heartland Initiative
- **53.** Human Rights Center at University of California, Berkeley
- 54. Humanitarian Fund
- 55. Humanity United
- **56.** ICIP International Catalan Institute for Peace
- 57. Inclusive Peace
- 58. Independent Diplomat
- 59. Indonesia Telecommunication
- **60.** Inner Development Goals Initiative Lemanic Hub
- **61.** International Code of Conduct Association (ICoCA)
- **62.** International Committee of the Red Cross
- 63. International Crisis Group
- 64. International Labour Organization
- **65.** International Organization for Migration
- 66. International Peace Institute
- 67. International School of Geneva

- 68. International Trade Centre
- **69.** International Union for Conservation of Nature
- 70. Inter-Parliamentary Union
- 71. Interpeace
- **72.** Jomo Kenyatta University Of Agriculture And Technology
- 73. Kairos Beteiligungs GmbH
- 74. Kofi Annan Foundation
- 75. Mediterranean Women Mediators Network
- 76. MEDRC
- 77. Mercy Corps
- 78. Michigan State University
- 79. Ministere de l'environnement de Haiti
- 80. Mitre
- 81. Movement Of Change For Afghanistan
- **82.** National Center of Artificial Intelligence (Chile)
- **83.** National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST), Namibia
- 84. Norsk Utenrikspolitisk Institutt
- 85. Norwegian Church Aid
- 86. ODI_Global Risks & Resilience
- **87.** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 88. Pacific Islands Forum
- **89.** Peacebuilding Initiative Geneva Graduate Institute
- 90. Peacebuilding Support, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), United Nations
- 91. Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva
- **92.** Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- 93. Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva

- **94.** Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- **95.** Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- **96.** Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva
- **97.** Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- **98.** Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- 99. PRAWA African Security Sector Networ
- 100. Principles for Peace Foundation
- 101. Progress in Peace
- 102. Représentation permanente de la France auprès de la Conférence du désarmement à Genève
- 103. Republic and Canton of Geneva
- 104. Research group on peace, conflict and development NUPI
- **105.** Researcher, Rights and Accountability in Development Limited (RAID)
- 106. Rotary International
- 107. Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)
- 108. Sigma European Think Tank
- 109. Small Arms Survey
- 110. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- 111. Sustainable Finance Geneva
- 112. Swedish Embassy in Colombia
- 113. Tamkeen Community Foundation for Human Development
- 114. The Club of Rome
- **115.** The Environmental Peacebuilding Association
- 116. The New Humanitarian

- **117.** The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
- 118. The Quaker United Nations Office
- 119. The United Nations Office at Geneva
- **120.** The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- 121. TrustWorks Global
- 122. Truth Commission in Colombia
- **123.** UBS
- 124. UN Refugee Agency
- **125.** UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation
- 126. UN Women
- 127. UN Women Colombia
- **128.** UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- 129. United Nations Children's Fund
- 130. United Nations Development Programme
- 131. United Nations Environment Programme
- **132.** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- **133.** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- **134.** United Nations University Centre for Policy Research
- 135. University of Copenhagen
- 136. University of Melbourne
- 137. US Department of State
- 138. Vulnerable 20 Group (V20)
- 139. War Child UK
- 140. Webster University Geneva
- 141. WIIS Italy
- **142.** Women's international League for Peace & Freedom
- 143. Women's Peace
- 144. World Bank
- 145. World Meteorological Organisation
- 146. Yale Humanitarian Research Lab
- 147. YGlobal
- 148. Young Women Peacebuilders NGO
- 149. Young Women's Christian Association

Furthermore, Geneva Peace Week engaged in collaborative partnerships with various Geneva-based companies and institutions. These collaborations served to meticulously oversee and execute all logistical facets of the forum, with a primary focus on delivering high-quality services tailored to the needs of partner organisations and attendees.

Here below the list by alphabetical order:

- 1. Champagne Deutz
- 2. Domaine des Lolliets
- 3. Etablissements publics pour l'intégration
- 4. Fondation Aigues-Vertes
- 5. Fondation Privée Genevoise
- 6. Hôtel Kipling
- 7. Hôtel N'vy
- 8. Hôtel Royal
- 9. Hôtel Warwick
- 10. Ibis styles
- 11. International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum
- 12. Meteora
- 13. Nespresso
- 14. Novae
- 15. Novotel Hotel Center
- 16. Radio Télévision Suisse
- 17. SEP the brand
- 18. Services Industriels de Genève







SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

In the vibrant setting of Geneva Peace Week 2023, a remarkable assembly of 221 speakers and moderators took the stage, sharing their profound expertise on a spectrum of critical subjects aligned with the forum's thematic direction. These thought leaders delved into the pivotal domains of promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, addressing climate change through just transitions, and harnessing technologies to build a better future. Representing a diverse cross-section of society, these speakers hailed from a multitude of sectors, embodying the essence of inclusivity that Geneva Peace Week stands for. Among them were voices from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), International Organizations, impassioned students, the erudite academia, dedicated government representatives, and the innovative private sector - all united in their commitment to advancing the cause of global peace and cooperation.

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AMBASSADOR & DIRECTOR

Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

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CHIEF

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Club of Rome

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UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, United Nations Human Rights Special Procedures

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15. BOSCO FRANCESCA

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16. BOUCHAMAOUI OUIDED

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Former President of UTICA, the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts

17. BOUKHOBZA ABBES

TUNISIAN ARTIST

Using painting to promote a message of peace, tolerance and joy

18. BOUTELLIS ARTHUR

SENIOR ADVISOR

TrustWorks Global

19. BRAY-WATKINS SOPHIE

YOUTH ADVOCACY AND PARTICIPATION

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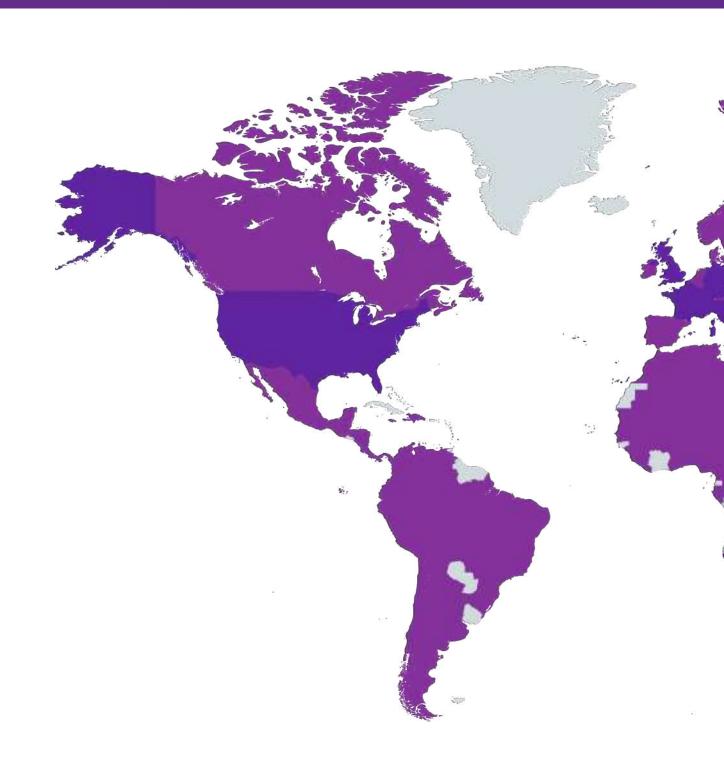
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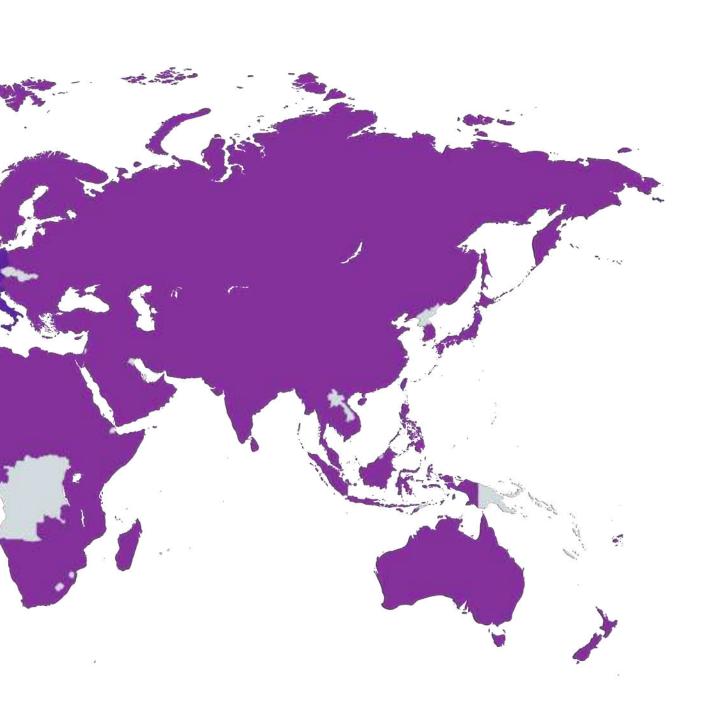
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Over the course of a decade, Geneva Peace Week has achieved remarkable success, establishing itself as a prominent global platform for peacebuilding in the international agenda. This achievement is underscored by the significant interest it garnered during the registration process for its tenth edition, with a total of 3,003 individuals hailing from 155 different countries expressing their intent to participate.



TOP 5 COUNTRIES

- 1. Switzerland 351
- 2. United States of America 293
- **3.** France 168
- 4. United Kingdom 133
- 5. Italy and Germany 123 each

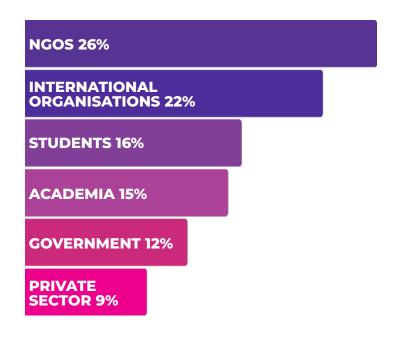




It is worth noting that the registration process served purely informational purposes, and that participation remained open throughout the week. Geneva Peace Week witnessed a total of 5,500 participants engaging in the diverse range of events it offered. Among these participants, 3,000 attended in person, while an additional 2,500 joined virtually.

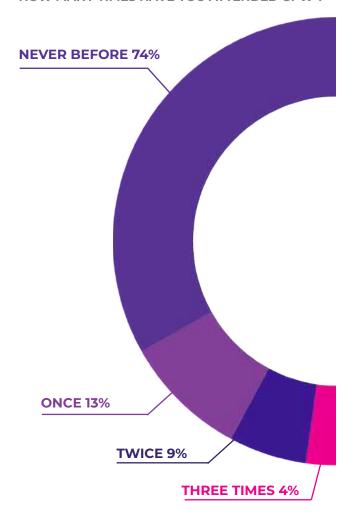
In the context of Geneva Peace Week 2023, a noteworthy achievement was the gender balance among its participants, with 58% being female and 42% male. This inclusive representation underscored the commitment to diversity and equality at Geneva Peace Week.

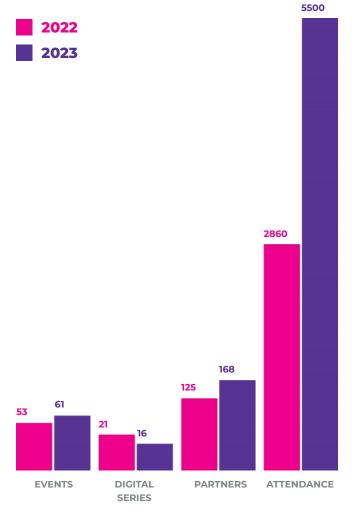
Furthermore, the attendees of Geneva Peace Week 2023 exhibited a diverse spectrum of sectors, highlighting the event's broad appeal and relevance. The representation included various sectors, notably:



HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU ATTENDED GPW?

One of the most striking accomplishments of Geneva Peace Week 2023 was its ability to attract a brand-new audience. A significant 74% of the attendees were participating in Geneva Peace Week for the first time, demonstrating the forum's ability to continuously engage and captivate a growing and diverse audience dedicated to peacebuilding and international collaboration. This fresh influx of participants not only reflects GPW's expanding reach but also its capacity to continuously evolve and remain relevant in the pursuit of global peace and cooperation.





The evolution of Geneva Peace Week from 2022 to 2023 paints a compelling picture of growth and increased prominence. In 2022, the event featured 53 distinct gatherings, with 21 digital series, and enjoyed the support of 125 partners, culminating in an attendance of 2,860 participants. Fast forward to 2023, and Geneva Peace Week has reached new heights. The forum encompassed 61 events, offering 16 digital series, and has expanded its network to include 167 esteemed partners. Most impressively, the attendance has surged to 5,500 individuals.

PROGRAMME



Geneva Peace Week 2023 proved to be a dynamic hub of activity with a total of 61 meticulously organised events. With the exception of workshops, art exhibitions and movie screenings, all events were accessible online. This extraordinary lineup encompassed a rich tapestry of offerings, including official ceremonies that underscored the significance of the occasion, high-level panels where ideas were exchanged at the highest echelons, policy briefings that delved into actionable strategies, hands-on workshops to facilitate skills development, captivating

exhibitions that stirred emotions. thought-provoking movie screenings that sparked dialogue, and vibrant social gatherings that fostered invaluable opportunities networking for both attendees and esteemed speakers alike. To ensure accessibility to the wealth of insights shared, comprehensive notes from these sessions are available on the Geneva Peace Week website, serving as a lasting resource for all who seek to engage further on the conversations that took place at GPW23.

MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER

16:30 - 18:30 OPENING CEREMONY: BUILDING TRUST, BUILDING PEACE: AN AGENDA SPECIAL FOR THE FUTURE

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Permanent Mission of

Switzerland to the United Nations office and other international

organizations in Geneva

18:30 - 20:00 OPENING CEREMONY COCKTAIL RECEPTION SOCIAL

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Permanent Mission of GATHERING

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Republic and Canton of Geneva, City of

Geneva

MONDAY MEDIA IN THE MIDST OF POLYCRISES: ADAPTING TO UNPRECEDENTED EXHIBITION

THURSDAY CHALLENGES

Fondation Hirondelle





TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER

08:00 - 09:00	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
TUESDAY THURSDAY	UNITED NATIONS PEACE MISSIONS Centre on conflict, development & peacebuilding	EXHIBITION
TUESDAY THURSDAY	THE ART OF EQUALITY: A JOURNEY TO JUSTICE The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	EXHIBITION
09:00 - 10:30	BUILDING RESILIENCE TO MIS- AND DISINFORMATION: EVIDENCE AND CHALLENGES FOR FRAGILE AND CONFLICT-AFFECTED SETTINGS Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Interpeace, BBC Media Action, Fondation Hirondelle	WORKSHOP
09:00 - 10:30	ENGAGING ARMED GROUPS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE Centre on Armed Groups, ODI_Global Risks & Resilience, Fight for Humanity	POLICY BRIEFING
09:00 - 10:30	MY VOICE, OUR PEACE! CONNECTING WOMEN PEACE LEADERS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND UKRAINE The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe / Center for Dialogue and Progress – Geneva	POLICY BRIEFING
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
11:00 - 12:00	HOW TO MEASURE PEACE: THE EVERYDAY BLUEPRINT Everyday Peace Indicators, The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding	WORKSHOP
11:00 - 12:30	DEVIL IN THE DETAILS: THE EVOLVING RESPONSIBILITIES OF ENERGY COMPANIES IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS United Nations Development Programme, Heartland Initiative	POLICY BRIEFING
11:00 - 12:30	WATER AS A TOOL FOR PEACE: BRIDGES BETWEEN THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER AND THE PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS Geneva Water Hub, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)	POLICY BRIEFING
13:00 - 14:30	NEW AVENUES FOR SUSTAINING PEACE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL
13:00 - 14:30	ONLINE EXHIBITIONS Fondation Hirondelle, The United Nations Research Institute for Social	ONLINE EVENT

Development, Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding

14:30 - 15:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
15:00 - 16:30	HOW CAN EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN AFRICA ADDRESS INEQUALITIES AND BUILD TRUST WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE CENTER – A PEER-TO- PEER EXCHANGE Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, African Union, World Bank Group	WORKSHOP
15:00 - 16:30	ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT IN STATE RESPONSES TO CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE DCAF – The Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Inter- Parliamentary Union, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations	POLICY BRIEFING
15:00 - 16:30	THE WAR AND PEACE REPORT 2023: ARMED CONFLICT AND PEACE PROCESSES IN 2023 Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	POLICY BRIEFING
16:30 - 17:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
17:00 - 18:30	PEACEBUILDING AND PRIVATE FINANCE ACTORS: INVESTING IN PARTNERSHIPS THAT CREATE PEACE Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, Finance for Peace initiative, Interpeace	POLICY BRIEFING
17:00 - 18:30	ADDRESSING CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF PRIVATE MILITARY AND SECURITY COMPANIES AND MERCENARIES IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS: THE ROLE OF GENEVA-BASED ACTORS University of Copenhagen	POLICY BRIEFING
18:30 - 19:30	ART FOR PEACE: REFLECT & CONNECT The Environmental Peacebuilding Association® (EnPAx®)	ONLINE EVENT
19:00 - 22:00	A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	PRIVATE EVENT

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

08:00 - 09:00	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
09:00 - 10:30	CRITICAL CONNECTIONS: TRACING THE LINKS BETWEEN CLIMATE, CONFLICT, AND FRAGILITY Mercy Corps, Adelphi, CDA Collaborative, United Nations Development Programme	POLICY BRIEFING
09:00 - 10:30	THE NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE - REFLECTING ON THE FUTURE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ENGAGEMENTS Geneva Centre for Security Policy	POLICY BRIEFING
09:00 - 10:30	SHOW ME THE MEANING OF MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, Small Arms Survey, DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance	WORKSHOP
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
11:00 - 12:30	COMPLEXITIES OF LOCAL PEACE: CLIMATE CHANGE, FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND DECENT WORK Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, HDP Nexus Coalition International Labour Organization, Interpeace, UN Refugee Agency	WORKSHOP
11:00 - 12:30	L'INFORMATION AU SAHEL : UN ENJEU DE PAIX ? Fondation Hirondelle, Département fédéral des affaires étrangères de la Suisse	POLICY BRIEFING
13:00 - 14:30	BUILDING TRUST, BUILDING PEACE: ACTIONABLE PRIORITIES FOR THE SUMMIT - A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL
14:30 - 15:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nes- presso	SOCIAL GATHERING
15:00 - 16:30	EMPOWERING YOUTH TO BUILD PEACE: CO-GENERATING ACTION RE- SEARCH IN POST-CONFLICT IRAQ United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, Peacebuil- ding Initiative_Geneva Graduate Institute, The Swiss FDFA, United Nations Children's Fund, 100cameras, International Organization for Migration, Bridge, War Child UK, Progress in Peace	SPECIAL EVENT
15:00 - 16:30	ENTRE TRADITIONS ET LOIS: LA PRODUCTION D'ARMES À FEU ARTISA- NALES EN AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST Small Arms Survey, Représentation permanente de la France au- près de la Conférence du désarmement à Genève	POLICY BRIEFING

15:00 - 17:45	ACTION LIBRARY: PEACE PRACTICE AROUND THE WORLD Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, TrustWorks Global, European Institute of Peace, International Trade Centre, Principles for Peace Foundation, DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Adelphi, Groupe Securite Climatique Haiti, Ministere de l'environnement de Haiti, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme	SPECIAL EVENT
16:30 - 17:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
17:00 - 18:30	A RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO CONFLICT PREVENTION United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva Centre for Security Policy	POLICY BRIEFING
17:00 - 19:00	WHEN THE WATERS FLOW AS ONE: A WOMEN AND PEACE STORY UN Women, UN Women Colombia, Swedish Embassy in Colombia, Truth Commission in Colombia	MOVIE SCREENING
19:00 - 20:00	PEACETALKS: GENEVA PEACE WEEK EDITION Interpeace, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	SPECIAL EVENT
20:00 - 21:00	PEACE TALKS COCKTAIL Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	SOCIAL GATHERING



THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

08:00 - 09:00	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
09:00 - 10:30	FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS AT THE NEXUS OF CLIMATE, ENVI- RONMENT AND PEACE World Bank, Kofi Annan Foundation, Conservation International, In- ternational Union for Conservation of Nature, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute	WORKSHOP
09:00 - 10:30	ETHICAL REFRAMING OF AI: TIME FOR A GENEVA COMPACT? Globethics, The Club of Rome	POLICY BRIEFING
09:00 - 10:30	CONFLICT PREVENTION IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, LESSONS FROM THE PACIFIC Independent Diplomat, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Pacific Islands Forum	POLICY BRIEFING
10:30 - 11:00	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
11:00 - 12:30	STRATEGIC FORESIGHT IN PEACE PRACTICE: EXPERIENCES FROM THE FIELD CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, CyberPeace Institute	WORKSHOP
11:00 - 12:30	HARNESSING MHPSS FOR TRUST-BUILDING, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Division for Peace, United Nations Development Programme, Interpeace	POLICY BRIEFING
11:00 - 12:30	DOCUMENTING WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE DIGITAL AGE US Department of State, Yale Humanitarian Research Lab, Human Rights Center at University of California, Berkeley, Mitre	POLICY BRIEFING
13:00 - 14:30	NAVIGATING THE NEW NORMAL: LEGITIMACY, ACCOUNTABLE SECURITY, AND PARTNERSHIPS IN PEACE 2.0 DCAF-Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Principles for Peace	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL
13:30 - 14:30	ONLINE DIGITAL SERIES BBC Media Action, United Nations Development Programme	ONLINE EVENT
14:30 - 15:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aïgues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
15:00 - 16:30	INCREASE OUR COLLECTIVE ABILITIES TO FACE COMPLEX CHALLENGES PROMOTING PEACE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES Caux Initiatives of Change, Inner Development Goals Initiative - Lemanic Hub, CHS Alliance, Principles for Peace	WORKSHOP
15:00 - 16:30	ADDRESSING POLITICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING MEDRC, Geneva Water Hub, Centre for humanitarian dialogue	POLICY BRIEFING

