



Building Peace in a Turbulent World

Full programme of events

Geneva Peace Week 2018 emphasizes the urgency of finding peaceful solutions for the growing risks of violent conflict, building on the lessons from history and the needs for future peacebuilding practice.

Collective security and peace practice represent a rich tapestry of challenges and achievements, as well as devastating failures. Geneva Peace Week reflects on the lessons of a century of liberal internationalism in the service of peace and focuses on the roles that every person, actor and institution can play in building peace and resolving conflict. Awareness of the potentials and pitfalls of these roles is ever more important to build and sustain peace in a turbulent world and to broker the partnerships necessary to address them.

Overall, there will be 65 events organized by over 120 partners over 5 days. By synchronizing meetings and events on different topics related to the promotion of peace during one week, Geneva Peace Week maximizes synergies between organizations in Geneva, focused on the cross-cutting nature of peace.

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Geneva Peace Week- Programme of Events

5-9 November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

09:30 – 10:45 Nuclear Disarmament or Nuclear Arms Race: The World at Crossroads

Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

Nuclear multilateral non-proliferation and disarmament agreements and regimes are increasingly threatened by growing divisions and challenges while bilateral arms control frameworks have offered no prospect of progress. Disruptive global geo-political events that add a sense of urgency to the issue combined with tentative policy level pushes towards more productive discussions have highlighted how surreal the path is we are currently on. What is the current state of play of nuclear disarmament in an increasingly multipolar world where consensus is ever more elusive? Can the Secretary General's Agenda infuse positive change? Do we need to seek opportunities beyond set-piece multilateral interactions?

Focal Point for the event: Florence Foster, Representative: Peace and Disarmament, QUNO
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10:00 – 12:00 Building Peace: Protecting Children in Conflict

Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and
Permanent Missions of Belgium & Uruguay
Palais des Nations – Room XVII

To respond to yet another increase of grave violations against children in situations of armed conflict in 2018, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict is rolling out a global advocacy campaign to renew the engagement to better protect children in armed conflict, improve the response to violations against children, strengthen accountability and ultimately prevent those violations. Co-sponsored by Belgium and Uruguay, co-chairs of the Geneva Group of Friends on Children and Armed Conflict, this event will convene Member States, UN partners, NGOs and general public to mark the official launch of the Protecting Children in Conflict Advocacy Campaign.

Focal Point for this event: Nicolas Gerard, Office of the OSRSG-CAAC
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12:00 – 13:00 Capstone Global Security Presentations

CCDP – Graduate Institute
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

13:30 – 18:00 Building Peace in a Turbulent World

Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

In front of an ever more turbulent world and ever stronger calls to action, this Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform sets the scene for the reflections of Geneva Peace Week 2018 on the urgency to find peaceful solutions for the growing risk of violent conflict in its many forms. The Annual Meeting aims to contribute to greater unity by distilling what we know about the coming turbulence and to greater courage across institutions and sectors to 'walk the talk' and act to prevent conflict and build peace. Intent on galvanizing the courage to act, the Annual Meeting emphasizes that wherever people prevent conflict and build peace on a daily basis, those willing to lead have much work to do and many places to start; but they should be reassured that effective approaches are readily available. The Annual Meeting offers a glimpse into this practice and propose a space to broker new partnerships for action that are driven by cool heads, sober judgement, and effective action.

17:45 – 19:00 Geneva Peace Week Opening Reception

Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN and to the other international organizations, Canton de Genève, Ville de Genève
Maison de la Paix – Hall Pétale 2

19:15 – 20:15 "Human Frights" Theatre Piece

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform – MVG Production
Maison de la Paix – Auditorium Ivan Pictet A1

Don't miss this unique opportunity as award winning playwright, Mike van Graan, together with a talented solo actor will present a play especially written for Geneva Peace Week which explores the themes of social justice, peacebuilding and human rights.

Tuesday 6th November 2018

09:00 – 10:15 Townhall Meeting – Taking Stock on “Sustaining Peace”

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B

This town hall meeting is an open and interactive discussion about the current state and future of the concept of “Sustaining Peace”.

The meeting is introduced by a key-note address by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic; Incoming Chair of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; and Former President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly.

The UN Security Council and General Assembly endorsed the concept of ‘sustaining peace’ through joint resolutions in the spring of 2016. The concept stems from the review of the UN peacebuilding architecture and repositions ‘peacebuilding’ activities as an activity across all stages of conflict (not along a set sequence), as a priority for the entire UN system (not just a selected UN departments), and as a responsibility for national governments and all other national stakeholders (not just governments exclusively).

The town hall meeting offers an interactive opportunity to exchange views on the achievements of ‘sustaining peace’ and on the future potential for policy and practice of this concept.

The town hall meeting will be moderated by Dr. Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Focal Point for the event: Dr. Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

10:15 – 12:00 Towards Sustaining Peace: Strengthening Synergies between SSR and Human Rights

Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
Palais des Nations – Room XXIII

‘Sustaining Peace’ has emerged as an approach to preventing the outbreak, continuation, and recurrence of conflict. The concept recognizes that building peace should not be limited to post-conflict contexts. It requires strengthening linkages across all three pillars of the United Nations’ engagement at all stages of conflict. The prevention of systematic and widespread violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms is crucial for sustaining peace. Security sector reform that addresses both the accountability and effectiveness of the security sector plays a key role in this regard. As the violation and abuse of human rights is often an early warning indicator of an emerging conflict, the security sector is of utmost importance, as it can be mandated by the state to use force to protect human rights or, unfortunately, it can play a role in violating these rights. While it is well established that the term security sector reform has a built-in good governance/rule of law component, with human rights at its centre, in practice, security sector reform efforts at the country level sometimes appear to take place without taking human rights or justice considerations fully into account. This panel aims to

highlight the synergies between SSR and human rights towards more effective efforts to sustaining peace.

Focal Point for the event: Hans Born, Assistant Director
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10:45 – 12:00 ReSTORYing Peace

Conflict and Human Rights Initiative, Enacting Global Transformation Initiative,
Theatre of Transformation Academy
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium A2

How are the lives of children and young people who grow up amidst conflict? How do they see the world, and how do they think peace can be achieved? Can visual arts help us understand them better? This panel discusses three examples of how visual techniques such as documentary videos, pictures and theatre can be effectively used to tell the stories of and connect with young people who live through violence and seek to build peace on the ground. The event features excerpts of: 'Somos', an ethnographic documentary film made collaboratively by 24 Colombain adolescents who lived through the conflict and present their visions of Peace, realised by Elena Butti, anthropologist and doctoral candidate at the University of Oxford.

'Erase and Rewind', an auto-ethnographic photography exhibition by a Somali unaccompanied minor refugee (now 18) of the lives of young refugees in Turkey, realised by Eda Elif Tibet, anthropologist and doctoral candidate at the University of Bern

'Enacting Global Transformation', a video on the transformative methodology developed at the University of Oxford to shape collaborative responses to war and displacement, realised by Eda Elif Tibet and Rama Mani, performer and Founder of the Theatre of Transformation Academy

After the performances, the realisers will discuss a number of questions: Can arts be a useful tool to engage conflict-affected young people in and beyond academic research? Can they be helpful in generating 'empathy' towards these youths? What is their potential for achieving 'transformation'?

