

1. About Geneva Peace Week

Why Geneva Peace Week?

Geneva is home to a large number of international organizations, including more than 40 United Nations entities, a thriving community of non-governmental organizations and renowned academic and research institutions. Together, all these actors work for peace, rights and well-being, touching the lives of individuals across the world. Geneva Peace Week offers an opportunity to connect and highlight the work of these actors and to expand the space for dialogue about building peace and resolving conflict.

What is Geneva Peace Week?

By synchronizing meetings 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. Geneva Peace Week underlines that each and every person, actor and institution has a role to play in building peace and resolving conflict. It also highlights that peace promotion occurs in many different contexts and cuts across disciplines and sectors. In this sense, Geneva Peace Week highlights the importance of working outside the silos that all-too-often characterize the international community to enable more creative responses.

Programme

Geneva Peace Week 2015 is the umbrella for 41 events organized by 50 institutions. All events resulted from a public call for submissions of events to contribute in two programme tracks. The Main Programme has been developed collaboratively between UNOG, the founding partners of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform¹, organizations hosted in the *Maison de la Paix*, and the University of Geneva. The Side Events Programme reflects events organized by Permanent Missions, International Organizations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC. Overall, Geneva Peace Week has encouraged event partnerships across institutions and sectors.

Geneva Peace Week principles

Geneva Peace Week is a collective action initiative that is structured by the following principles:

1. Each organization organizes its own events by itself, retains its own visibility and ownership of the event, and acknowledges the event is part of Geneva Peace Week.
2. Events should focus on substantive and original contributions about building peace and resolving conflict. Events are not allowed to serve the exclusive promotion of a specific organization. Geneva Peace Week is not a political platform.
3. Parallel public events should not coincide with major Geneva Peace Week events.
4. All event information will be advertised in the programme of Geneva Peace Week.

¹ The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a joint project of four institutions: The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); Interpeace; and the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO).

Registration and access information

- General: Please follow the registration procedure of each event noted in the detailed event descriptions. In case an event registration is required by the organizers, participants need to register for each event separately according to the indications given by the organizer. In case there is no event registration required by the organizers, access is public.
- Access to the Palais des Nations: To attend meetings at the Palais des Nations, you must register in advance with the specific event organizers. Attendees without a valid access badge must enter through the Pregny Gate entrance, opposite the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) headquarters on Route de Pregny. For access to the Palais des Nations and on site orientation see: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/practical_information/Palais_des_Nations_map-English.pdf
- Access to the World Meteorological Organization: Please bring a valid picture ID to access this meeting venue.
- Access to the World Intellectual Property Organization: Please register to the event and bring a valid picture ID to access this meeting venue.

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Practical information

The Think Tank Hub: The Think Tank-Hub provides six fully equipped working spaces as well as conference facilities free of charge to think tanks from around the world that are looking for temporary office space in Geneva. The offices are conveniently located in the heart of the UN. Depending on the availability of office space, visiting think tanks can schedule a stay lasting up to several weeks and/ or plan tailor-made events. This service is only available for think tanks. More information: <http://www.foraus.ch/#!/think-tank-hub>

Accommodation Assistance: For conference delegates coming from abroad, the Delegates Welcome Centre offers logistical support for the planning of your accommodation and may grant financial aid to reduce the cost. Demands for financial aid are examined on a case-by-case basis. The service takes into account the delegate's own funds and those of the sending organisation. More information: <http://www.cagi.ch/en/delegates-welcome/accommodation-for-delegates.php>

2. Programme overview

For abbreviations for venues and organizers see sections 3 and 4.

Main Programme

Monday, 16 November 2015

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| 09:00-11:00, WIPO | Launch of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace (FDFA, GWH) |
| 12:30-14:00, MdP | Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: Practices that Count (SAS, IPU, DCAF, IPTI) |
| 17:30 (approx.) | On the occasion of Geneva Peace Week, the <i>Jet d'Eau</i> will be illuminated in blue from around 17.30 to 23.15 (weather permitting). |

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

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| 10:00-12:00, IPU | The Existential Threat of Climate Change and Nuclear Weapons: The Marshall Islands Experience and Action in the International Court Of Justice (WFC, BPO, RLAF) |
| 12:15-13:30, MdP | Future Prospects for the Arms Trade Treaty: The Secretariat, Treaty Implementation and Beyond (ATT Network – CCDP, GCSP, UNIDIR, SAS) |
| 13:30-15:00, PdN | Mining Communities in Post-Conflict Settings: New Challenges and Opportunities for Peacebuilding (GCSP, FES) |
| 15:00-17:00, PdN | Natural Resources and Conflict: A Mediated Solution (UNEP, UNDP, UNOG) |

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

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| 11:30-13:30, MdP | Barn Owls Know No Boundaries: The Role of Biodiversity in Peace Processes (GCSP, IHEID, UNIL) |
| 12:00-14:00, WMO | Applying Information and Communication Technologies to Peacebuilding: Experiences from the Maison de la Paix (DCAF, IHEID, GICHD) |
| 12:00-14:00, MdP | Geneva Reflections on the Global Study on Women, Peace and Security (GDH) |
| 12:30-14:00, PdN | The Evolution of the Role of International Organizations in the Maintenance of Peace and Security on the 70 th Anniversary of the United Nations (UNOG, UNIGE) |
| 14.30-15.30, MdP | Tackling Insecurity in the City: Key Issues for HABITAT III (UNOG, GPP, UNECE) |
| 15.30-17.00, MdP | Can Elections Build Lasting Peace? (KAF) |
| 18:00-19:30, MdP | Mediating Complexity and Inclusion in Current Peace Processes (IPTI, CHD) |
| 18:30-21:00, MdP | Cine-Onu: The Day After Peace (UNOG, IHEID) |

Thursday, 19 November 2015

09:00-12:00, CB	How Can Neurobiology and Affective Sciences Contribute to Conflict Resolution? (SCAS-UNIGE)
10:00-11:30, PdN	Conflict Sensitivity in Business: Experiences from China and Southeast Asia (QUNO, AFSC, PNF)
10:30-12:00, WMO	Contemporary Challenges to Peace in Security in Cyberspace (DCAF)
10:30-12:00, MdP	A Fragility Compass to Orient Employment and Decent Work Projects (CCDP, ILO)
11:00-13:00, PdN	10th Anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect: A Focus on Prevention (Permanent Missions of Australia, Ghana, Hungary, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uruguay, IHEID, GCR2P)
12:30-14:00, MdP	Geneva Launch of the 2015 Global Terrorism Index Report (GCSP, IEP)
12:30-13:30, MdP	After Mosul: What is ISIS up to? (IHEID)
15:00-17:00, PdN	Entrepreneurship for Peace (UNCTAD, GPP, UNOG, PN, FES)
18:15-20:00, MdP	Torture and Repression in the Arab World (CCDP, IHEID)

Friday, 20 November 2015

Building Peace 2030: Facing a New Strategic Landscape of Conflict
Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