16:30 - 17:00	COFFEE BREAK Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Fondation Aigues Vertes, Nespresso	SOCIAL GATHERING
17:00 - 18:30	LET'S INTERSECT: BUILDING TRUST-BASED PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCELERATE PEACE Rotary International, Alliance for Peacebuilding	POLICY BRIEFING
17:00 - 18:30	THE POWER OF STORYTELLING TO HELP BUILD PEACE (OR NOT) The New Humanitarian	WORKSHOP
18:15 - 18:45	COCKTAIL United Nations Development Prorgamme	SOCIAL GATHERING
18:45 - 20:30	PATHWAYS TO PEACE: FROM NEGOTIATORS TO INSIDER MEDIATORS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION France Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, United Nations Development Prorgamme, TrustWorks Global, Geneva International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights	MOVIE SCREENING



FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

11:00 - 12:30	CLOSING CEREMONY: 2023 KOFI ANNAN GENEVA PEACE ADDRESS	SPECIAL
	Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva	EVENT
	Peacebuilding Platform, Republic and Canton of Geneva, City of	
	Geneva	

12:30 - 13:30 **CLOSING CEREMONY COCKTAIL** Geneva Peacebuilding Platform SOCIAL **GATHERING**

SELECTED EVENTS



TOP 5 EVENTS AT GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2023

These five events, with their significant on-site and online attendance, exemplified the diversity and importance of discussions and activities held during Geneva Peace Week 2023. They played a pivotal role in advancing the discourse on peacebuilding and conflict resolution on a global scale.

1. OPENING CEREMONY «BUILDING TRUST, BUILDING PEACE: AN AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE»

Organised by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva, the Opening Ceremony gathered 590 attendees, 312 on site and 278 online. It set the tone for the week, focusing on the theme of trust and its role in peacebuilding.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Amb. Thomas Gürber, Secrétaire d'Etat adjoint, Département fédéral des affaires étrangères
- **Sami Kanaan**, Conseiller Administratif de la Ville de Genève, Board Member of the Global Cities Hub

KEYNOTE SPEECH

 Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, International Peace Institute President and former High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

SPEAKERS

- Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), United Nations
- Amb. Nathalie Chuard, Director of DCAF-Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- Leila Zerrougui, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and Head of the MONUSCO, United Nations

CLOSING REMARKS

• Amb. Thomas Greminger, Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy

MASTER OF CEREMONY AND MODERATOR

• Julie Kummer, Journalist, Radio Télévision Suisse

ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE

• **Anass Habib**, Singer and Teacher of Classical Arab Music.



Ambassador Thomas Gürber, Deputy State Secretary of Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, opened ceremony by addressing the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza. As an elected member State of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), he emphasised Switzerland's commitment to International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and human rights. Gürber stressed the importance of trust in international relations, citing the New Agenda for Peace. He highlighted the growing complexity of conflicts and the role of multilateralism, praising Geneva Peace Week as a platform for collaboration. Switzerland's focus on climate and security in UN missions and Geneva's significance in various governance areas were mentioned. Gürber expressed confidence that GPW fosters connections, likening Geneva to a kitchen for international diplomacy.

Sami Kanaan, Administrative Councillor of the City of Geneva, discussed the evolution of urban violence, stressing that over 80% of such violence occurs in cities not officially in armed conflict. He emphasised the role of local governments in addressing these issues and the impact of public projects, participation, health systems, and education mitigating violence and promoting diversity. Kanaan highlighted initiatives like the Peace in our Cities project and Mayors for Peace, addressing nuclear arms and human security. He called for local action and institutional space for cities in the multilateral space. Kanaan also mentioned the upcoming Global Refugee Forum as an opportunity to discuss promoting human rights and reducing violence.

In his speech, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein mentioned the hosting of the first edition of Geneva Peace Week in New York and discussed the extreme and brutal nature of the latest crisis, emphasising the deep pain on both sides. He provided details about the situation, including the initial attacks and the potential consequences of actions in Gaza. Zeid called for the condemnation of all violations of IHL and stressed the importance of delivering justice through legal means rather than violence. He highlighted the need for global consistency in addressing conflicts and the importance of regulating the release of energy in tense situations through the UNSC. Zeid also pointed out the challenges posed by UNSC vetoes and called for adherence to the UN Charter's foundational principles. He expressed concerns about the potential for further escalation and compared the contemporary landscape to the 1930s, emphasising the importance of preventing such a scenario from happening again and advocating for a unified set of rules applicable to all states.

"Building trust and building peace can only be achieved if states hold themselves to one set of rules that are applicable to all."

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, International Peace Institute President and former High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations





In the panel discussion, Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), United Nations, Amb. Nathalie Chuard, Director of DCAF-Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance and Leila Zerrougui, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and Head of the MONUSCO, United Nations, explored the central role of peace in the international agenda.



They acknowledged the challenges and despair in the global context but emphasised the importance of maintaining hope. Despite polarisation, there are signs that the international system can work, as seen in areas like the SDGs and addressing loss and damage. Member states are increasingly recognising the need to strengthen tools for peace, particularly through initiatives like the NA4P. The discussion also touched on the critical role of women in peace processes, highlighting the necessity of inclusion dismantling patriarchy for successful implementation. Recommendations for rebuilding trust and peace included adhering to international promoting global partnerships, and addressing root causes like inequality and lack of representation. In response to questions about the urgency of the Gaza situation and the gap between theory and practice in achieving peace, panellists emphasised the need for immediate action. accountability for violations of IHL, and better communication of small victories and progress in peace efforts. They also underscored the importance of trusted countries playing mediation roles in conflicts.



The ceremony ended with Ambassador Thomas Greminger's speech emphasising the importance of redoubling efforts to build peace, even in a world facing multiple crises. He spoke about the need for a versatile approach to address the complex challenges we face, mentioning the importance of cooperation and regulating technological developments.

Greminger also highlighted the upcoming Summit of the Future and Switzerland's role in chairing the UNSC after the summit, emphasising the crucial role of peacebuilders in the world. Overall, his message was one of hope and a call to action for a more peaceful future.