Focal Point for the event: Elena Butti, Doctoral candidate at the University of Oxford
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10:45 – 12:00 United Nations Peacekeeping: Greater Accountability Toward the Local Population in the Era of #MeToo & #AidToo

Kevin Chang, University of Sydney
Maison de la Paix – Pétale 4 – GCSP

United Nations peace operations have an impressive record of maintaining peace and preventing conflict in war-torn states, and have evolved over time with innovative mandates to address modern conflicts. The exercise of wide-ranging powers, however, comes with risks of failure and unintended consequences. Like any organisation, the UN is subject to flaws in decision-making that result in harmful impact to the local population, with peacekeeping at the forefront of concerns relating the UN's accountability gap. This panel will discuss the challenging questions relating to legal and ethical accountability in UN peace operations, with proposals for priority areas of reform. The discussion will be framed in light of efforts by the Secretary-General to address sexual abuse and exploitation, and the intensified international scrutiny on accountability of the entire aid system.

Focal Point for the event: Kevin Chang, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney
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12:00 – 13:00 Collective Impact in Peacebuilding - What's New?

Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (IPTI), CDA Collaborative Learning Projects,
Permanent Mission of Sweden
Maison de la Paix – Pétale 5 – IPTI

The call for coordination in peacebuilding, where a myriad of efforts should “add up”, is not new. However, we are learning more about the reality of shared agenda setting, power dynamics, challenges to inclusion and sustainability that often get in the way. This expert workshop is an interactive reflection on the “nuts and bolts” of getting to collective peacebuilding impact. Building on case studies, models and insights from IPTI’s Impact Local Peace project and CDA Collaborative Learning Project’s ‘Framework for Collective Impact in Peacebuilding’, practitioners and funding partners will discuss enabling features, respective roles and support structures for collective action. Please note that places are limited – registration required.

Focal Point for the event: Jenny Aulin, Civil Society Program Manager,
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12:30 – 14:30 Engaging strategically with the Universal Periodic Review and other Geneva-based processes to implement the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

UNFPA, Peacebuilding Support Office, Interpeace
Palais des Nations – Room XXIV

Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) mandated the United Nations to carry out a progress study documenting the positive contribution of young people to peace processes and conflict resolution, and to recommend responses at local, national, regional and international levels. The full version of the study, entitled *The Missing Peace: Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security*, is being released in the Fall of 2018 and will be launched during this event. This Study, developed by an independent lead author and group of advisors, provides further information and evidence, data and country examples from young people on the key findings and messages included in the shorter summary version submitted to the Security Council in April of 2018. This full version also includes multiple voices from the over 4,230 young people engaged in what has been hailed as one of the most participatory and inclusive research processes undertaken by the United Nations. This two-hour event, organized in the margins of the Universal Periodic Review and as part of the Geneva Peace Week, will facilitate a substantive multi-stakeholder discussion on how the UPR and other Geneva-based processes and mechanisms can support the implementation of the youth, peace and security agenda.

Focal Point for the event: Cécile Mazzacurati, Head of Secretariat on Youth, Peace & Security,
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13:00 – 14:15 Building Urban Peace

Small Arms Survey, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

Cities can be centres of destabilization and fragility, or they can provide a bulwark of stability and peace in a turbulent world. This panel explores how local actors are building urban peace and seeks to understand the nature of the public, private, formal and informal partnerships at the heart of these strategies. Putting regional experiences into global perspective, this event offers an overview of data tracking violence in cities; an analysis of how security sectors can better prevent and respond to these threats; and proposals for how multilateral diplomacy between cities can support local urban peace.

Focal Point for the event: Fairlie Chappuis, Programme Manager, PRDiv, DCAF
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13:00 – 14:15 Interactive panel: Reintegrating Children as a contribution to Peace and Security: Delivering Long-term and Sustainable Solutions

Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict, UNICEF, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B

Helping children affected by armed conflict rebuild their lives is vital to advance the sustaining peace agenda. Successful reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces or groups is essential to break cycles of violence and prevent conflict. How can we support countries to facilitate the return of children and reunite them with their families, respond to specific needs of girls and prepare communities while guaranteeing the best interest of the child?

Participants will interact with international and local child protection actors highlighting the need for strategic partnerships to ensure comprehensive, long-term and sustainable reintegration for children affected by conflict.

Focal Point of the event: Marielle Mumenthaler, Programme Officer, Swiss FDFA
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13:00 – 15:45 The Effectiveness of the Peace Operations in DRC, Mali & Somalia

Cedric de Coning, NUPI & Annika Hilding-Norbergh, GCSP

Maison de la Paix – Pétale 4 – GCSP

International organizations such as the AU, the EU, and the UN are under increasing pressure from their member states to justify the financial, human and political resources spend on peace operations. This has led to a growing pressure to measure impact and effectiveness.

The Effectiveness of Peace Operations network undertakes collaborative research studies into specific peace operations using a shared methodology. In 2018, the network studied the UN missions in Mali and the DRC and the AU mission in Somalia. At this event, the findings of these studies, and the general observations made on the effectiveness of peace operations, will be shared and discussed with seminar participants.

Focal Point for the event: Cedric de Coning, Senior Researcher, NUPI
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14:30 – 15:45 Addressing Group Violence and Community Resilience Across Contexts

Chemonics International, National Network for Safer Communities (NNSC),

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP)

Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

Whether driven by identity, affiliation, or ideology, group violence targets another group perceived as an adversary to advance a specific agenda. This panel focuses on the similarities and differences regarding violence fueled by group dynamics across Latin America, Africa and the Middle East and the way community resilience is incubated and protected, to counter criminal behavior. The discussion is based on a comparative analysis of group typologies, motivations, recruitment and legitimacy methods, and competition mechanisms to inform analytical frameworks and violence reduction interventions that include community led efforts. Discussants will share lessons learned and approaches that are common across regions.

Focal Point of the event: Enrique Betancourt, Director Violence Prevention Initiative
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14:30 – 15:45 Challenging the Conventional: Can Post-violence Reconciliation Succeed?

Interpeace, Kofi Annan Foundation, Permanent Mission of Finland

Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B

Today, reconciliation is part of almost any peace agreement. However, there is a lack of understanding of what works in advancing reconciliation. With the support of the Government of Finland and the Robert Bosch Stiftung, the Kofi Annan Foundation has partnered with Interpeace to examine past reconciliation efforts and understand what reconciliation means for those living in countries affected by violence. Based on four studies in Guatemala, Northern Ireland, DRC and South Africa and experts' inputs, the report: "Challenging the conventional: Making post-violence reconciliation succeed" proposes several critical questions that must be accounted for by

national/international actors engaged in reconciliation efforts. The proposed panel will discuss what to pay attention to in the design and implementation of reconciliation processes.