8.30 Registration

9.15 Welcome and opening

9.45 Charting future conflict and risk trends

10.45 Break

11.15 Marketplace: Innovation in peacebuilding

11.45 Market-place sessions

- Dealing with chronic violence and extremism
- Conflict-sensitive business practice for large-scale investment contexts
- Inclusiveness and participation in peacebuilding processes

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Debrief of the marketplace discussions with session facilitators

Closure of Geneva Peace Week 2015

Building Peace 2030 - Getting ready to face future conflict trends

14.15 What practice is necessary to face future conflict and risk trends? What roles to build peace for what actors?

16.00 Closing remarks

16.15 Reception

Thursday, 26 November 2015

18.30, AdE Les Manuscrits de Tombouctou: Table Ronde (UNIGE)

Side events

Monday, 16 November 2015

- 13:00, PdN Launch event of the exhibition 'What Does Peace Look Like?'
(UNESCO, Austria, AFPA)
- 18:00, PdN Launch event of the exhibition 'A Time to Forgive' (IOM)

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

- 18:30-21:00, CI Launch of the Geneva Science-Policy Platform
Climate Change and the Future of European Security: A Dinner
Debate (UNIGE, UNEP)

Thursday, 19 November 2015

- 12:00-13:30, PdN Women, Peace and Security (Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi – The
Journalists and Writers Foundation)
- 14:00-15:30, PdN La Mise en Oeuvre Pour une Paix Durable (OCAPROCE)
- 16:00-17:30, PdN World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse (WWSF)

Friday, 20 November 2015

- 10:00-11:30, PdN Arab World and Humanitarian Aid: Between Challenges and
Opportunities (UTANSC)
- 14:00-15:30, PdN Peace through Constitutions (CGNK)
- 16:00-17:30, PdN Religion and Peacebuilding (AMI)

Exhibitions

Les Manuscrits de Tombouctou

16-20 November 2015, 09:00-18:00, UD (UNIGE and OIF)

A Time to Forgive

16-20 November 2015, PdN and 16-28 November 2015, UNI Bastion (IOM)

What Does Peace Look Like?

16-25 November 2015, PdN (UNESCO, Austria, AFPA)

Training courses

Enhancing Leadership for Peacebuilding – 7th Senior Level Peacebuilding Course
Full Week Course, 16-20 November 2016
(GCSP, IP, FDFA, UNITAR)

Resolving Land and Natural Resources Conflict in Peacebuilding

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 09:00-16:00
(UNEP, IOM, UNEP, UNDP, SP)

3. Event organizers

Main programme

AFPA	Alfred Fried Photography Award
AFSC	American Friends Service Committee
BPO	Basel Peace Office
CCDP	Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (The Graduate Institute)
CHD	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
DCAF	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
FDFA	Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
FES	Friedrich-Ebert Foundation
GCSP	Geneva Centre for Security Policy
GCR2P	Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
GDH	Gender and Diversity Hub (Maison de la Paix)
GICHD	Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
GPP	Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
GWH	Geneva Water Hub
IEP	Institute for Economics and Peace
IHEID	Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies
ILO	International Labour Organization
IP	Interpeace
IPTI	Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (The Graduate Institute)
IPU	International Parliamentary Union
KAF	Kofi Annan Foundation
MSU	Mediation Support Unit (UNDPA)
PNF	Peace Nexus Foundation
QUNO	Quaker United Nations Office
RLAF	Right-Livelihood Award Foundation
SAS	Small Arms Survey
SCAS	Swiss Centre for Affective Sciences (UNIGE)
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDPA	United Nations Department of Political Affairs
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNIDIR	United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIGE	University of Geneva
UNIL	University of Lausanne
UNOG	United Nations Office at Geneva
WPC	World Future Council

The Permanent Mission of Australia, Ghana, Hungary, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Uruguay collaborate toward an event on the Responsibility to Protect.

Side programme

AFPA	Alfred Fried Photography Award
AMI	Asociacion Miraismo Internacional
CGNK	Center for Global Nonkilling
GYV	Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (The Journalists and Writers Foundation)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
OCAPROCE	Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Coopération Economique Internationale
OIF	Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
SP	Swisspeace
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UTANSC	United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation
WWSF	Women's World Summit Foundation

The Permanent Mission of Austria collaborates on the exhibition 'What Does Peace Look Like?'

4. Venues

AdE	Archives d'Etat, Rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville 1
CB	Campus Biotech, Chemin des Mines 9
CI	Confucius Institute, Route de Lausanne 266 (Pregny)
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Headquarters, Chemin du Pommier 5 (Le Grand-Saconnex)
MdP	Maison de la Paix, Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2
PdN	Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix
UD	Uni Dufour, rue du Général-Dufour 24
UNIB	UNI Bastions, rue De-Candolle 5
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Rights Organization, Chemin des Colombettes 34
WMO	World Meteorological Organization, 7bis, Avenue de la Paix

5. Main Programme

Monday, 16 November 2015

Launch of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace

Monday, 16 November 2015, 09:00-11:00

New Conference Hall, World Intellectual Property Organizations (WIPO)

Organized by Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Geneva Water Hub

Registration: www.genevawaterhub.org/panel-launch

Speakers

- Welcome message: Michael Møller, Director-General of UNOG
- Keynotes: Didier Burkhalter, Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs; Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization
- Representatives of co-convening countries
- Members of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace
- *Special appearance: Mich Gerber (Musician will create a “Water for Peace Symphony”)*

The Global High- Level Panel will be launched with a public ministerial event, as a collective initiative of a group of countries from the different world`s regions, committed to global water issues. The Panel will be set for the duration of about two years. It seeks to develop a set of proposals aiming to strengthen the global architecture to prevent and resolve water-related conflicts, to facilitate the use of water for building peace, and to put water relations at the centre of government policy worldwide. French, English and Spanish simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the event.

Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies: Practices that Count

Monday, 16 November 2015, 12:30-14:00

Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1A), Maison de la Paix

Organized by Small Arms Survey, in collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), and the Graduate Institute’s Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (IPTI)

Registration: Natacha Cornaz, Project Associate, Small Arms Survey:
natacha.cornaz@smallarmssurvey.org

Speakers

- Amb. Thérèse Adam, Senior Advisor (Development), Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- Senior Representative (tbc), Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Mireille Widmer, Project Manager, Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative
- Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Research Director, Small Arms Survey

- *Moderator:* Sara Sekkenes, United Nations Development Programme, Geneva (tbc)

The 2030 development agenda adopted in September by the United Nations General Assembly recognizes peace, governance and justice as fundamental pillars of what 'development' should be. Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) constituting the framework of the new agenda, SDG 16 focuses on 'peaceful and inclusive societies'. While this represents a major leap forward in development policies, challenges remain on how to translate global goals and targets into measurable national policies and effective programs leading to positive change for the life of people. The event aims to (a) discuss the challenges and opportunities for the implementation and measurement of SDG 16, (b) showcase existing practical experience in peacebuilding, security promotion, and violence reduction to help states in implementing SDG 16 through coherent and holistic approaches; and (c) identify roles for 'international Geneva' to support the implementation of SDG 16.

