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### Geneva Peace Week 2023: 10-year anniversary

*30 October – 3 November 2023, Maison de la Paix, Geneva*

Over the 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 polarization. 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.

On the occasion of its 10-year anniversary, Geneva Peace Week will take place from 30 October to 3 November 2023 at the Maison de la Paix in Geneva, Switzerland with an overarching theme: “Building Trust, Building Peace: An Agenda for the Future”. Participation in Geneva Peace Week is free of charge and in English (some events will offer interpretation in French and other languages). From more than 100 applications, the consortium of partners behind the Geneva Peace Week selected roughly 30 sessions for this special edition. The sessions are led by more than 40 organizations and their co-partners and cover three thematic tracks:

1. Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies
2. Addressing climate change through just transitions
3. Harnessing technologies to build a better future

In addition, the Geneva Peace Week 2023 (GPW23) will build on the Geneva Consultations on the UN New Agenda for Peace held by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform in March 2023. In particular, it will take stock of the ideas and recommendations generated by these consultations on how to better build peace through prevention by strengthening strategic foresight, human rights, mediation, climate, peace and security, good governance, regulation of conventional weapons and sustainable financing.

Geneva Peace Week will feature around 45 events spread over 5 working days, offered in person with some workshops and events held online. Event formats for our 2023 edition include:

- **Opening and Closing Ceremonies**

- **Policy Briefings:** Policy Briefings bring together multiple experts and/or stakeholders to both explore a specific topic and engage in lively discourse to share their perspectives and provide the audience with a rich and informative experience.
- **Workshops:** Workshops are practitioner-led and facilitated with a high degree of interactivity in working groups, aimed at offering participants the opportunity to gain, exchange, and share knowledge, good practices, and peacebuilding skills.
- **Special Events:** These events will offer different formats such as high-level panels, networking breakfasts, movie projections, art exhibitions and other events on topical discussions.
- **Digital Series:** These series will showcase peacebuilding expertise, research, and stories in short, educational, and digital formats. The Series will be broadcasted on the GPW website and major streaming platforms, including YouTube and Spotify. The Digital Series will be available as of 9 October 2023 as podcast episodes or videos.

The Geneva Peace Week's main events will be held within the Campus of Maison de la Paix and its auditoriums as well as at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP) and at the Conference Center of the Geneva Graduate Institute. The detailed programme will be available on 25 September.

More generally, the GPW's 10-year anniversary will offer a unique opportunity to reflect on the peacebuilding achievements and challenges of the past ten years, while setting the scene for fresh insights, concrete and bold recommendations in order to pave the way for a strong agenda for the future.

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## About the Geneva Peace Week

Geneva Peace Week (GPW) is a leading annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar through which organizations 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 peacebuilders 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 recognizes 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 synchronizing meetings and events on different topics related to the promotion of peace during one week, GPW maximizes synergies between organizations in Geneva and their international partners, focusing on the cross-cutting nature of peace.

GPW is a flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform in collaboration with the following partners:

- CCDP - Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding
- DCAF - The Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- GCSP - The Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Interpeace
- QUANO - The Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva
- IHEID - The Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- UNOG - The United Nations Office at Geneva
- Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- FDFA - Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

More information about the Geneva Peace Week is available on our website:

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More information about the Geneva Peacebuilding platform is available on our website:

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