Focal Point of the event: Maud Roue, Reconciliation Programme Manager
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14:30 – 15:45 Partnering for Peace: Driving Stability During Crisis Response

Mercy Corps, International Humanitarian Infrastructure Platform (IHIP), Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Maison de la Paix, Auditorium A2

Over the past decade we have seen suffering increase in the most fragile of places and how violent extremist groups aggravate crises. Violent conflict and the resulting loss of life and displacement shape the majority of crises today and frame the humanitarian response.

Most international assistance seeks to alleviate suffering in the midst of a complex crisis by addressing the effects of conflict. Yet there are important and often untapped opportunities to lay the groundwork for stability and peace through and alongside humanitarian responses.

Panellists from GCERF, IHIP, IFRC and Mercy Corps will illustrate different approaches to driving stability, peace and preventing violent extremism within humanitarian contexts and explore the benefits and challenges of partnering across sectors. This includes partnerships between the infrastructure and local private sector, and between humanitarian and preventing violent extremism actors.

Focal Point for the event: Lilla Schumicky-Logan, Grants Officer
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14:30 – 15:45 Workshop “Integrating Gender Equality in Peacebuilding”

Gender and Diversity Hub of the Maison de la Paix

Maison de la Paix – Pétale 3 – GICHD

This workshop aims to explore the role of gender in peacebuilding and provide entry points and a selection of practical examples of approaches on how to integrate gender equality in peacebuilding activities. Participants will be presented with real-world case scenarios and will be asked to apply different tools and strategies to find solutions to the posed challenges. The Workshop will focus on the cross-cutting nature of gender and peace, exploring synergies between different areas of expertise of several organisations working in the human security sector in Geneva. Attendance for this workshop will be limited to 30 persons. Individuals with experience and/or interest in peacebuilding are encouraged to register.

Focal Point for the event: Vanessa Sampaio, Junior Programme Officer
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16:15 – 17:30 Making Inclusion Work for Peace

Conflict Dynamics International; Search for Common Ground; Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative (IPTI)

Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B

Inclusion is an essential but often elusive goal in peace and political dialogue processes. Progress towards realizing effective inclusion often falls short of normative aspirations; Inclusive arrangements can be under emphasized, or poorly designed and implemented.

This session will explore how inclusion can work effectively in practice. It will draw on experiences of local actors and practitioners to illuminate progress towards designing and implementing inclusive approaches. The session will highlight what has worked well, and what can be done differently; prioritizing inclusion of women, youth and civil society; and new methods to design inclusive

approaches. The session will feature sharing of experiences by panelists involved in different processes.

Focal Point for the event: Alex Bramble, Researcher/Analyst
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16:15 – 17:30 Mind the Gap: Can Regional Intergovernmental Organisations Bridge the Policy Gap in Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building?

Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (IPTI), International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT)
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium A2

Focusing on the role of regional inter-governmental organizations (RIGOs) in peace building and conflict prevention, the session aims to bring together examples from around the world to (a) inform and strengthen capacity of RIGOs for policy formulation and implementation in the field of conflict prevention (b) bridge the policy gap between various stakeholders, primarily global institutions and RIGOs, and RIGOs and local CSOs, and (c) initiate a discussion on the subject that continues beyond the conference session. By anchoring the discussion with the UN-WB report, "Pathways for Peace," and other recent global frameworks for peace, the session will highlight the role of RIGOs in conflict prevention and peace building.

Focal Point for the event: Pascal Richard, Managing Adviser Policy and Advocacy
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16:15 – 17:30 Peace Operations from the Ground up: Challenges and Successes

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Small Arms Survey (SAS)
Maison de la Paix – Pétale 4 – GCSP

Peace Operations function in highly sensitive and increasingly risky environments, plagued by shaky political settlements and endemic lack of social trust. They must balance the short term need for operational effectiveness with long term requirement of institution-building. How can this be achieved, and sustained? This event focuses on the key role of learning and knowledge sharing. The panel discussion will take stock of the ongoing debate on UN peacekeeping reform processes, highlight challenges as well as successes, and identify innovations, from the areas of rule of law, security sector reform, as well as arms control/management in peace operations.

Focal Point for the event: Elsa Dazin, SSR Adviser, DCAF
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16:15 – 17:30 Mediating security in peace processes: exploring linkages and strengthening partnerships

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD)
WMO – Salle Kreuzel

Security sector governance (SSG) is central to every peace process because it determines how legitimate violence is controlled in politics and society. At the same time, negotiations and the peace agreements that result are typically crucial in setting the agenda for post-conflict SSG. However, mediators and security reform professionals have a tendency to work in parallel universes. By bringing together both communities, and building on insights from a recent DCAF study, this panel discussion aims to raise awareness of the need for more sustained cooperation. We hope to contribute to bridging the gap between mediators and practitioners of SSR, DDR, SALW and mine action.

Focal Point for the event: Fairlie Chappuis, Programme Manager, PRDiv, DCAF
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19:00 – 20:30 "When Swallows Cry" Theatre Piece

Geneva Peacebuilding Platform – MVG Production

Maison de la Paix – Auditorium Ivan Pictet A1

When Swallows Cry interweaves three stories set in Africa, or about African migrants and refugees. These stories, featuring three actors playing contrasting characters in the three different playlets, are multi-layered and raise numerous themes about contemporary mobility. The stories comment on each other, not necessarily in sequence, but as a whole.

When Swallows Cry was commissioned by a Norwegian theatre company, Ibsen International. It was first staged in January 2017 by the Market Theatre in Johannesburg, and received three awards for Best Director, Best Script and Best Production in the annual theatre awards.

Wednesday 7th November

09:00 – 10:45 Twice the Peace by 2030: Linking Knowledge to Practice

International Peace Institute and Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies, and the Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva

Palais des Nation – Room VIII

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development made for the first time peaceful, just and inclusive societies a global development priority. For the first time, it addresses peace from a development perspective. Given what we know about how severely violence undermines broader development aims, SDG16.1 in particular has the potential to emerge at the forefront of the agenda. However, urgent action is needed to bend the curve and accelerate the implementation of evidence-based violence reduction and prevention strategies that help those working at the national or local level. This event seeks to showcase early success stories in different countries to strengthen and transform preventative action, presenting the latest research by the International Peace Institute and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies.

Focal Point for the event: Masooma Rahmaty, Program Assistant
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09:00 – 10:15 CyberMediation: the impact of digital technology in the prevention and resolution of violent conflicts

UN Department of Political Affairs, DiploFoundation, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, swisspeace

Palais des Nation – Room XI

The UN Department of Political Affairs, DiploFoundation, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, swisspeace have joined forces in March 2018 in UN Geneva to develop an initiative to explore how digital technology is impacting the job of mediators in preventing and resolving violent conflicts. During this event, participants will hear from practitioners about their experiences on how mediators are incorporating digital tools in their work and how they are dealing with the new challenges. The CyberMediation partners will also report on their initial findings in a number of areas including social media, data for mediation and artificial intelligence for mediation.