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

The Existential Threat of Climate Change and Nuclear Weapons: The Marshall Islands Experience and Action in the International Court Of Justice

Tuesday, 17 November 2015, 10.00-12.00

Main Meeting Room, Inter-Parliamentary Union, (IPU) Headquarters

Organized by the World Future Council, the Basel Peace Office, and the Right-Livelihood Award Foundation

Speakers

- Selina Neirok Leem, Marshall Islands student at the University of Freiberg, Germany
- Daniel Rietiker, President of the Association of Swiss Lawyers for Nuclear Disarmament, Winterthur, Switzerland
- Rob van Riet, Coordinator Peace and Disarmament at the World Future Council, London, United Kingdom
- Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, 2009 Right Livelihood Award Laureate

Nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands have had a trans-generational health impact and forced the evacuation of whole populations. Now the rising oceans may wash even more radioactive waste into the oceans and force the entire country to evacuate. This panel will discuss actions Marshallese are taking on these two threats to humanity including a case they have taken to the International Court of Justice.

Future Prospects for the Arms Trade Treaty: The Secretariat, Treaty Implementation And Beyond

Tuesday, 17 November 2015, 12:15-13:30
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1B), Maison de la Paix

This event is organised by the Arms Trade Treaty Network (Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Small Arms Survey)

Speakers

- Marc Finaud, Senior Programme Advisor, Emerging Security Challenges Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and ATT Network Coordinator
- Sarah Parker, Senior Researcher, Small Arms Survey
- Himayu Shiotani, Project Manager, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- Takhmina Karimova, Human Rights Officer, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Chair

- Professor Keith Krause, Director of the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Now that the ATT Secretariat is being established in Geneva, what role can governmental and non-governmental stakeholders active in International Geneva play in supporting implementation of the Treaty and contribute to achieving its objectives?

Mining Communities in Post-Conflict Settings: New Challenges and Opportunities for Peacebuilding

Tuesday, 17 November 2013, 13:30-15:00
United Nations Library, Building B, Palais des Nations

Organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES)

Registration: Please register your attendance with Noreen Eberle at neberle@fes-geneva.org by 10 November 2015 COB.

Speakers

- Dr Sandra Krähenmann, Research Fellow, Geneva Academy, *"The role of international law in post-conflict scenarios"*

- Raoul Kitungano, Director of the NGOs and Networks: Justice for All, DRC: *“Artisanal Mining Communities and Illegal Cross-Border Trade of Natural Resources in Times of Peace and War”*.
- Anuarite Ketu Chikwanine, Project Manager Dynamique Femme et Mines, DRC: *“The Gender Challenge for Mining Communities in Transition from Conflict to Post-Conflict”*

Respondent:

- Dr Robert Glasser, Executive-in-Residence, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Moderator:

- Dr Volker Lehmann, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York

The workshop gives voice to actors from institutions normally absent from the international arena. More specifically, grassroots organizers from mining communities from the Eastern DRC will present their experiences with the intervention in the natural resource sector as their society and fragile state are moving towards a post-war future. The proposed debate targets UN diplomats, experts from international organizations and from civil society who are interested in the challenges for extractive industries governance at the transition from armed conflict into a post-conflict setting.

Natural Resources and Conflict: A Mediated Solution

Tuesday, 17 November 2015, 15:00-17:00

Room VII, Palais des Nations

Organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Department of Political Affairs' (UNDPA) Mediation Support Unit (MSU), and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)

Registration: Please register with Amanda Kron (amanda.kron@unep.org) by 13 November 2015, COB.

Programme

Session 1

- Michael Møller, Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Päivi Kairamo, Ambassador of Finland to the United Nations in Geneva
- Henrik Slotte, Chief, Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderator: Enrico Formica, Senior Mediation Officer, UNDPA/UNOG

Session 2

- Alan Doss, Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation and former Special Representative to the Secretary General
- Michael Brown, Senior natural resources specialist and mediation expert, Professor of Practice in Natural Resources Conflict Mediation at McGill University
- Isabelle Brissette, Manager of Security Risk and Human Rights, Rio Tinto
- Renée Larivière, Deputy Director-General, Interpeace

Moderator: David Jensen, Head of Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding, United Nations Environment Programme

UNDPA, UNEP and UNOG are co-hosting a high-level panel to discuss good practices in the mediation of resource disputes and to recommend how the UN system can improve its capacity on conflict management and resolution linked to natural resources. The event also serves to promote the new joint UNDPA-UNEP report: *Natural Resources and Conflict. A Guide for Mediation Practitioners*. The panel will consider high-value resources such as oil and minerals, as well as water and land. It will address resource conflicts at the local level as well as resources in the context of larger peace processes and peace agreements.

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Barn Owls Know No Boundaries: The Role of Biodiversity in Peace Processes

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 11:30-13:30
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1B), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Graduate Institute and the University of Lausanne

Registration: <http://www.gcsp.ch/Events/Barn-Owls-Know-no-Boundaries-The-Role-of-Biodiversity-in-Peace-Processes>

Speakers

- Alexandre Roulin, Professor, University of Lausanne
- Yossi Leshem, Professor University of Tel Aviv, Israel
- Mansour Abu Rashid, General(Ret), Chairman of Amman Center for Peace and Development, Jordan
- Imad Atrash, Director of Palestine Wildlife Society, Palestine
- Moderator: Miriam Fugugosh, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Although protecting natural environments is key for human development, the role of biodiversity in peace processes has been neglected. The Universities of Lausanne and Tel Aviv developed the project “Barn Owls Know no Boundaries” to promote dialogue between Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians. Farmers from these three regions use barn owls as biological pest control agents instead of spreading poison to kill rodents. The usefulness of protecting biodiversity in peace processes will be illustrated with this project developed in the Middle East.

Applying Information and Communication Technologies to Peacebuilding: Experiences from the Maison de la Paix

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 12:00-14:00

Salle Kreuzel, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Organized by the Research Division of the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) with participation of the Graduate Institute and Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)

Registration: In order to enter the WMO building, all participants are kindly requested to register their attendance before 16 November with Samuel Gavillet: s.gavillet@dcaf.ch.

Presentation of DCAF's new SSR Backgrounders App followed by a moderated panel discussion: "Applying ICT to peacebuilding – expectations, reality, results".

Speakers

- Thomas Biersteker, Gasteyer Professor of International Security and Conflict Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Prof. Biersteker was principal developer of SanctionsApp, a mobile app created in 2013 to increase access to information and improve the quality of discourse about targeted sanctions at the UN Security Council.
- Iman Simon, Research Assistant for Advocacy and Outreach, DCAF's International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT). Ms Simon supports content and development for DCAF-ISSAT's Community of Practice website, an online resource for security and justice practitioners to learn and share good practice.
- Elisabeth Vinek, Advisor, IMSMA Systems Development, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD). Ms Vinek is responsible for maintenance and development of GICHD's Mine Action INtelligence Tool (MINT), an online data analysis and reporting tool for the mine action community.
- Moderator, Fairlie Chappuis, Programme Manager, Research Division, DCAF

Various organisations across the Maison de la Paix have made use of the new opportunities that information and communication technologies offer for peacebuilding. Notable examples include GICHD'S online Mine Action Intelligence Tool (MINT), DCAF-ISSAT's interactive Community of Practice, or the Graduate Institute's Sanctions App. For DCAF this process continues with the launch of the new SSR Backgrounders series, together with an interactive website and app. It is thus in the spirit of the Geneva Peace Week and the Maison de la Paix as a place for meeting, reflection and action in the field of peace and security, that DCAF convenes a panel of in-house specialists to share their varied experiences in applying ICT to their own work in peacebuilding and to ask what the future holds for this fast-moving field.