2. CLOSING CEREMONY - **«2023 KOFI ANNAN GENEVA PEACE ADDRESS»**

Organised by the Kofi Annan Foundation, the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, and the City of Geneva, the Closing Ceremony drew an impressive crowd of 643 attendees, 422 on site and 221 online. It featured the prestigious «2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address,» serving as a powerful finale to the week's activities.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

 Ahmad Fawzi, Communication strategist, former Spokesperson and Adviser to Kofi Annan

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Nathalie Fontanet, Geneva State Councillor in charge of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and External affairs, Republic and State of Geneva
- Marie-Laure Salles, Director, Geneva Graduate Institute

SPEAKER

 Filippo Grandi, 11th United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

 Barbara Hendricks, Soprano, human rights activist and Lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

CLOSING REMARKS

- Amb. Patricia Danzi, Director general of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

The Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address was opened by Marie-Laure Salles, Director of the Geneva Graduate Institute, who called on the importance of hope in our current climate, and noted that "Peace is a project, an eternal one. And a project that calls for courage and integrity. Peace has to be established. But we know that it must also be constantly re-established, sustained, and fought for on a daily basis."

Nathalie Fontanet, State Councillor of the Republic and State of Geneva, added in her welcome remarks that "peace is not a destination but a journey." The event featured an exceptional performance by Barbara Hendricks, celebrated Soprano, human rights activist, and Lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador. A champion for the rights of refugees, she sang her "Medley for Refugee Children" consisting of "Summertime", "Home" (a poem by Warsan Shire), "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child", and "O Freedom We Shall Overcome", with accompaniment by Ulf Englund on the bottleneck guitar.



The closing ceremony key moment came with the Geneva Peace Address of Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, moderated by Ahmad Fawzi, one of Kofi Annan's former spokespersons and Communication Advisor.

In his speech, the High Commissioner began by reflecting on a time when there was hope for an era of peace, particularly following the fall of the Berlin Wall. This era was expected to bring about global cooperation, gradually replacing the fractures of the Cold War. However, Grandi then shifted the focus to the present, expressing deep concern about the multitude of conflicts plaguing the world. He cited distressing examples, such as the destruction in Gaza, the violence in Ukraine, Sudan, Ethiopia, and the complex situation in Afghanistan, where women's rights are being denied.

He noted that these conflicts have exacerbated global divisions, creating a polarised world where it has become increasingly difficult to consider different perspectives. He emphasised that this polarisation often leads to a «with us or against us» mentality.

As the head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Grandi discussed the organisation's vital role in addressing refugee and displacement crises globally. He highlighted the alarming increase in the number of refugees and displaced



people, which is expected to grow due to ongoing crises. Grandi stressed the importance of maintaining strong humanitarian action, despite the challenges faced. He expressed concerns about the need for additional resources and funding to support these efforts, which are critical for stabilising crisis-affected regions.

Moreover, Grandi emphasised the significance of building resilience in populations affected by crises as a means of pursuing peace. He provided examples of investments in education, healthcare, energy, and food security to create a more stable environment. Additionally, he called for a renewed commitment to international humanitarian law, particularly in preventing attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure. Grandi asserted that respecting these laws should remain unchanged, even as technology advances.

Finally, Grandi paid tribute to Kofi Annan and highlighted his commitment to diplomacy, peacebuilding, and international cooperation. He encouraged people to be inspired by leaders like Annan and to contribute to peace in their own unique ways.

The Ceremony ended with the closing remarks of Amb. Patricia Danzi, Director general of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director, of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

"We should talk about peace every day of the year and not closing a week (Geneva Peace Week). So please commit to peace wherever you are, whatever you do. I am looking forward to seeing you again in 2024, but in the meantime, do your job."

Ambassador Patricia Danzi, Director general of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Swiss FDFA

3. HIGH-LEVEL PANEL «BUILDING TRUST, BUILDING PEACE: ACTIONABLE PRIORITIES FOR THE SUMMIT - A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE»

Organised by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, this highlevel panel discussion brought together 259 participants, 133 on site, 126 online. It offered insights into actionable priorities for peacebuilding, with a focus on the upcoming Summit of the Future.

MODERATOR

 Ms. Annika Hilding Norberg, Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

SPEAKERS

- Amb. Ahmed Abdel Latif, Director, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
- Ms. Colleen Crenwelge, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Department of State, United States
- **Ms. Madeleine Rees**, Secretary-General, Women's international League for Peace & Freedom
- **Mr. Itonde Kakoma**, President of Interpeace



The discussion on the Summit of the Future highlighted the need for substantial improvements and innovative thinking to address global challenges. It emphasised the critical deficit of trust both in international relations and citizen participation and stressed the importance of localising efforts to address conflicts effectively and build resilience. Gender equality and transforming gendered power relations were underscored, along with addressing growing inequalities and root causes of conflict. Involving youth in decision-making processes was deemed essential for success, especially in tackling issues like youth unemployment and poverty, urging increased investment in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). interdependence of the SDGs and the significance of inclusivity, dialogue, trauma healing, and historical injustices in peacebuilding were emphasised. The responsibility of member states in the international framework, the need for inclusive dialogues, and the importance of learning from historical conflict resolution examples were also key takeaways from the discussion.







4. PEACETALKS - «GENEVA PEACE WEEK EDITION»

Hosted by Interpeace and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the PeaceTalks session during Geneva Peace Week 2023 drew 170 attendees, 124 on site, 46 online.

MODERATION

- Sarah Noble, Curator of PeaceTalks
- **Daniel Clements**, Programme Manager of Creative Leadership, Caux Initiatives of Change

ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE

The event featured a special Impactful Social Installation by Poet Carmen Campo Real that explored the transformative journey from the darkness of war and displacement to hope, dignity, and Peace. Through her evocative written and spoken words, she painted a vivid picture of the human spirit's ability to mend and create beauty even in the face of profound suffering. In-person attendees received a numbered Collector Piece of SEP the brand, as a memento of the experience at the end of the event. This edition of the PeaceTalks also featured short talks that showcased Leadership for Peace in various sectors: Climate Action, Non-Governmental Action, Education, Entrepreneurship and Social Impact by:

- Maria Paloma Noriega Jalil, Climate advocate working on resilience and the interconnection between climate change and peace, UNFCCC
- Melanie Greenberg, Peacebuilder, Managing Director, Humanity United
- Dr James Smith, Founder and Deputy Chair, Aegis Trust and Sandra Shenge, Director of Programmes Aegis Trust, working to prevent genocide through peace education
- **Dr Conrad Hughes**, Teacher & international educator, Director-General International School of Geneva
- **Abbes Boukhobza**, Tunisian artist using painting to promote a message of peace, tolerance and joy.



5. MOVIE SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION - «PATHWAYS TO PEACE: FROM NEGOTIATORS TO INSIDER MEDIATORS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION»

Hosted by the France Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Development Programme, TrustWorks Global, and the Geneva International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights, this event attracted 144 attendees on site.

OPENING REMARKS

- Amb. Christine Toudic, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- **Agi Veres**, Director UNDP Representation Office Geneva, UNDP

SPEAKERS

- Manal Zahreddine, Mediator part of UNDP-established network of insider mediators
- Joanna Nassar, Regional Peace and Development Advisor, UNDP
- Arthur Boutellis, Senior Advisor, TrustWorks Global

MODERATOR

Loren Leplus, Desk Officer - Fragilities, Resilience and State Reform,
 France Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)



The session commenced with Ambassador Christine Toudic, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office in Geneval and Agi Veres, Director of UNDP Representation Office in Geneva, highlighting the urgency to rethink traditional conflict resolution in the face of global conflicts. They stressed the need for innovative approaches, particularly insider mediation.