Focal Point for the event: Enrico Formica, Senior Mediation Officer
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09:00 – 10:15 We have a voice too: young people's contributions to peace

UN Women Humanitarian Action and Crisis Response, Geneva Office; Permanent Missions of Finland, Australia, and Norway

Palais des Nations - Room XIV (Kazakh Room)

This event, organized by UN Women in partnership with the Permanent Missions of Finland, Australia, and Norway, brings together young women leaders from different countries. In a Ted-like storytelling

event, the young leaders share how they have overcome the barriers of gender and age discrimination and negotiate peace.

The presentations will be followed by a commentary from other contexts, including the Member State co-hosts and representatives who reflect what the international community can do to support young women and men in advancing peace and security.

Focal Point for the event: Raidan ALSAQQAF,
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09:00 – 15:45 Italy and the Allies: War Goals and Post-War Disillusions

Webster University Geneva, Associazione Ricercatrici e Ricercatori Italiani in Svizzera, and the Roosevelt Institute of American Studies
Webster University, Bellevue

Round-table to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I under the patronage of Italy's Consulate-General and in cooperation with the Roosevelt Institute of American Studies and the Associazione Ricercatrici and Ricercatori Italiani in Svizzera

Focal Point for the event: Dr. Oreste Foppiani, IR Dept Head, Webster University Geneva
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10:45 – 12:00 Radicalization, Violence and (In)Security in the Sahel

Fondation Orient Mont-Pèlerin, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD), Observatoire africain du religieux (University of Saint-Louis, Senegal)
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

The aim of the event is to present the following research: What 800 Sahelians have to say. Perception study on the drivers of insecurity and violent extremism in the border regions of the Sahel, under the direction of Reda Benkirane. The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue / United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2016.

This research has been conducted in eight countries and involved a hundred of social scientists and 800 inhabitants from border areas which are the most exposed to armed violence and insecurity.

Preliminary version of the reports can be downloaded here:

<https://www.sahel-frontieres.org/en/publications/analysis/perception-studies>

Focal Point for the event: Olivier Moos, General Secretary,
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10:45 – 12:00 How New Technologies, Innovation and Key Strategies Can Pave the Way for Sustainable Peacebuilding: Promoting the Cooperation among Local-international Actors and Governments

Hellenic Association of Political Scientists (HAPSc,) European Public Law Organisation (EPLO), Hellenic Women's Sports Association "Kallipatira"
Palais des Nation – Room XI

In this multi-conflict world, where migration, poverty, inequalities and other types of crises have become the new “normal”, the challenges the societies are facing, have been increased, getting more and more complexed. In this regard, many efforts have been made in order to introduce technologies and innovative solutions towards a more sustainable world, such as mobile applications, artificial intelligence systems, augmented reality experiences and various projects. However, the real challenge would be how to engage different actors in the scope and use that these technologies can offer, so as to become effective tools within the peacebuilding process and management.

Focal Point for the event: Ms. Afroditi Anastasaki - HAPSc Main Representative in Geneva
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12:30 – 14:00 Peacebuilders – voices from local communities

United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Initiatives of Change Switzerland, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, Kofi Annan Foundation

Palais des Nations – UN Library

This event brings to you, personal and professional stories of individuals promoting peace in local communities. Each story is unique and shows the importance of working towards building relationships and understanding as key steps for peace building processes. Given the interactive nature of this event, you will be able to choose two stories from the human library to listen to, will have the chance to ask questions to a human book personally, and share your experience with other participants in an inviting setting.

Join us for this Human Library organised by the United Nations Library Geneva and Initiatives of Change Switzerland in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, and the Kofi Annan Foundation.

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13:00 – 14:15 Media's local and global contributions to peacebuilding

Fondation Hironnelle - IRIN News

Palais des Nation – Room VIII

Professional and independent media can fulfil different functions essential to the construction of peace. For example, protection (by providing reliable, factual and impartial information about the conflict the media can allow the population to better protect themselves against the risks that threaten them) ; conflict prevention (through inclusive dialogue, the media can be a catalyst for a more peaceful public space) as well as at the global level to raise public awareness of crises around the world, provide quality information to decision makers and to hold powers to account.

How can local and international media fulfil these roles in the most fragile contexts ? How can journalists working both at the local and international levels have a constructive impact on societies facing major crisis ? How can media and peacebuilding organisations better work together at different levels ? Fondation Hironnelle and IRIN News propose an interactive discussion on these questions.

Focal Point for the event: Nicolas Boissez, Head of Communication and External Relations
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13:00 – 14:15 Youth Perspectives on Peace, Peacebuilding, and Preventing Violent Extremism: turning 2250 into action.

Generations For Peace, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), PeaceNexus Foundation

Palais des Nation – Room XI

What does “peace” mean to youth in different contexts? What are youth experiences of grass roots initiatives for peacebuilding and preventing violent extremism (PVE)? Following the principles of UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace & Security, how can we ensure youth are engaged as a solution not an impediment to peacebuilding and PVE? What effective practices are emerging from local community initiatives? What experiences are there connecting government, civil society organisations, NGOs and UN agencies to effect systemic change in youth participation and autonomy to lead positive change, pushing beyond tokenistic consultation or instrumentalization of youth?

Sharing experiences from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, this panel of youth representatives of Generations For Peace, the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund, and Peace Nexus Foundation will unpack these questions and offer concrete recommendations to practitioners and policy makers to prevent youth tokenism in peacebuilding, community security and PVE, to provide

spaces for youth voices, youth participation and youth leadership, so that the vision of 2250 is achieved in practice.

Focal Point for the event : Mark Clark, Chief Executive Officer
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14:30 – 15:45 How Local Actors Protect Civilians and Build Peace in the Midst of War

Peace Direct, Nonviolent Peaceforce, International Peace Institute
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

Although there is growing recognition that peacebuilding must be locally led, priorities for peacebuilding are often set without adequately consulting or incorporating local knowledge and expectations, ignoring the influence and reach of local civil society organizations. To elevate the voices of local actors and their innovative approaches to fostering sustainable peace, the International Peace Institute (IPI), Peace Direct and Nonviolent Peaceforce invite you to a panel discussion, featuring three local peacebuilders, each operating in unique and complex contexts. This is a rare opportunity for policy makers and international practitioners to hear directly from people acting on the ground. Join the discussion and learn how the international community can better support local peacebuilders.

Focal Point for the event : Kristina Preiksaityte
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14:30 – 15:45 Healing the Wounds of War: Building Bridges of Peace with Creative Grassroots Community Solutions

Youth with a Mission - Centre for International Justice and Reconciliation
Palais des Nation – Room XI

This event is hosted by Youth with a Mission to share creative community projects by local actors who bring peace solutions in this turbulent age. Speakers range from a variety of backgrounds, who would present how community cohesion and creativity tie together to build strong institutions from the ground level up. Our aim is to inspire innovative and alternative peace-building solutions from the grassroots, which will provide answers to the relevant questions of today. After the speakers' presentations, we will invite our participants to discuss a current issue which our discussant will present.