Geneva Reflections on the Global Study on Women, Peace and Security

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 12:00-14:00
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1A), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the Maison de la Paix Gender and Diversity Hub

Speakers

- Youssef Mahmoud, member of high-level advisory group for the global study on the implementation of resolution 1325; Senior Advisor at the International Peace Institute; Former UN SRSG in Burundi, CAR and Chad
- Thania Paffenholz, Director Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative(IPTI) Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Penny Williams, GCSP Government Fellow, Former Australian Global Ambassador for Women and Girls (tbc)
- Stephanie Koury, United Nations Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, Geneva

Moderator: Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Research Director, Small Arms Survey

The Global Study on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 (2000) and its impact on the international Women, Peace and Security agenda will be released in New York on 21 October 2015. The following day, the Security Council will meet to assess the impact of the resolution and agenda. This Geneva Peace Week event will therefore be perfectly timed to:

- Inform the Geneva community of the discussions that will have taken place in New York;
 - Reflect on the actual problems undermining the implementation of UNSCR 1325 (such as, gender-based violence, SALW control and proliferation, and lack of political inclusion) and the extent to which these are reflected in the Global Study;
 - Discuss options to advance women's participation in peace processes and political transitions based on the Global Study findings and recommendations; and
 - Identify roles for International Geneva to foster the women, peace and security agenda, internationally and locally.
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The Evolution of the Role of International Organizations in the Maintenance of Peace and Security on the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations

Wednesday 18th November 2015, 12:30 – 14:00

Palais des Nations, UNOG Library Events Room, B.135

Organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the University of Geneva

Speakers:

- Niels Blokker, Professor of Institutional Law, Leiden University, Netherlands; former Deputy Legal Adviser, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ivan Ingravallo, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
- Robert Kolb, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva

- Roberto Virzo, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Sannio, Italy

This panel will examine the evolution of the role of international organizations in the maintenance of peace and security on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations. The creation of the UN represented a sort of 'revolution' in international relations due to its complex institutional structure, its broad mandate and the legal relevance of its acts. The celebration of the UNs' anniversary will give a valuable opportunity to discuss current trends in international institutional law. This debate will also shed some light also on the deficiencies and limits of this branch of international law, specifically with reference to the emerging question of the accountability of international organizations in the area of peace and security.

Tackling Insecurity in the City: Key Issues for HABITAT III

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 14.30-15.30
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1A), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva and Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Speakers

- Introduction to the Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice – Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- Grasping the Overlap and Difference between Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Approaches - Luciana Fadon, Alex Papadovassilakis, Anja Grob, Applied Research Seminar, The Graduate Institute
- Violence against or affecting women in violent cities – Valeria Esquivel, Research Coordinator on Gender & Development, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
- Towards HABITAT III: Key issues – Marco Keiner, Acting Director, Land and Housing Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Moderator: Salman Bal, Senior Political Coordination Adviser, Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

This meeting presents key issues and practice trends on urban safety that are part of the preparations of the Habitat III Summit in October 2016. The Panel draws on the proceedings of the Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice with a specific focus on its preliminary research results. The meeting will also focus on the violence against women in cities as advanced in a research project by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Finally the meeting updates on key forthcoming issues for the preparatory process of the HABITAT III summit in 2016. This meeting occurs under the framework of the Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice – a process which is co-facilitated by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), UN-Habitat's Safer Cities Programme and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Can Elections Build Lasting Peace?

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 15.30-17.00
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1A), Maison de la Paix

Organized by Kofi Annan Foundation

Speakers

- David Lambo, Senior Africa Advisor, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Heidi Grau, Director, Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- Alan Doss, Executive Director, Kofi Annan Foundation

Moderator: Sebastian Brack, Political Affairs Officer, responsible for the Foundation's Electoral Integrity Initiative (EII)

Elections are the established mechanism for the peaceful arbitration of political rivalry and transfers of power. In practice, however, many elections actually prove deeply destabilizing, sometimes even triggering conflict. After discussing the reasons why elections often fail to meet expectations, the panelists will debate whether, and under what conditions, elections can indeed contribute to lasting peace.

Mediating Complexity and Inclusion in Current Peace Processes

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 18:00-19:30
Room A2, Maison de la Paix

Organized by the Graduate Institute's Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative (IPTI) and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD)

Speakers

- Youssef Mahmoud, Senior Advisor, International Peace Institute, New York; Member of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations as well as the High Level Review of UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security; former UN Special Envoy
- Katia Papagianni, Director of Policy and Mediation Support, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Stephanie Koury, Principal Political Affairs Officer, Office of the Special Envoy for Syria
- Moderator: Thania Paffenholz, Director, Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative

The objective of this panel is to discuss how international mediators and peacebuilders manage the complex challenges of including relevant issues and actors into peace processes. The panelists will address both policy suggestions from the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations as well as concrete examples from ongoing processes in Myanmar, Syria and others as to how to deal with fragmented and multiple armed groups, violent extremists but also broader inclusion of civil society and women groups and challenging task to get pertinent issue on the agenda.

Cine-Onu: The Day After Peace

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, 18:30-21:00

Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la Paix

Organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Graduate Institute

Movie screening with opening remarks from Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. The screening is followed by a panel discussion:

- Jeremy Gilley, Film Director, The Day After Peace
- Ahmad Fawzi, Director, a.i., of the United Nations Information Service in Geneva,
- Scott Weber, Director-General, Interpeace
- Moderator: Thania Paffenholz, Director, Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative

The Day After Peace is a documentary directed by Jeremy Gilley about his efforts to establish a proper observance of the International Day of Peace and the practical necessity of nurturing a culture of non-violence, produced in association with the BBC and Passion Pictures.

Thursday, 19 November 2015

How Can Neurobiology and Affective Sciences Contribute to Conflict Resolution?

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 09:00-12:00

Campus Biotech

Organized by the Swiss Centre for Affective Sciences at the University of Geneva

Speakers

- Jeremy Lack, Attorney-at-Law & ADR Neutral, specializing in designing and implementing dispute prevention and resolution processes for international commercial and civil disputes. He is a lawyer with Quadrant Chambers (UK), Charles Russell Speechlys LLP (UK & CH), S&L Avocats (CH), and Schonewille & Schonewille Legal Mediation (NL), teaches at the EPFL in Lausanne and collaborates with SCAS. He is also a co-founder of www.neuroawareness.com and a representative of the International Mediation Institute to ECOSOC in Geneva.
- Dr. Olga Klimecki is a neuroscientist and psychologist at the Swiss Centre for Affective Sciences, University of Geneva. Dr. Klimecki is a joint coordinator, with Prof. David Sander, of research into the role of emotions in conflict resolution. This research brings together scientists from different disciplines with practitioners in the field of conflict resolution.