The session aimed to introduce different «path ways to peace» featuring traditional negotiation methods through a movie screening "The Negotiators – How to Make Peace" and discussing insider mediation. Insider mediators, deeply connected to communities, were seen as crucial in averting violence escalation.

Key takeaways included:

1.

INVESTING IN PEACE

Prioritising investments in peace, especially prevention, is vital, as it is cost-effective. However, global allocation for prevention remains low at 4% of overall assistance.

2.

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES

Effective peace efforts require addressing the root causes of conflict and collaborating with local actors, like insider mediators.

3.

INSIDER MEDIATION

Insider mediators, including women and youth, play essential roles due to their deep community understanding.

4.

SUSTAINABILITY

Insider mediation, seen as a long-term process, ensures not only immediate peace but also sustainable peace infrastructure.

BEHIND THE SCENES

FUNDRAISING

Building upon valuable feedback received after the 2022 edition, and spurred by the initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, a dedicated fundraising campaign was initiated in December 2022. This campaign aimed to secure the necessary financial resources to further enhance the Geneva Peace Week experience for partner organisations and attendees alike.

The fundraising endeavour achieved significant success, bolstered by the generous support of two new sponsors: the Services Industriels de Genève and a Private Geneva-based Foundation. These contributions complemented the steadfast backing of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and founding members of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, who served as the GPW's main sponsors.

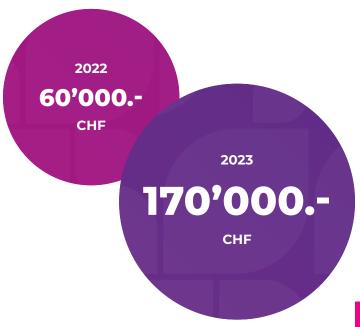
Notably, the fundraising campaign resulted in a remarkable 183.3% increase in the budget allocation for the 10-year anniversary of Geneva Peace Week. This substantial budget expansion has paved the way for an enriched and more impactful Geneva Peace Week experience. It underscores the commitment to continually elevate the forum, ensuring it provides even greater value to partner organisations and attendees as it continues to serve as a vital platform for promoting peacebuilding and international cooperation.



GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2023



+183.3% INCREASE FOR THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF GPW



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HOSPITALITY

In honour of its 10-year milestone, Geneva Peace Week took measures to enhance the hospitality aspects of the forum, ensuring a high quality experience:

A dedicated welcome desk and a team of hostesses were readily available to provide essential information and guidance to all participants, ensuring a warm and welcoming environment from the very beginning.

To foster networking and camaraderie, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, in collaboration with partners such as Novae, Nespresso, Fondation Aigues-Vertes, the United Nations Development Programme, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office, and other international organisations in Geneva, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, and the City of Geneva, hosted a total of 16 social gatherings. These events offered invaluable opportunities for attendees to connect and engage in meaningful discussions. To further

elevate the experience, local wine domains, including Champagne Deutz and Domaine des Lolliets, generously provided wine and champagne, adding a touch of sophistication to the gatherings.

To ease the accommodation experience for participants and speakers, collaboration with several partner hotels, including Hôtel Kipling, Hôtel N'vy, Hôtel Royal, Ibis Styles, Novotel Hotel Center and Hôtel Warwick, allowed attendees and experts to enjoy discounted rates.

For those seeking a dedicated space for work or relaxation, a lounge area and a designated working space were made available for the convenience of all.

As tokens of appreciation, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and SEP, the brand, offered delightful goodies and gifts such as todd bags, note books, stickers and branded pens during the Opening Ceremony and at the PeaceTalks, Geneva Peace Week edition.

In addition to the intellectual discourse, art exhibitions organised by Fondation Hirondelle, the Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding, and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development were hosted in each of the three buildings that accommodated GPW23 namely the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Conference Center of the Maison de la Paix. These exhibitions were complemented by captivating artistic performances by Anass Habib, a singer and teacher of Classical Arab Music, and Barbara Hendricks, a soprano, human rights activist, and lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.

Finally, to express gratitude and strengthen partnerships, a private event was thoughtfully organised at the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum exclusively for core partners and sponsors.

COMMUNICATIONS

In commemoration of its 10th anniversary, Geneva Peace Week embarked on a transformative journey to revamp its visual identity, a project undertaken in collaboration with the Etablissements publics pour l'intégration—an institution based in Geneva, dedicated to enhancing the well-being and social or professional integration of individuals facing disabilities or difficulties in terms of social and professional integration.

The result of this collaboration is a graphic charter and a brand new logo, carefully designed to symbolise the essence of Geneva Peace Week and the petals of the Maison de la Paix. This emblematic logo is intended to endure, representing not only the 10th edition but also future iterations of GPW.

Simultaneously, in partnership with METEORA, a cutting-edge website, www.genevapeaceweek.ch, was meticulously crafted. Serving as the primary information hub for all matters related to Geneva Peace Week, this website boasts tailored features that can be flexibly adapted to suit the unique requirements of each edition. The aim was to improve the readability of the programme and to offer a more user-friendly experience. The website can also now monitor online activity to be able to provide an analysis of website traffic before, during and after GPW. Impressively, the website has garnered a substantial online audience, with a total of



261 236 website views until GPW driven by over 21 000 distinct users. This digital presence not only enhances accessibility but also ensures that Geneva Peace Week remains a dynamic and engaging platform for its global audience.

TOP 5 PROVENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Switzerland

114 780 views

2. USA

24 034 views

3. France

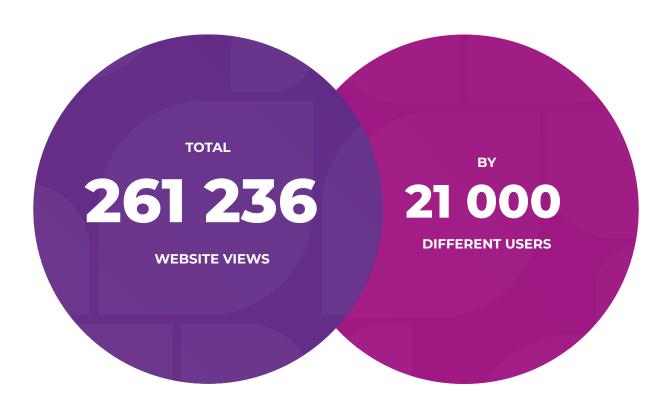
18 464 views

4.UK

10 754 views

Germany

8610 views



TOP 5 EVENTS VIEWS

Peace and Development

1. Kofi Annan Peace Address and	6638 views
Closing Ceremony	
2. Ethical Reframing of AI : Time for a	4900 views
Geneva Compact ?	
3. Opening : Building Trust, Building Peace :	3369 views
An Agenda for the Future	
4.PeaceTalks	2225 views
5. Harnessing MHPSS for Trust-Building,	2360 views



A dedicated password-protected platform for organisers was created to improve communications with organisers and to centralise content, with the design a new space, only available to organisers. Within this platform, a variety of information is available to organisers, offering comprehensive guidance on event organisation, logistics, and the creation of digital content. Additionally, a repository of templates, including those for social media visuals and PowerPoint presentations with the GPW brand, was provided to facilitate branding alignment and allow organisers to plan and prepare 4 months in advance before the start of GPW23.