Focal Point for the event: Rosana Escobar Liste, Chief Administrative Officer,
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16:15 – 17:30 Health for Peace: Resources to Support Your Work in Peacebuilding

Diplomatic Council, World Federation for Mental Health, World Health Organization/Health Emergencies Programme
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

The mental and physical health fields offer many effective avenues for fostering dialogue and peace. This session presents three broad examples:

- 1) how negative psychological tactics of domination, devaluation, confusion, and fear disrupt peace, development, and health care for individuals and groups;
- 2) how concepts from the multi-disciplinary field of Peace Psychology are relevant for colleagues across sectors (cognitive dissonance, active bystanders, and psychosocial dynamics of entrenched conflicts); and
- 3) how health professionals can promote change and dialogue by better understanding how mental health interventions may help populations affected by conflict regain confidence in the health system and by extension in society and the state at large.

Presenters are Andrew Chi and Albert Frantz, both Diplomatic Council members, as well as Kelly O'Donnell (World Federation for Mental Health) and Mr. Guillaume Simonian, Interagency Lead,

Humanitarian Policy and Guidance, in WHO's Health Emergencies programme (WHE). Moderator is Hang Nguyen, Dipomatic Council Secretary General.

Focal Point for the event: Kelly O'Donnell, CEO/Consulting Psychologist.
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16:15 – 17:30 The Law Society and Transparency International join forces to highlight the role of judges and lawyers in tackling corruption and building peaceful societies

The Law Society of England and Wales, Transparency International
Palais des Nation – Room XI

The Law Society of England and Wales has joined forces with Transparency International and are organising an event to take place during Geneva Peace Week to discuss how the judicial system and legal profession can tackle corruption and in turn become strong catalysts for building peaceful societies.

The event will endeavour to explore what impact the establishment of a robust and independent judiciary and independent legal profession can have on peacebuilding, which will include comparing and sharing international best practices to prevent violent conflicts.

We will seek to focus on case studies in selected jurisdictions, which may include Azerbaijan, Guatemala, and Nigeria.

Focal Point for the event: Lizette Robleto de Howarth
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17:30 – 19:00 Forced Displacement and Demographic Engineering in Syria

Geneva Academy, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)
Villa Moynier, Geneva

This event will focus forced displacement and demographic engineering in Syria. On this occasion, a high-level panel composed of United Nations and independent experts, as well as Syrian civil society actors, will discuss two major issues: The systematic patterns of forced displacement and legislative and policy frameworks demonstrating demographic engineering in Syria, with a view to assessing their compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law; Pitfalls and challenges in any upcoming reconstruction and return plan, with a view to suggesting recommendations to the international community, in light of past experience in other countries.

Focal Point for the event: Hélène Ramos dos Santos
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18:00 – 21:00 A Rose in Winter – Film screening and debate

United Nations Office at Geneva
Palais des Nations - Room XIV (Kazakh Room)

On the occasion of the Geneva Peace Week 2018 - Building Peace in a Turbulent World, join us for a free screening: "A Rose in Winter" - Original Version (English), duration: 120 mins

Be inspired by this re-telling story of Edith Stein - a champion of feminism, a Carmelite nun, a German Jew, a martyrdom in Auschwitz and a canonized saint. Be stimulated by her extraordinary, courageous path for survival, strong advocacy for feminism and search for peace. Stein's life legacy is more relevant today than ever and with this movie help us learn from the past to face challenges of the future! The screening will be followed by a discussion on the theme :

"Lessons for the future of peacebuilding: how can history shed light on current practice to face the contemporary challenges of peace?"

Focal Point for the event: Catherine Fegli – Informations Service - UNOG
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18:00 – 19:30 How Can Investors and Companies Contribute to the Goal of Building Peace?

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, PeaceNexus
Foundation, De Pury Pictet Turrettini & Cie
Maison de la Paix – Auditorium Ivan Pictet A

The 2015 launch of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) made clear that the global community relies heavily on the private sector to solve some of the most urgent problems faced by the world. This event will explore how to leverage trends in sustainable investment to better align them with the SDGs—SDG 16 in particular. It will provide practical insights from sustainable investment experts and company representatives on how to mobilise investors and the corporate sector to contribute to SDG 16, and will highlight Geneva-based investment initiatives that link the worlds of finance and peacebuilding, notably, the newly established Cadmos Peace Investment fund.

Focal Point for the event: Catriona Gourlay, Executive Director – PeaceNexus
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Thursday 8th November

09:00 – 10:15 Women’s Meaningful Participation in Peacemaking: Lessons from Global Leaders

Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative (IPTI), UN Women, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

In the face of stalled, high-level peace processes and protracted conflicts, peacemaking efforts outside of official, track one processes continue. Across contexts, women are key actors working at various levels, organizing and advocating through civil society, collecting and channelling critical information on human rights violations and serving in official capacities, for instance, as members of negotiating party delegations and gender commissions. This event brings together leaders of different cultures and faiths from conflict settings to stimulate a timely discussion and deepen the understanding of linkages between tracks 1 and 2 in peacemaking efforts with a focus on women’s meaningful participation.

Focal Point for the event: Aneesa Walji, UN Women Policy Specialist
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09:00 – 10:15 Disarmament that Saves Lives: How Conventional Arms Control Can Help Build and Sustain Peace

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, The United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Geneva Disarmament Platform, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom
Palais des Nation – Room XI

The United Nations Secretary-General launched his Disarmament Agenda in Geneva in May. In the ‘Disarmament that Saves Lives’ section, the Secretary-General calls for an examination of how disarmament and arms control can better contribute to conflict prevention. This event will consider why such an examination is vital and how conventional arms control could be better linked into conflict prevention, peace building and sustaining peace.

At this event, expert speakers from the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Department of Political Affairs and a State with experience on these issues will:

- examine how conventional arms control supports conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts;
- consider the role of arms control in sustaining peace;
- discuss synergies between arms control and peacebuilding; and
- consider how integration could be improved.

Focal Point for the event: Sebastian Wilkin, Programme Assistant at UNIDIR
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10:45 – 12:00 Sustaining Peace in an Era of Climate Change: Policy and Practice for Preventing Conflict

IHEID Environmental Committee, Quaker United Nations Office
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

Climate change and other current environmental crises are a direct threat in themselves and a multiplier of many other threats, including poverty, displacement and violent conflict. How can a rights-based approach to climate action and natural resource management help sustain peace and prevent conflict in communities facing increasing and dangerous environmental disruption? Human security challenges due to climate change, and environmental cooperation for peacebuilding, will be discussed alongside the role of decentralized renewable energy systems as a form of peacebuilding.