The event discusses how scientific research can contribute to conflict resolution, both from a scientific and an applied perspective. This interactive workshop aims at encouraging a

vivid exchange on new insights, tools and techniques that can be used in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Conflict Sensitivity in Business: Experiences from China and Southeast Asia

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 10.00-11.30

Room XXIII, Palais des Nations

Organized by the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and the Peace Nexus Foundation

Registration: Please send an e-mail to Diane Hendrick (dhendrick@quno.ch) with your name and the name of your organization. Please also indicate whether you will need a badge to enter the Palais des Nations.

Speakers

- Professor Liu Baocheng: Director, Centre for International Business Ethics (CIBE), Beijing University of International Business and Economics
- Mr. Yang Jun: Managing Director and President, China Western Power Company, China
- Mr. Sin Sokhomony: Agriculture and Land Policy Project Coordinator, NGO Forum of Cambodia
- Ms. Vicky Bowman, Director, Myanmar Center for Responsible Business (tbc)

Moderator: Mr. Jason Tower, East Asian Quaker International Affairs Representative, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Geneva Peace Week presents an opportunity for Chinese private sector representatives and Southeast Asian civil society representatives to introduce their growing collaboration around piloting conflict sensitivity toolkits and fostering corporate-NGO dialogue as well as a chance to hear responses from Geneva peacebuilding community. QUNO and AFSC will therefore invite a number of Chinese private sector representatives and South Asian civil society representatives to speak at public event during Peace Week, aimed at introducing Asian experiences and approaches to conflict sensitivity to Western peacebuilding audiences.

Contemporary Challenges to Peace in Security in Cyberspace

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 10:00-12:00 (welcome coffee as 10:00-10:30)

Salle Kreuzel, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Organized by the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

Registration: Please send an e-mail to t.hatzl@dcaf.ch.

Speakers

- Nils Melzer, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Gustav Lindstrom, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

- Jovan Kurbalija, Director of Diplo Foundation
- Reto Haeni, Chief Security Officer, Microsoft Western Europe HQ
- Moderator: Anne-Marie Buzatu, DCAF

The panel will discuss current challenges to peace and security in the digital domain from the points of view of international law, internet governance, threats to the security sector, threats to the private sector and national governance, and parliamentary oversight of cyber.

A Fragility Compass to Orient Employment and Decent Work Projects

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 10:30-12:00 (followed by the standing buffet)
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1A), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)

Speakers,

- Oliver Jütersonke, Head of Research, CCDP, The Graduate Institute
- Helder da Costa, Coordinator, g7+ Secretariat
- Tine Staermose, Special Adviser on Labour Market Institutions and Governance, Office of the Deputy Director-General for Policy, ILO
- Moderator: Donato Kiniger-Passigli, Global Coordinator, Fragile States and Disaster Response Group, ILO

How do endogenous and exogenous drivers of fragility relate to the world of work? This event will present the outcomes of the ILO-CCDP research initiative on "Employment and Decent Work in Fragile Settings" – the Fragility Compass. Oliver Jütersonke (CCDP), Helder da Costa (g7+) and Tine Staermose (ILO) will illustrate how the Fragility Compass can be applied in fragile situations.

10th Anniversary of the Responsibility to Protect: A Focus on Prevention

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 11:00-13:00
Room XX, Palais de Nations

Organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Ghana, Hungary, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uruguay to the United Nations with the support of UNOG, the Graduate Institute, and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Registration: <http://graduateinstitute.ch/home/relations-publiques/les-manifestations-publiques/events-calendar/registration-event-10th-annivers.html> Registration for this event closes at 12:00 on 16 November.

Programme

- Introductory remarks Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office in Geneva
- Opening message sent from Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General

- Panel discussion moderated by Simon Adams, Executive Director, Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
 - Jennifer Welsh, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on R2P
 - Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 - Davide Rodogno, Professor of International History, Graduate Institute
 - Elisabeth Decrey Warner, Executive President, Geneva Call
- Concluding Video Message by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Other States with relevant R2P experience, civil society and regional organisations to speak from the floor in an interactive dialogue

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the unanimous endorsement of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) by world leaders at the 2005 UN World Summit. As outlined in the Outcome Document, each State has the responsibility to protect its own population from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. The tenth anniversary of R2P provides a unique opportunity to advance and promote greater cooperation on the implementation of R2P, particularly its preventive aspects, by Geneva-based organisations. The UN Secretary-General's reports on R2P have consistently highlighted the importance of preventing atrocity crimes through capacity building, early warning and strengthening accountable and inclusive national institutions. Investing in prevention is particularly relevant given the proliferation of humanitarian crises we face today. This interactive discussion will identify ways to strengthen cooperation on prevention mechanisms and will explore ways to mainstream the implementation of R2P through the work of Geneva-based organisations

Geneva Launch of the 2015 Global Terrorism Index Report

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 12:30-14:00

Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the GCSP and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)

Registration: <http://gcspsite.force.com/register?campaignId=701b0000000JgtJ>

Speakers

- Steve Killelea, IEP Founder & Executive Chairman
- Stephan Husy, Ambassador-at-Large for International Counter-Terrorism, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Dr Christina Schori-Liang, GCSP Senior Programme Advisor and Senior Fellow

This is the third edition of the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) report which provides a comprehensive summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism. Produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), the GTI is considered to be the most comprehensive dataset on terrorist activity globally. It is intended to contribute to the public debate on peace and international security. The GCSP and IEP will host the event, with the

aim of presenting the results of the report to a broader Geneva audience, enhancing dialogue and exchange in this field.

After Mosul: What is ISIS up to?

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 12:30-13:30
Auditorium Ivan Pictet (A1B), Maison de la Paix

Organized by the Graduate institute

Speaker

- Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, Adjunct Professor of International History, the Graduate Institute; and Deputy-Director and Academic Dean, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy

It has been 17 months since the second largest Iraqi city fell to the Islamic State, a group which continues to challenge the domestic, regional, and international system. This briefing will review developments over this period and inquire into the status of the groups' strategy and outlook on the region.