A printed programme was distributed on-site during GPW. In addition to the online programme, for the first time this year, guests were offered a paper programme on-site. This aimed to have a clearer understanding of GPW events and activities as well as to give more visibility to GPW in Maison de la Paix.

In line with our new visual identity, templates for social media posts were created as well as an online campaign to keep the audience up to date with GPW updates and to increase the followers base in platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.











For the 2023 edition few new updates were made to our videos. The GPW23 trailer was launched both in English and French, which was very successful with more than 16,638 eager views. A special series of video testimonials were recorded with the participation of GPW's core partner organisations and former staff that contributed to the success of GPW over the past decade. These videos were also used in a shorter version presented during the opening ceremony.

TOP 5 SOCIAL MEDIA

- LinkedIn
- Facebook
- 3. Twitter
- 4.Instagram
- Youtube

7 400 followers

3 000 followers

2 502 followers

1335 followers

606 subscribers

GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2023 TRAILER VIEWS

- Twitter 10 614 views
- 2 LinkedIn 2 437 views
 - Instagram 2 174 views
 - Facebook 823 views
 - Youtube 590 views

TOTAL VIEWS: 16 638







The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform partnered with the International Peace Institute (IPI) and the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) to organise the first edition of Geneva Peace Week meets New York, held on 28-29 November 2023.

During a 1.5-day event in New York held at the International Peace Institute from 28 to 29 November 2023, peacebuilders





from Geneva, New York, and from the field engaged in discussions on current and emerging challenges to building sustainable peace. Geneva Peace Week Meets New York provided an opportunity for the broader community of peacebuilders to discuss and expand the proposals for a New Agenda for Peace (NA4P) and generate ideas for its effective implementation.

The event drew on the deliberations and findings of the 10th anniversary of Geneva Peace Week that was held earlier in the month in Geneva (30 October-3 November 2023) and the ministerial meeting on the Summit of

the Future held during High-Level Week in September in New York.

With around 100 persons on-site per session and over 300 online attendees, this first edition was a success and added to the special activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week in 2023.

Recordings of each session are available on our Youtube page.

PROGRAMME

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING PLENARY ON THE THEME "BUILDING TRUST FOR A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE"

The post-Cold War period is over, and we are moving towards a new global order and a multipolar world. Over the past decade, progress in science, technology, and economic development has greatly benefitted peacebuilding work. Nevertheless, our world remains fragile and plagued by internal violence and armed conflicts of far-reaching geopolitical dimensions. They increase its fragmentation and polarisation. As U.N. member states are preparing for the Summit of the Future, guided by a New Agenda for Peace, it is crucial to ask how we can restore trust between Member States in our institutions and

the multilateral system, and how to counter divisive narratives.

Predictable State behaviour can build a solid foundation for peace. In this regard, ensuring the application of existing common norms based on international law is critical. The meaningful inclusion of women, youth, and marginalised groups in peace processes is another way to promote sustainable peace. Trusted knowledge, based on accurate data and scientific evidence, can also contribute to better understanding and decision-making. Speakers will highlight the ways trust can be a critical enabler of sustaining peace.

INTRODUCTION

 Adam Lupel, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, International Peace Institute

MODERATOR

 Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

SPEAKERS

- H.E. Pascale Baeriswyl, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN
- Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, President and CEO. International Peace Institute
- **H.E. Ivan Šimonović**, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the UN
- Ambassador Nathalie Chuard, Director of DCAF, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

The panel discussion was followed by a presentation of the deliberations and outcomes of Geneva Peace week by Rapporteur **Dr. Adam Day**, Head of the Geneva Office, United Nations University_ Center for Policy Research.

FROM PROPOSALS TO COMMITMENTS – THE NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE AND THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform through the 2023 Geneva Peace Week and the Geneva Consultations on the New Agenda for Peace generated a range of ideas and initiatives aimed at contributing to the development

of the New Agenda for Peace and the preparations for the Summit of the Future. This panel will begin with a reflection on the New Agenda for Peace and an update on preparations for the Summit of the Future from the senior UN Secretariat Perspective. Speakers will share reflections on topics of particular relevance for prevention and peacebuilding in turbulent times, on which Geneva-based organisations can share firsthand experience. These topics include mediation, regional prevention and governance, national prevention strategies.



SPEAKERS

- Helena Ndapewa Kuzee, Deputy Permanent Representative of Namibia to the UN
- Alexandra Fong, Chief of Policy Planning at DPPA
- David Lanz, Deputy Director, Policy and Mediation Support, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Mediation)
- Hiba Qasas, Executive Director, Principles for Peace Foundation

MODERATOR

 Annika Hilding Norberg, Head of Peace Operations and Peacebuilding, Geneva Center for Security Policy

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGIES TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

New technologies, like social media, which were meant to bring the world closer together, are being weaponized to further create divisions and sow distrust. But new technologies and

fresh ideas can and should be brought to the peacebuilding sector to counter the harmful effects of many of these new technologies. How can the risks linked to new technologies, including AI, be better regulated? And how can these new tools be regulated for good in peacebuilding and sustaining peace? What are the implications of different technologies on the future of peacebuilding?



SPEAKERS

- Maria Victoria (Mavic) Cabrera Balleza, CEO of Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
- Anne Marie Buzatu, Executive Director, Information and Communication Technology for Peace (ICT4P)
- Howard Wachtel, Senior Director and Head of Policy, UN and International Organizations at Microsoft

MODERATOR

 Dr. Adam Lupel, Vice President and COO, International Peace Institute

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH JUST TRANSITIONS

Climate impacts affect all areas of human life and ecosystems. As temperatures rise, resources will become scarce, environmental thresholds will be surpassed, and extreme weather events will become more frequent and intense. As the SG has pinpointed, climate is

a threat multiplier. Climate change compounds challenges such as food livelihood insecurity, poverty, displacement. themselves and drivers of conflict. Immediate action is needed to adapt to the wide range of adverse impacts of climate change impacts. Early warning systems, new technologies, accurate data, and evidence can help build trust, prevent possible escalations of violence, and face these risks. What lessons can be learned to create more justice and equity in the face of climate change?



SPEAKERS

- H.E. Domingos Estêvao Fernandes,
 Deputy Permanent Representative
 of Mozambique to the UN
- Christophe Hodder, UN Climate Security and Environmental Advisor to Somalia (Virtual)
- Catherine-Lune Grayson, Head of Policy Team – Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (Virtual)

MODERATOR

 Jimena Leiva Roesch, Director of Global Initiatives and Head of IPI's Peace, Climate, and Sustainable Development Program

PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

The social contract between governments and their people and between groups in society is eroding. Sustainable development and human rights are cornerstones for sustainable peace, to guarantee inclusion, and protect against marginalisation and discrimination. In the year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(UDHR) 75th anniversary, and in order to ensure a solid foundation for the NA4P, the following questions need to be looked at: How to strengthen the role of human rights in building trust towards peaceful and inclusive societies? How can human rights in their entirety – economic, social, and cultural rights as well as civil and political rights – be at the heart of prevention strategies? What role for the UN, Member States, donors, and civil society in overcoming fragmentation across sectors and pillars in the UN system?



