Geneva Peace Week 2020
2-6 November 2020
“Rebuilding trust after disruption: pathways to reset international cooperation”

Call for Applications

Submission deadline: 15 July 2020

The seventh edition of Geneva Peace Week is proud to launch its call for applications. As an inclusive peacebuilding forum, we are looking forward to session applications covering the full spectrum of peacebuilding practice, topics and contexts. There are several new features this year so even if you have participated in GPW in the past, please read this guidance carefully to find out more about key thematic directions, session formats as well as application guidelines and criteria.

Thematic direction
Throughout the year, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform – the organizational lead within the GPW consortium – stays attuned to the ‘pulse of peacebuilding’ through its ongoing work in convening traditional and non-traditional peacebuilding actors, curating thematic events, and participating in a range of peace fora worldwide. Based on this ongoing engagement, GPW20 offers two thematic windows for session submissions:

- **Applications under the GPW20 theme “Rebuilding trust after disruption: pathways to reset international cooperation”:** GPW20 aims to galvanize leadership, build trust and contribute to transforming international cooperation in the wake of covid-19. With peacebuilding priorities more urgent than ever, GPW20 will collectively reflect on questions including: What role should the peacebuilding community play in a new era of collaboration? How can peacebuilding actors and other partners gain strength, unity and vision to successfully build peace in a divided and turbulent world?

- **Open session applications:** Geneva Peace Week aims to highlight new trends in peacebuilding from a variety of settings, topics and professional communities. Session applications in this open thematic window should share ground-up perspectives and local innovations in peacebuilding from diverse sectors. Open applications may address any topic relevant to peacebuilding.

**Session Formats**

GPW20 sessions require focused preparation by session organizers. Sessions should follow one of three formats:

- **Participative panel discussions:** These formal sessions should have a maximum of three speakers (including women, youth, and local voices) that engage the audience in substantive, participative exchange.

- **Practical workshops:** Practitioner-led workshops, offer participants the opportunity to exchange experiences about innovative peacebuilding practice and skills.
• **Networking sessions**: Networking sessions should be facilitated and focus on a theme that is cross-sectoral and cross-contextual, offering participants the opportunity to meet with each other, share ideas and build relationships.

**Session Guidelines**
Applications to GPW20 should consider the following guidelines:

- In the GPW spirit of collaboration and participation, each session must be organized by at least two different institutional actors. Applicants are reminded that Geneva Peace Week is an inclusive initiative that welcomes a full spectrum of views and experiences on preventing and resolving violent conflict and building peace.
- Session organizers accept responsibility for all aspects of the session, including travel assistance or visa support for speakers or facilitators, and any interpretation costs. Communication and promotion of each session is the responsibility of session organizers, in accordance with the Geneva Peace Week communications guidelines.
- Applicants are reminded that Geneva Peace Week is not a political platform, and sessions are not allowed to serve the exclusive promotion of a specific organization. UNOG, the Graduate Institute, and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, as well as its five partner organizations, do not endorse any particular session or speaker during Geneva Peace Week.

**Application Criteria and Deadline**
The GPW20 programme will consist of approximately 65 sessions including panels, workshops and networking sessions. Session applications will be evaluated based on the following substantive criteria:

- Peacebuilding aims and objectives of the session are clear;
- Knowledge, innovations and evidence will be shared during the session;
- Local level actors, women and youth are included as speakers or facilitators;
- Dynamic interaction and creative exchange are part of the session design.

All successful applicants commit to:

- Attending all GPW20 Session Organizer Meetings.
- Submitting a final substantive report of their session learning and recommendations by 20 November 2020.
- Adhering to all GPW20 guidance material.

**Applications are due by 15 July 12:00 (Central European Summer Time)** via the [Call for Sessions Webpage](#). Notification will be sent to successful applicants by the end of August 2020. The organizers plan GPW20 as an in-person forum and will inform all prospective session organizers in case the public health situation requires shifting GPW20 to an online format.

The GPW20 Organizing Team is expecting a large number of applications and encourages organizations to refrain from submitting more than two proposed sessions.

For more information, please contact the GPW20 Organizing Team: gpw@gpplatform.ch

**About Geneva Peace Week**
Geneva Peace Week (GPW) is a leading annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar in which organizations in Geneva and their international partners come together to share knowledge and practice on a diverse range of topics relating to the promotion of peace across contexts and disciplines. The interactive and collaborative format of GPW breaks down
professional silos in order to enable creative exchange, and to facilitate the sharing of concrete solutions to pressing global challenges. GPW is driven by the belief that each person, actor and institution has a role to play in building peace and resolving conflict.

Geneva Peace Week is a flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform in collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), and the Platform’s five partners – the Graduate Institute’s Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP); the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF); the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); Interpeace; and the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO). Geneva Peace Week is also supported by Switzerland.