Entrepreneurship for Peace

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 15:00-17:00
Room XII, Palais des Nations

Organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform in collaboration with the United Nations Office at Geneva and PeaceNexus Foundation, and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Registration: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb-unctad/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=ZlcY0J>

Opening:

- James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD (tbc)

Moderator:

- Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Panel 1: Entrepreneurship and peace: a new pathway towards SDGs

- Barbara Hintermann, Secretary General of the CAUX - Initiatives of Change Foundation
- Brian Ganson, Head, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement and Extraordinary Associate Professor, University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town
- Riad al Khouri, economist and development researcher on the Middle East, Jordan
- Rina Alluri, Associate, Swisspeace

Panel 2: Evidence from success stories

- Liberia: Ms. Patrice D. Juah, Director of Moie fashion textile company, Monrovia and founder of Miss Education Awareness Pageant, promoting and advocating for Girls' Education

- Uganda: Mr. Thomas Oloya's Fisheries – a case from UNCTAD's Empretec network
- Colombia: Mr. Juan Andrés Cano, Value4Chain, Bogota, winner of the Oslo Business and Peace Award - a case from PeaceNexus network
- DR Congo: Anuarite Ketu Chikwanine, Project Manager Dynamique Femme et Mines, South Kivu, DRC - The Gender Challenge for Mining Communities in Transition from Conflict to Post-Conflict

On the occasion of the Global Entrepreneurship Week and Geneva Peace Week, which will take place in Geneva from 16 to 20 November 2015, the UNCTAD and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform are organizing a symposium on "Entrepreneurship for Peace". The objective of the symposium is to illustrate how entrepreneurship can contribute to peace and prosperity in fragile and post-conflict countries. In particular, through direct testimonials the symposium will highlight how inclusive and social entrepreneurship can play a key role in spurring stagnant economic growth and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Key questions addressed in this event are: How can entrepreneurship become a resource for peaceful development? How can peacebuilding approaches strengthen private sector investment in fragile states? How can entrepreneurship and peacebuilding mutually reinforce the achievement of the SDGs?

Torture and Repression in the Arab World

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 18:15-20:00
Auditorium A2, Maison de la Paix

Organized by the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) and History Department

Speakers

- Joseph Sassoon is Assistant Professor and holder of the al-Sabah Chair in Politics and Political Economy of the Arab World at Georgetown University.

Moderator

- Riccardo Bocco, Professor of Political Sociology at the Graduate Institute and CCDP Faculty Associate.

The Arab republics (Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, and Yemen) have all used arrests, torture and trials as means of coercing all opposition. Based on the Iraqi archives of the security forces and a wide range of memoirs from the other seven Arab republics (of both security officers and political prisoners), the talk will discuss how torture and repression became embedded in the system of these authoritarian regimes and allowed them to survive for such a long time. This research is part of a larger work on these countries that will be published as a monograph in the coming spring by Cambridge University Press under the title: Anatomy of Authoritarianism in the Arab World.

Friday, 20 November 2015

Building Peace 2030: Facing a New Strategic Landscape of Conflict Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Friday 20th November 2015, 08:30-16:15
Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Maison de la Paix,

Organized by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Registration: <http://www.gpplatform.ch>

8.30 Registration

9.15 Welcome and opening

- Mirjana Spoljaric, Ambassador, Director of the United Nations and other International Organizations Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Carl Ungerer, Head of the Leadership, Crisis and Conflict Management Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

9.45 Charting future conflict and risk trends

- Understanding risk trends - Caroline Galvin, Practice Lead, Competitiveness and Risks, World Economic Forum, Geneva
- Reflections on future conflict trends – Hugo Slim, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
- David Lambo, Senior Adviser for Africa, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, Kenya

10.45 Break

11.15 Marketplace: Innovation in peacebuilding as foundation for future action

- Dealing with chronic violence and the ability to - Rashid Ali, Senior Fellow, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London
- Conflict sensitive business - Jason Tower, Quaker International Affairs Representative Beijing, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Beijing
- Inclusiveness and participation in peacebuilding processes – Katia Papagianni, Head of Mediation Support, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva

11.45 Market place sessions

1. Dealing with chronic violence and extremism
Session facilitator: Anna Alvazzi, Research Director, Small Arms Survey, Geneva
2. Conflict-sensitive business practice for large-scale investment contexts
Session facilitator: Brian Ganson, Head, Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town, South Africa; Research Associate, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), The Graduate Institute

3. Inclusiveness and participation in peacebuilding processes
Session facilitator: Renée Larivière, Deputy Director General (Development and Learning), Interpeace, Geneva

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Debrief of the marketplace discussions with session facilitators

Closure of Geneva Peace Week 2015

Building Peace 2030 - Getting ready to face future conflict trends

14.15 Lead questions: What practice is necessary to face future conflict and risk trends?
What roles to build peace for what actors?

- Irene Santiago, Lead Convener, Global Campaign on Women, Peace and Security, Davao, Philippines, Davao, The Philippines
- Claude Bruderlein, Advisor to the President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
- Ozong Agborsangaya-Fiteu, Senior Operations Officer, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, The World Bank, Washington DC
- Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief, Policy, Planning and Application Branch
Peacebuilding Support Office, United Nations, New York
- Thomas G. Weiss, Presidential Professor of Political Science, Director Emeritus, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York

16.00 Michael Møller, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva
Concluding reflections and closure of Geneva Peace Week 2015

16.15 Closure of the Annual Meeting and Geneva Peace Week 2015 followed by a 'verre d'amitié' with the generous support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Canada.

Thursday, 26 November 2015

Les Manuscrits de Tombouctou: Table ronde

Thursday, 26 November, 18:30
Archives d'Etat (rue de l'hôtel de ville, 1)

Organized by Maison de l'histoire de l'Université de Genève

Intervenants

- Georges Bohas, ICAR, Université de Lyon
- Mohomodou Houssouba, Centre for African Studies, CAS, Université de Bâle
- Eric Huysecom, Unité Anthropologie, Université de Genève

Modération: Didier Péclard, Global Studies Institute, Université de Genève

6. Side meetings

Launch event of the exhibition 'What Does Peace Look Like?'

Monday, 16 November 2015, 13:00

Palais des Nations, Passerelle, E Building, 3rd Floor, Door 40

Organized by UNESCO Geneva Liaison Office, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other specialized institutions in Geneva and the Alfred Fried Photography Award

The exhibit will be composed of works honored by the Alfred Fried Award Photography 2014. 1549 photographers from 99 countries and all five continents sought to answer the question "What does peace look like?". The photographs represent a myriad of perspectives and approaches, reflecting that peace is an intensely personal thing and that each one has their own interpretation and understanding of peace.

Launch event of the exhibition 'A Time to Forgive'

Monday, 16 November, 18:00 (followed by a reception)

Palais des Nations, Corner in front of the Delegates' Lounge (Building A/C), 3rd floor

Organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Speakers

- Louis Hoffman, Head of Transition and Recovery Division, IOM
- Leonard Doyle, Director of Media and Communications, IOM

How does one learn to forgive and rebuild trust where communities have been torn apart by war? Where does it begin and is it sustainable? Join IOM to participate first-hand in the story of reconciliation between two demobilized combatants from Central African Republic and their path to peace. 'A Time to Forgive' is an art installation containing powerful photos and audio recordings of two former soldiers – one an anti-balaka and the other an ex-seleka - who have formed a fraternal bond following a demobilization project in their community. The installation consists a three dimensional cube with audio-visual content in French, English and Sango as photographed and recorded by IOM. The art installation will reproduce the intensity of the interview, the weight of the silence and allow visitors to witness first-hand this powerful connection. The Cube will reproduce the feeling of anxiety that permeated the interview while the audio replays the low voices of the ex-combatants.

Launch of the Geneva Science-Policy Platform Climate Change and the Future of European Security: A Dinner Debate

Tuesday, 17 November 2015, 18:30 – 21:00
Confucius Institute

Organized by the University of Geneva and the United Nations Environment Programme (as Chair of the Environment and Security Initiative: OSCE, UNDP, UNECE, REC).