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10:45 – 12:00 The Women's Situation Room: Women and Youth Partnering for Peace to Secure Free and Democratic Elections

Angie Brooks International Centre for Women's Empowerment, Leadership, Development, International Peace & Security, Liberia, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), The Kofi Annan Foundation
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Panel discussion on how a Women's Situation Room works, what this way of peacebuilding has achieved, and how it impacts security sector reform in fragile environments. As real-time intervention to prevent and manage electoral violence, Women's Situation Rooms have contributed to peaceful and more inclusive elections in Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Senegal since 2011. "The stabilization of fragile democracies through the Women's Situation Room is phenomenal, as civil society groups of women and youths are taking the peace of their countries in their own hands! This saves the international communities millions of dollars that they would need to stabilize these countries were they to have electoral violence." (Cllr. Yvette Chesson-Wureh, Liberia)

Focal Point for the event: Sabine Meitzel, Member of the Board of Directors
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13:00 – 14:15 Genocide and Writing the History of the Middle East

Mission of Armenia, Webster University
Palais des Nations – Room VIII

The first modern Genocide took place during the First World War in the Ottoman Empire, when the authorities deported and massacred its Christian populations: Armenians, Assyrians and Anatolian Greeks. While the facts were well known to the major powers, and while survivors documented the atrocities, this dark history was soon forgotten. While in the last two decades there has been major research efforts and the history of mass violence is well established in Genocide and Holocaust Studies, and Ottoman Studies, it remains absent from historical narratives of the modern history of the Middle East. Vicken Cheterian will tackle the following question: What is the price of such oblivion, and how the modern history of the Middle East should be rehabilitated? In the second part, Oreste Foppiani will talk about the "Entente Powers' Mediterranean Interests and the USA in the Aftermath of WWI".

Focal Point for the event: Annie Yeromian Sallier, ARS Representative at UNOG
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13:00 – 14:15 Integrating Human Rights, Nonviolent Action and Peacebuilding Approaches to Sustain Peace

United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Berghof Foundation, Quaker United Nations Office

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This interactive panel will explore how nonviolent action and peacebuilding approaches (and their respective frameworks at the policy level) can be strategically integrated to build just, sustainable peace that puts human rights at the center. Experts and practitioners in peacebuilding, nonviolent action, and human rights will discuss new policy developments, research, and case studies that highlight how nonviolent action and peacebuilding approaches can support human rights activists and conversely, how upholding human rights can help peacebuilders to more effectively fight exclusion and advance justice. Panellists will also discuss how donors can better support non-traditional civic actors and grassroots movements to advance more just and peaceful societies.

Focal Point for the event: Tabatha Thompson, Program Specialist, U.S. Institute of Peace
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14:30 – 15:45 Conducive Space for Peace Accelerator Public Dialogue

Reos Partners (Geneva), Oxfam IBIS, Humanity United

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In this interactive session attendees will hear about and have an opportunity to contribute to the Conducive Spaces for Peace Accelerator, which is taking place over the first days of Peace Week. The Accelerator brings together diverse, multisectoral teams from different conflict-affected contexts that are working on innovative practices in peace-building. Through the Accelerator the receive support to move their innovative practices ahead quickly. In this collaborative session, attendees will hear from Accelerator teams about the innovations that they are working on and will be invited to contribute ideas and perspectives to help speed their success.

Focal Point for the event: Lorna Ely, Events Coordinator,
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14:30 – 15:45 Assessing the implementation of peacebuilding, prevention and sustaining peace in practice: Reflections from Liberia

The International Peace Institute, The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

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Sustaining peace, as defined in dual UN General Assembly and Security Council resolutions (A/70/262 and S/2016/2282), is a goal and a process that considers peacebuilding within the full spectrum of the conflict cycle and involves shifting the starting point of analysis to focus on aspects of resilience in society. In January 2018, the Secretary-General released a report outlining ways in which the UN is implementing sustaining peace and proposing ways to further the process. Following this, in April 2018, the Security Council and General Assembly passed another set of resolutions supporting the continued implementation of sustaining peace. Therefore, now is a key moment to advance this process by looking at what sustaining peace means in different country contexts.

In line with this, IPI and GPPAC will host a panel looking at the implementation of the prevention and sustaining peace frameworks in Liberia to examine what innovations are taking place and what tools are being employed to prevent the outbreak of violence and sustain peace. Liberia offers a unique perspectives on these critical issues and is at a key moment in its peacebuilding process having just undergone a double transition with the closure of the 15-year peacekeeping mission, UNMIL, and a new government transitioning into power in January 2018 after peaceful elections.

This timely event will share reflections on findings from fieldwork done in Liberia, and consider what is working and not working and how to support conflict prevention and sustaining peace processes.

Focal Point for the event: Lesley Connolly, Senior Policy Analyst
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15:00 – 16:00 (Preventing) Violent Extremism: Strengthening a holistic understanding and transformative approach. Double book launch

Berghof Foundation / Toda Peace Institute
Swiss Press Club

Dealing with violent extremism (VE) has emerged as a central framework of analysis and policy-making in most Western and non-Western government agencies over the past decade. It is firmly part of the agendas and policy documents of international organizations as well. It is increasingly shaping the programming of many non-governmental agencies, and presenting a big challenge for peacebuilding organizations and practitioners.

The two recent publications presented and discussed during this event delve into the “Ecology of Violent Extremism” and “Transformative Approaches to Violent Extremism”. They explore the space for better alternatives of addressing violent extremism at the intersection of peacebuilding, human security and conflict transformation. As violent extremism is a trans-regional phenomenon that manifests itself in very diverse ways, it is important to share experiences and lessons learnt in preventing violent extremism. This double book launch aims to contribute to such an exchange. The editors Lisa Schirch and Beatrix Austin, as well as some of the authors will be present.

Focal Point for the event: Beatrix Austin
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16:15 – 17:30 La Non-violence: Une Stratégie pour la Paix

Jai Jagat Genève, SOL, Ville de Genève
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

As Rajagopal says, the Gandhian leader of the voiceless and landless people of India:
"Between violence and silence, there is non-violence".

A global march will carry this message from Delhi to Geneva in September 2020.

After spending his life helping the poor to peacefully defend their rights, Rajagopal brings together the marginalized populations of the world to build a fairer world. The Jai Jagat Campaign ("Victory of the World") aims to implement the objectives of sustainable development by the most marginalized populations. After watching a film about the 2007 Janadesh Great March, Rajagopal will demonstrate the relevance of Gandhian methods to the violence and hatred that threaten humanity today.

Focal Point for the event : Benjamin Joyeux, coordinateur européen de Jai Jagat
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16:15 – 17:30 Vital Voices and Partnerships in Sustaining Peace

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Geneva
Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and Graduate Institute/CCDP
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU); Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
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No-one can build peace alone. All those engaged in crisis response and peacebuilding need to work in partnership and leverage complementarities. The prevention of violent conflict can only be realized through inclusive and participatory peace efforts, underpinned by local ownership of those affected by conflict.

The session will showcase 1) the role of parliament in preventing conflict as an inclusive forum for dialogue to reach political compromise, and 2) the work of the Conflict Analysis Network (CAN) that promotes innovative tools, such as Good Enough Context Analysis for Rapid Response (GECARR). It

will also consider executive education and community skills facilitating collaboration in support of peace and security.

Focal Point for the event: Ms Laurence Marzal, Secretary of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security
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Friday 9th November

09:00 – 10:15 Women on the Frontlines: Promoting Inclusive Approaches to the Climate Change and Security Nexus

UN Environment, UN Women, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

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Climate change is a defining threat to peace in the 21st century, as recently highlighted by the UN Security Council, the European Union and the African Union. Effective responses to conflict prevention and peacebuilding in countries and regions affected by climate change will require strengthening social inclusion and leveraging the agency of women – especially local women – who are on the frontlines of climate change. Addressing such multidimensional security challenges requires new partnerships that bridge traditional divides. This event will help better understand gender-climate-security risks and explore gender-responsive approaches to preventing and resolving conflict, with an emphasis on intersectional vulnerabilities and opportunities.