OPENING REMARKS

 H.E. Leonor Zalabata Torres, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN

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SPEAKERS

- **Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the UN
- Dr. Roshni Menon, Acting Director of the Inequality and Exclusion Program, NYU Center on International Cooperation
- Lorna Merekaje, Director of the South Sudan Democratic Engagement Monitoring and Observation Programme (SSuDEMOP) (Virtual)
- Graeme Simpson, Interpeace, New York Office

AI FOR PEACE - HARNESSING THE COMPLEMENTARITIES BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA

With its focus on humanitarian action, global governance, and disarmament, the international Geneva ecosystem is well-suited to contribute to the development of robust ethical standards for the use of AI, including in peace-related activities. These standards should ensure transparency, accountability, impartiality, and protection of human rights, while using Al's data processing power to identify potential conflict patterns and improve both the prevention and the response. With its policy innovation capabilities, the New York ecosystem has a lot to contribute to this field. It can work towards international consensus to ensure that Al's role in peacekeeping missions and diplomatic initiatives is both effective and ethically sound. The closing panel will examine how this collaboration may look in practice, and how the New Agenda for Peace could foster this collaboration. Further.

addressing the increasingly rapid and far-reaching developments in science and technology constitutes a challenge that the international community must meet in particular with regard to the use of AI in warfare. The elaboration of norms and regulations - whether politically or legally binding - to meet this challenge is needed. The New Agenda for Peace recommends, as a first step, that negotiations on autonomous weapons systems should result in a tangible normative outcome as swiftly as possible over the next few years. To be implemented, it will be important that the work undertaken in Geneva in the past years [within the framework of the Convention on certain Conventional Weapons] be taken forward. For its part, the resolution adopted by the 1st Committee of the UNGA for the first time underlines not only the importance of the work undertaken in Geneva but also that this issue is of importance for the entire UN membership, notably stressing the necessity of a dialogue between Geneva and New York on this issue.

SPEAKERS

- H.E. Maritza Chan Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
- Eleonore Fournier-Tombs, Research Lead for the UN Secretariat of the Advisory Body on Al
- Ambassador Amandeep Singh Gill, Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology
- Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Virtual)

MODERATOR

• Annyssa Bellal, Executive Director, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform



CLOSING SESSION

SPEAKERS

- Awa Dabo, Director and Deputy Head, UN Peacebuilding Support Office
- Itonde Kakoma, Interpeace President
- **H.E. Pascale Baeriswyl**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN





MISSION

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a knowledge hub that connects the critical mass of peacebuilding actors, resources, and expertise in Geneva and worldwide. Founded in 2008, the Platform has a mandate to facilitate interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors, and to advance new knowledge and understanding of issues and contexts related to building peace. It also plays a creative role in building bridges between International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and peacebuilding activities in the field. The Platform's network comprises more than 4'000 peacebuilding professionals working on building peace directly or indirectly.

The Platform ensures the continuous exchange of information through seminars, consultations, and conferences, and facilitates outcome-oriented dialogues on peacebuilding practice.



WHAT IS THE PLATFORM'S MANDATE?

The Platform is mandated by five partner institutions (GCSP, DCAF, CCDP, INTER-PEACE and QUNO) to act as a 'knowledge hub' to advance new knowledge and understanding of peacebuilding issues and contexts, and to facilitate the interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors.

The overall goal of this mandate is to nurture the networking of peacebuilding resources in Geneva and worldwide; and build bridges between International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and peacebuilding activities in the field.

In support of this mandate, the Platform will:

- Develop a network of peacebuilding professionals and institutions;
- Provide policy-relevant advice and services:
- Ensure a continuous exchange of information, and necessary 'reality checks', through formal or informal seminars, consultations, and conferences; and
- Work across institutional and sectoral divisions.

WHAT ARE THE PLATFORM'S AIMS?

- Adding value by generating substance, analysis or understanding on peacebuilding at the cross section of institutions, sectors, and disciplines.
- Enabling frank and open exchange by locating discussions outside official meetings on positions and above institutional and sectorial silos and 'turf wars'.
- Listening to the voices of local peacebuilders so that those building peace on a daily basis are heard in Geneva, New York, and other major policy centres.

HOW DOES THE PLATFORM WORK?

- Finding solutions from the bottom-up by building strong partnerships with a range of actors at various levels tailored to a specific topic or context.
- Network peacebuilding resources in Geneva and worldwide by facilitating connections across institutions and sectors and by synthesising promising practice.
- Ensuring continuous exchange about peacebuilding issues, practice, and contexts through seminars, consultations, conferences, and multi-stakeholder processes.



THE TEAM



Annyssa is responsible for the strategic direction of the Platform and its management, including the supervision of the team and convening the different committees. She supervises the platform workstream and serves as a stakeholder liaison. Annyssa is an international lawyer with more than 18 years of experience both at the academic and policy levels, with a particular expertise on armed non-state actors. She also worked as a legal adviser for the Swiss NGO Geneva Call, the OHCHR and the Swiss FDFA. In 2011, she acted as the Head of the International Humanitarian Customary Law Project at the ICRC. She has engaged directly with armed non-state actors in the field, notably in Syria, Iraq and the DRC. In 2019, she was invited to brief the UN Security Council on the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions. Annyssa holds a Master of advanced studies in International Relations from the Geneva Graduate Institute, a Master of Law from the University of Geneva and a Ph.D in Public International Law (summa cum laude) from the Geneva Graduate Institute

Dany facilitates, organises, and manages the development of Geneva Peace Week by coordinating the work of the Consortium, GPP and temporary staff alongside partner organisations. Prior to joining the Platform, Dany acquired extensive work experience in the education sector over 9 years at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, where he held several positions, including his main role as Coordinator of Master Programmes. Dany holds a BA in Information, Communication, and Journalism from the University Lumière Lyon 2, a Certificate in Human Rights from the University of Geneva, and an Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict from the Geneva Academy, a joint centre of the University of Geneva and the Geneva Graduate Institute





Annika incubates and animates various communities of practice on different topics including business and conflict, as well as environment, climate, conflict, and peace. She is an experienced community organiser, political advocate and event manager, working with nearly a dozen NGOs over the past ten years, including the Conference on World Affairs, Represent. Us, Run for Something, and the Global Campaign for Education. She holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



Gabriela is in charge of negotiating and managing sponsorship agreements and serves as a liaison with corporate partners on sponsorship execution. She is also responsible for partnering with other companies and organisations to deliver the highest quality experience at the Geneva Peace Week. With more than 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Gabriela worked as Director of Events at Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, Kempinski Hotels, and Movenpick Hotels & Resorts, creating and coordinating events, including managing teams and the financial budget. Since 2018, she founded and manages Brightside Group, providing high-quality hospitality services. Gabriela holds a BA in Hotel Management and a Master in Luxury Marketing.

Tatiana handles all communication-related tasks, from website development and updates to social media campaigns, videos and graphic content. She is also responsible for all IT and media related issues. She is an experienced communication specialist working with academia, NGOs and International Organisations for over 10 years. Tatiana holds a Bachelor's degree in International Business from the University of Savoie, as well as a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Project Management from the University of Geneva.



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