Registration: tbc

Speakers

- Directors of the ENVSEC partner agencies
- Scholars of the University of Geneva
- Heads of missions accredited in Geneva

The platform launch aims to focus the attention of members and partners on the main gaps between the environment and security. It will be officially launched in the framework of the Geneva Peace Week. Today, life-sustaining conditions and human security depend, among other circumstances, on the ability of countries to adapt to climate change. Many of these considerations will drive the decision-making process in the upcoming debates in international fora and negotiations such as UNFCCC COP21. Therefore, the theme of the launch event envisaged during the Geneva Peace Week will be 'Climate Change and the Future of European Security'. It will take place in the form of a dinner debate for heads of missions of ENVSEC target countries, Steering Committee members, and prominent scholars in the field of political science, climatology/natural resources, law and conflict resolution. The objective of the discussion is to engage policymakers with lead members of the academic community to exchange opinions on the linkages between climate change and European security both at present, and in projected future scenarios.

Women, Peace and Security

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 12:00-13:30
Room XXIII, Palais de Nations

Organized by Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (The Journalists and Writers Foundation)

Registration: Participant can register by sending an email to Halil Goksan: h.goksan@gyv.org.tr. Latest time of registration: 15 November, COB.

The objective of this side event is to raise awareness of the international community to the specific concerns, needs, and challenges faced by women in the context of sustainable development, peace and security and to mobilize an international network for action to advocate in addressing these issues effectively and efficiently. The following areas will be addressed: Women's participation and representation in various aspects of conflict prevention and peace building; Protection of the rights of women in conflict; elimination all

forms of violence against all women and girls; Women's diverse post-conflict needs, both urgent and long-term; and Reparation for victims of violence and healing.

La Mise en Oeuvre Pour une Paix Durable

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 14:00 – 15:30

Room XXIII, Palais des Nations

Organized by Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Coopération Economique Internationale - OCAPROCE Internationale

Modérateur : Mme Chrisitna Atekmangho, Etudiante en doctorat à l'Université de Genève

Panélistes

- Prof. Alfred de Zayas, Expert indépendant des Droits de l'Homme, la Democratie et l'Ordre International, Nations Unies : « Inégalités persistantes, peut-on parler de paix sans l'autonomisation des femmes » ?
- Mme Simone Ovar-Bruno, Présidente du Comité des ONG sur le statut de la Femme de Genève (CSW) et représentante principale de Zonta International auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève: « Après l'adoption de l'agenda post-2015: quelles perspectives durables pour les femmes et les filles » ?
- Mme Sarah Parkes, Cheffe des relations média et informations publiques à l'Union internationale des télécommunications: « Une formation durable par les TIC est-elle envisageable dans l'agenda du MDD » ?
- Princesse Micheline Makou Djouma, Présidente Directrice Générale d'OCAPROCE International, Genève : « L'éducation et la formation aux droits humains des femmes et des jeunes filles pour une prise de conscience de leurs droits ».

La guerre est l'un des plus grands obstacles de la paix. Le constat est que les femmes sont les plus touchées dans les zones de conflits mais aussi dans la société. Leurs droits ne sont pas reconnus ni respectés. Elles méritent une existence pacifique et le droit de participer à la promotion et au maintien de la paix.

Il serait impossible de parler de paix sans l'autonomisation des femmes et l'égalité de sexe car, une culture de la paix passera nécessairement par l'égalité des droits, la justice sociale et la tolérance. Mais les femmes ne sont pas uniquement les victimes des conflits, elles sont également des actrices importantes en matière de règlements des conflits et en faveur de la paix. Malheureusement leur voix n'est pas souvent entendue ni prise à sa juste valeur dans les efforts de paix.

De plus, dans le cadre des processus de paix, la violence contre les femmes n'est souvent traitée que comme un problème marginal. Dans la plupart des cas, on omet de faire activement participer les femmes à ces processus et de traiter la question du genre. Les inégalités qui persistent ont pour conséquence que, la violence liée au genre n'est pas réglée dans les accords de paix et de ce fait négligée lors de leur mise en oeuvre.

Une paix durable peut se caractériser par l'absence de guerre et de violence, cette paix implique une tolérance nulle, par rapport à la violence conjugale ou au sein des

communautés ou dans les pays et entre les Etats. Les Etats ont pris des engagements et doivent effectivement les appliquer.

A cet effet, l'éducation et la formation aux droits humains des femmes et des jeunes filles s'imposent.

OCAPROCE International qui dispose d'un projet concret d'éducation et de formation des femmes et des filles avec son concept « PROTEIN FOR IT », présentera son programme

World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Thursday, 19 November 2015, 16:00-17:30

Room XXIII, Palais de Nations

Organized by Women's World Summit Foundation

Registration: tbc

Speakers

- Elly Pradervand, Executive Director / Founder, Women's World Summit Foundation
- Daniel Fuhrer, Swiss White Ribbon Coordinator
- Message of support by Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary General on violence against children

Established in 2000, the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse – 19 November - was launched in International Geneva with 2000 candles burning in the center of town during the launching event, and adopted the mandate to prepare and promote better prevention and protection measures in synergy with the Universal Children's Day, which is marked the next day, on 20 November. The two days complement each other and creating change requires regular visibility of both International Days at all levels with concrete action that help create a world fit for children and youth – a world without violence. As a global network for prevention of violence and abuse against children and also against women with its Swiss White ribbon campaign for the elimination of violence against women in Switzerland by 2030, we wish to empower child rights actors and grassroots groups to help realize the promise made to the children of the world by the world leaders to protect their rights, ensure that they learn and grow, make their voices heard and to reach their full potential. Education for prevention of violence and the promotion of the rights of children are the best protection mechanisms and that everyone has a role to play. 19 November - World Day for prevention of child abuse, which is annually convened out of International Geneva by the Women's World Summit Foundation as its contribution to advance the UN agenda for a culture of peace, human rights and well-being.

Arab World and Humanitarian Aid: Between Challenges and Opportunities

Friday, 20 November 2015, 10:00-11:30

Room XXIII, Palais de Nations,

Organized by United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation

Registration: tbc

Speaker

- Olivier Le Boulengé, United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation
- Cheikh Nasser Al Khalifa

The event will outline challenges regarding the issue of humanitarian aid in the Arab world. On the one hand, the allocation of aid from the Arab world comes up against several obstacles: legal barriers, distrust of the Muslim world especially when it comes to aid given to non-Muslim countries. Moreover, some Muslim countries suffer from a screaming under development. Provide effective assistance without interfering in the internal politics of the country, avoiding the trap of religious issues, focusing only on the problems and how to arrive at a quick remedy, constitutes a challenge. The event will look at the issues above and propose further steps of addressing those challenges

Peace through Constitutions

Friday, 20 November 2015, 14:00-15:30
Room XXIII, Palais des Nations,

Organized by the Center for Global Nonkilling

Registration: Please register your attendance with Christophe Barbey: cb@apred.ch

Speakers:

- Marguerite Contat, former Co-President of the Constitutional Assembly (2008-2012) of the Canton and Republic of Geneva (Local Swiss State)
- Raphaël Portella, Professor of political science, University of Dijon, France. Co-editor of the book "Peace and constitutions" (2015)
- David Fernandez Puyana, BA, LL.M and PhD, senior expert on human rights and peace
- Christophe Barbey, lawyer, coordinator of research at APRED, participative institute for the progress of peace. Author of various publications on peace through law; Main representative at the UN in Geneva for the Center for Global Nonkilling

Constitutional revisions offer a great opportunity to forward peace as a legal principle and to create concrete measure for the progress of peace, such as a strong incentive to highlight the value of peace, a tool to forward and implement policies for the prevention of violence and to enhance peaceful dispute settlements, a safeguard to guarantee education for peace and human rights. Constitutions can also highlight peaceful relations among nations and grant peace as a right, thus facilitating a greater control on the use of force. The event will discuss what has already been done in this direction and present a list of further possibilities. The target public is policy and law makers, delegates from permanent missions and NGO's as well as any person concerned by constitutional processes or by the strengthening of peace through legal infrastructures.

Religion and Peacebuilding

Friday, 20 November 2015, 16:00-17:30

Room XXIII, Palais de Nations

Organised by the Association Miraisme® International in collaboration with the Freedom of Religion International Center

Registration: <http://religionandpeacebuilding.econgresos.com/ingles/index.cfm>

Speakers

Welcome

- Enrique Montes, Association Miraisme® International

Religion in peace processes: universal values and the contribution of religion in social transformations

- United States Institute of Peace (TBC)
- Prof. Kevin Clement, Conflict Analysis Research Centre at the University of Kent. (Canterbury – UK)
- Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue.

Religion and respect for the identity of others

- Prof. Khinder Domle. Peacebuilding and Minority expert. Media Director of University of Duhok – Iraq
- Former Senator of Colombia, Carlos A. Baena, Freedom of Religion International Center.

The current global picture reveals the existence of varied conflicts that, in one way or another, have deeply penetrated the economic, political and social arteries of various countries, creating greater barriers to peace and development. These settings require not only our attention but also a comprehensive look at where active participation of all society nurtures and legitimises all of the actions of the process. In this sense, and given the global importance of this situation, it is also imperative to count upon the support of the international community for the design, application and evaluation of effective and efficient actions to put to an end to such conflicts and create scenes of lasting peace. The first great challenge is in considering religion as a key player in building harmonious societies. To recognise the comprehensiveness of the identity of human beings and their spiritual dimension as a key front in order to advance towards a process of certain and true reconciliation, that leads to real peace. This event provides a space for reflection on the role of religion in peace processes, understanding that to this end a number of implied elements are found, such as forgiveness, reconciliation, reparation, moral commitment and social dialogue. Likewise, an analysis is proposed on the role of religion in building harmonious societies founded on a culture of coexistence with respect for the identity of others.

7. Exhibitions

Les Manuscrits de Tombouctou

16-20 November 2015, 09:00-18:00

UNI Dufour

Organized by the Maison de l'histoire de l'Université de Genève et l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

Préparée par l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie et accueillie par la Maison de l'histoire dans le cadre de la Geneva Peace Week, cette exposition photographique présente des manuscrits issus de l'exceptionnel patrimoine culturel présent au Mali, notamment à Tombouctou. Des panneaux explicatifs et un film accompagnent les photographies.

A Time to Forgive

16-20 November 2015

Palais des Nations, Corner in front of the Delegates' Lounge (Building A/C), 3rd floor
Organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

16-28 November 2015

UNI Bastions, rue De-Candolle 5

Organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

'A Time to Forgive' is an art installation containing powerful photos and audio recordings of two former soldiers – one an anti-balaka and the other an ex-seleka - who have formed a fraternal bond following a demobilization project in their community. The installation consists a three dimensional cube with audio-visual content in French, English and Sango as photographed and recorded by IOM. These stories have been recorded a few months after the crisis in CAR. Questions explore how it is possible to rebuild trust and dialogue with your own people. IOM's Florence Kim recorded the interviews. She recounts, "They preferred to talk to me in Sango, one of the two official languages. The interview reached its peak when I asked if it was possible to forgive. Until then, there was a lot of tension." The art installation will reproduce the intensity of the interview, the weight of the silence and allow visitors to witness first-hand this powerful connection. The Cube will reproduce the feeling of anxiety that permeated the interview while the audio replays the low voices of the ex-combatants. The exhibition seeks to engage the general public in Geneva as well as the international community who might not have personally or directly heard stories of people benefitting from humanitarian action in the field. The goal of this multimedia exhibition is to exhibit the power of peace and reconciliation - which can be found even in the most unlikely places.

What Does Peace Look Like?

16-25 November 2015 (Opening 16 November 2015, 13:00)

Passerelle, E Building, 3rd Floor, Door 40

Organized by UNESCO Geneva Liaison Office, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other specialized institutions in Geneva and the Alfred Fried Photography Award

The exhibit will be composed of works honored by the Alfred Fried Award Photography 2014. 1549 photographers from 99 countries and all five continents sought to answer the question "What does peace look like". The photographs represent a myriad of perspectives and approaches, reflecting that peace is an intensely personal thing and that each one has their own interpretation and understanding of peace.

8. Training courses

Enhancing Leadership for Peacebuilding – 7th Senior Level Peacebuilding Course

Full Week Course, 16-20 November 2016

Location: GCSP (selected participants only)

Organized by GCSP, Interpeace, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Link: <http://www.gcsp.ch/Courses/Enhancing-Leadership-for-Peacebuilding-7th-Senior-Level-Course-on-Peacebuilding>

This five-day leadership course provides an opportunity for current and potential leaders to enhance their understanding of sustainable peacebuilding and leadership styles. Although the body of knowledge about peacebuilding is growing, a lack of clarity about what makes peacebuilding effective persists. Similarly, considerable knowledge exists on leadership, but fails to permeate in the peacebuilding field. This course provides an opportunity for practitioners to enhance their understanding of both leadership and sustainable peacebuilding. This course is closed door. Contact: Sophie Bornet - s.bornet@gcsp.ch

Resolving Land and Natural Resources Conflict in Peacebuilding

Wednesday 18 November 2015, 09:00-16:00

Location: International Environmental House (selected participants only)

Organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDP/PA) and Swisspeace

Speakers:

- Peter Van Der Auweraert, Head of the Land, Property and Reparations Division of the International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- Michael Brown, Senior Expert on Natural Resource and Land Conflict Mediation and Professor of Practice in Conflict Mediation at McGill University in Canada / former DPA standby mediation team, senior mediation expert;
- David Jensen, Head of Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding, Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch of UNEP;
- Sabina Handschin, Senior Program Officer Conflict Sensitivity and Andreas Graf, Program Officer Business and Peace, Swisspeace

The objective of the training is to provide generalists within the international community with an introductory working knowledge of key analytical tools to assess and address the interlinkages between: 1) land and natural resources conflicts; 2) insecurity, broader conflict and peacebuilding, and 3) conflict sensitivity