Focal Point for the event: Silja Halle, Joint Programme Manager, (Women, Natural Resources, Peace), UN Environment
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09:00 – 10:15 Jobs for Peace and Resilience

International Labour Organization (ILO), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding (CCDP), Permanent Mission of Switzerland

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Fragility, unemployment and decent work deficits are often the triggers of violent conflicts, especially in overly populated urban contexts and chronically impoverished areas of the world. Over many years, protracted conflicts halt and reverse economic growth and erode development gains. As a result, poverty is increasingly concentrated in fragile settings. The ILO, after the adoption in 2017 of the landmark Recommendation on Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience (N. 205), launched the Jobs for Peace and Resilience (JPR) global flagship programme to contribute to more peaceful and resilient societies through employment generation and social dialogue. The panel debate will examine preliminary results from the implementation of JPR in selected countries and analyse prospects for tangible benefits among societies. The role of social partners (workers' and employers' organizations) in promoting an equitable business environment will also be analysed. The following considerations / questions will be debated by panelists:

1. Jobs and income are a basic concern for millions of people affected for decades by protracted conflict. Cumulative unemployment, underemployment and impoverishment are a major cause of suffering in today's wars. Which kind of jobs can make the difference?
2. The growing urbanization of societies means that most conflict and violence are urban today. What kind of coping mechanisms should be put in place for both urban and rural employment?
3. Sustaining a decent quality of education during protracted conflict and urban violence is essential if a generation affected by conflict stands any chance of joining a recovering economy and finding decent work. How to promote quality education and peaceful coexistence?
4. New jobs arise in conflict but often create imbalances. These can help people survive but also create parallel economies - an aid economy that is booming with high paid jobs and a local economy

and public sector that is struggling with brain drain, relatively poor wages and a lack of investment. How to escape this vicious cycle and promote economic sustainability and social justice?

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09:30 – 13:00 Water Diplomacy: Building Bridges for Lasting Peace

Geneva Water Hub - University of Geneva, Science-Policy Platform, UN Environment, Permanent Mission of Slovenia
WMO – Salle Kreuzel

The proposed High Level Conference will cover the multiple challenges of the nexus between water, peace and security both from the technical, policy and legal standpoint. It will include three segments:

- 1) Threatened critical water infrastructure by armed conflicts and peacebuilding;
- 2) Transboundary water cooperation;
- 3) Legal frameworks to support global water diplomacy.

The objectives of the Conference will be threefold:

- 1) to discuss the opportunities of water as an instrument for peacebuilding;
- 2) to address good practices of water management mechanisms from different regions of the world;
- 3) to assess gaps and propose solutions to strengthen the status of water in in the international policy agenda.

Focal Point for the event: Dr Mara Tignino, Reader and Coordinator, Platform for International Water Law/Geneva Water Hub, Faculty of Law and Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva
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10:45 – 12:00 Inter-faith Dialogue for Conflict Prevention and Resolution: Case Studies and Good Practices

Inter-Parliamentary Union, Permanent Delegation of the Sovereign Order of Malta
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

Discussing religion in the context of international affairs automatically raises the threat of religious-based conflict and tends to downplay or even neglect the other dimensions and impacts of religion. When religion is a significant factor in violent conflict, traditional diplomacy is not the most successful way to seek peace. Inter-faith dialogue, on the other hand, brings a spiritual dimension into the peace-making process, putting forward common values such as justice, compassion and the importance of social justice. The event will address inter-faith dialogue as a mechanism to effectively complement secular peace-making in mitigating violence and promoting peacebuilding.

Focal Point for the event: Ms Laurence Marzal, Secretary of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security
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10:45 – 12:00 Building Peace in Colombia Through Cocoa Exports

International Trade Centre – ITC, Swisscontact
Palais des Nation – Room XI

In a context of violence, poverty and peacebuilding efforts in Colombia, ITC has cooperated with Swisscontact to help smallholder farmers to develop high-quality cocoa exports as an alternative and sustainable way of enhancing their livelihoods. Through this collaboration, ITC's Sustainability Tools were adapted specifically for local needs through the development of the Basic Guidelines for Sustainable Cocoa (LBCS)' platform. ITC will replicate the experiences from this project through the implementation of additional peace-related interventions in the country. The event will familiarize the audience with the project, and will feature the head of Colombia's Cocoa Network, himself a farmer, who will speak of the challenges encountered within the peace process and the project's benefits.

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12:30 – 14:00 Global Reading on Global Challenges

United Nations Library - The Bridge Foundation - Institut Florimont students
Palais des Nation – UN Library

1.8 Billion young people have the power to transform the world!
Institut Florimont students will surprise us with a creative reading act about the SDGs and peace-building. Inspired by “Fairytale for a Fairer World”, this performance will instigate an exchange between the students and experts.

The event will conclude with musical entertainment featuring singer Philippe Ekeke.

Focal Point for the event: Marian Aggrey, Events Coordinator, Cultural Diplomacy and Outreach Section, United Nations Library Geneva, Centre for research and Instrument of international understanding
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13:00 – 14:15 Tackling Hunger through a Peacebuilding Approach

Interpeace, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

Conflict is a major driver of food insecurity and malnutrition. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the independent international peacebuilding organization, Interpeace, have partnered to develop and test tools that will enable more systematic and robust conflict-sensitive programming – while ensuring they are practical and can become embedded in agricultural livelihoods programmes in support of member states. The event will help to further discussion on and highlight policy and programmatic linkages between food, agriculture, natural resources and peacebuilding, in light of FAO’s Corporate Framework on sustainable peace. The NGO Le Zebreau, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo will complement this and share early results of a participatory information and communication project, using the Dimitra Clubs model to help prevent conflict and promote social cohesion between the Twa (Pygmy) and Bantu communities.

Focal Point for the event: Rodrigue Vinet, Senior Advisor Programme, Development and Humanitarian Affairs, FAO Liaison Office in Geneva
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13:00 – 14:15 Trade for Peace - WTO Membership for Peace and Nation Building

World Trade Organization – WTO, World Bank
Palais des Nation – Room XI

The WTO Accessions Division has been exploring trade from the angle of peace. It is widely agreed that trade is essential for a country’s development. However, the ways in which trade can be strategized for (re-) building a nation – particularly fragile states – has not been fully explored. The aim of the proposed session is to raise awareness on the benefits of trade for establishing peace via a dialogue and engaging platform, where Chief Negotiators from countries that have undergone conflict can share their experiences and critically examine the ways in which WTO Accessions can help foster peace.

Focal Point for the event: Ms. Juneyoung Lee, Legal Affairs Officer, Accessions Division, WTO
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14:30 – 15:45 New Measurements for Inclusive Peacebuilding

Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Interpeace, UNESCO
Palais des Nation – Room VIII

There remains a lack of policy and practice-relevant data measuring the capacities of societies in facilitating dialogue. This data gap was highlighted in the 2017 UNESCO Member State Survey on Intercultural Dialogue, as well as in the current academic literature. UNESCO and the Institute for Economics and Peace have joined forces to create a global corpus of data measuring the presence and efficacy of the different dimensions of the 'enabling environment' for dialogue to be an effective standard and instrument to address pressing contemporary development and security challenges. The session aims to gather relevant feedback on the initial findings of this new research analysing the inputs that are necessary for intercultural dialogue. Its purpose is to allow policy-makers, NGOs', and other stakeholders to identify a new role in the enabling environment for effective dialogue as a key instrument in peacebuilding processes.

Focal Point for the event: Marcel Smits, Program Director IEP
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14:30 – 15:45 The “Capital” of Peace: Enriching the Geneva Community through Peace Education

UNITAR, Aegis Trust
Palais des Nation – Room XI

The event will include a series of activities, encouraging action and partnership-building in the field of peace education for institutions based in Geneva. Prior to the peace week, UNITAR will offer a ToT based on peace educational materials developed on the principles of critical thinking, empathy, moral courage and personal responsibility. Interested organizations are invited to participate in the ToT under the condition to act as multipliers by subsequently organizing trainings for their beneficiaries/colleagues. The materials produced during the trainings (photos, videos etc.) will be displayed during the Peaceweek to showcase the approach and to engage the broader public.

Focal Point for the event: Ms. Svenja Vollmer, Team Leader Youth and Women Empowerment
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14:30 – 16:00 Education for Nuclear Disarmament

Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), ICAN, Rotary International
WIPO Building – Conference Hall

Nuclear weapons are the most indiscriminately inhumane weapons ever invented with the risk of devastating humanitarian, environmental and economic consequences; the use of nuclear weapons poses a permanent potential crisis and therefore remains a high-priority global policy issue; this is reinforced by the increasing use of Artificial Intelligence in the paradigm shift from a defensive to an offensive stance between nuclear nations. Hence the necessity to educate civil society to the danger of these weapons of mass destruction. The advancement of peace, nuclear disarmament education and non-proliferation rely on the importance of reaching civil society throughout the world. By recognizing the existential threat imposed by nuclear weapons on humankind, sights are set on establishing civic educational initiatives to raise public awareness to the catastrophic dangers of nuclear weapons and thereby make the current abstract conceptual understanding into a more perceptible danger. Focus will be on youth education.

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16:15 – 17:30 Contributing to Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: Working Together to End Violence in Early Childhood

Arigatou International Geneva, World Council of Churches, World Vision International, UNICEF, Global Partnership to End Violence against Children
Palais des Nation – Room XI

To achieve the transformation envisioned by the Sustainable Development Goals, we need to focus on children's physical and emotional wellbeing nurturing social and emotional skills, such as sharing, resolving conflict without violence and the ability to form and maintain respectful relations with others. For this reason, we need to change harmful social norms and attitudes by strengthening norms and values that support non-violent, respectful, nurturing, positive and gender equitable relationships for all children and adolescents. Families, schools and religious communities need to become safe environments for children's sound and healthy development. Violence against children does not only violate children's physical and emotional wellbeing but also their spiritual safety and development, as it breaks their connections with others and their sense of trust and respect for other human beings. This event explores how local actors such as civil society organizations and religious communities, together with multilateral organisations and governments, can work together contributing to end violence in early childhood, challenging social and cultural norms that justify it and ultimately equipping the future generations to build positive relationships that are the foundation of peaceful societies.

Focal Point for the event: Eleonora Mura, Programme Officer, Arigatou International Geneva
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16:15 – 17:45 From Inner Peace to Outer Peace : A contribution to Sustainable Peace in the Balkans Region

Rotary Geneva Peace Group, SanChild, Rotary Peace Center
WIPO Building – Conference Hall

The role of local voices in peacebuilding will be developed using the example of workshops organized in Sarajevo by the NGO SanChild. A young participant will explain how, as a local actor, she perceives peace and how it can be in different personal contexts. A Rotary Peace Fellow from Serbia studying at the Rotary Peace Center in Uppsala will react on the proposal of young Bosnians to organize similar workshops in the Balkan region and explain how international actors can support such local initiatives.

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17:00 – 19:30 Film Screening: In the Name of Peace

Permanent Mission of Ireland, Interpeace
Palais des Nations – UNOG Cinema

"In the Name of Peace" is a documentary film focusing on the pivotal contribution to peace on the island of Ireland made by John Hume (Nobel Peace Prize winner 1998), one of the key architects of the Good Friday Agreement. 2018 marks the twentieth anniversary of the Agreement, an appropriate moment to reflect on the lessons of the peace process in Northern Ireland in a moderated discussion after the screening, with participation from the Permanent Mission of Ireland, Interpeace and Maurice Fitzpatrick (Director).

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Permanent Cultural Events

2-10 Nov. The Enemy: An Interactive Experience by Karim Ben Khalifa
Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF), Interpeace
Auditorium Arditì - Geneva

The Enemy is a collective immersive experience proposing an innovative human point of view on the realities of war. A full-scale installation that visitors walk through. The Enemy – thanks to virtual reality

– gives an opportunity to listen to fighters from three long-affected conflict zones: the Maras of El Salvador, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Israel and Palestine, so that visitors may learn about their lives, yearnings and hopes in the most faithful manner possible. The event will last from the 2nd to the 10th of November 2018.

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5-14 Nov Writing peace, an exhibition for thinking and sharing peace across time and space

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The objective of this exhibition is to raise awareness on the various forms of transmission of culture down the ages, and the convergence of values conducive to peace, through a number of alphabets and other writing systems used in various parts of the world that transcend time and space. The scripts portrayed and presented chronologically have been chosen for this exhibition because they are part of the mosaic of writing systems existing in today's world. Each of them shows the word for "peace" and its first letter or character, and they have been combined in the logo of the exhibition. Naturally, they represent only a small fraction of the vast wealth of which they form a part, including many other writing systems of the past or the present, such as the Burmese, Loma, Bassa, Lao and Georgian scripts and so on...Not to mention the oral traditions, which would all have their rightful place in an exhibition on a wider range of issues, thus expanding the semiotic and cultural power of humanity, neither the new challenges posed by the digital revolution. Furthermore, an exhibition is a relay. In its follow-up and through appropriation, the message it conveys may be perpetually spread, amplified and embodied in many other forms. This is the exhibition's *raison d'être*. Merely imagining it as a future topic in conversations, workshops, schools and among circles of friends is quite exciting, namely due to its evolutive aspect. It invites to discover and extend the written forms of "peace" in some of the planet's current writing systems, and encourages to enrich this interactive exhibition and to begin a new adventure without frontiers, into the worlds and cultures where these scripts came into being. The ultimate purpose of the exhibition is to create new meeting places that will magnify our cultural diversity, with a view to unleashing the power held by the world "peace" to open an infinite space of dignity and liberty.

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