



2026

GENEVA PEACE FORUM  
**PROGRAMME**



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Peace”

## ABOUT THE GENEVA PEACE FORUM

Evolving from Geneva Peace Week, the Geneva Peace Forum (GPF) is the flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

Across the world, the foundations of peace are under growing strain. Armed conflicts continue to devastate communities, geopolitical tensions are reshaping global relations, and new risks, from climate pressures to digital disruption, are transforming how insecurity emerges and spreads. At the same time, inequality, exclusion, and declining trust within and between societies are weakening the social fabric that sustains peace.

These challenges are increasingly interconnected. Humanitarian crises, economic shocks, environmental pressures, and rapid technological change are creating complex environments where traditional responses to conflict are no longer sufficient. In this context, dialogue, cooperation, and preventive action are more important than ever. Sustainable peace requires inclusive governance, respect for human rights, economic resilience, and renewed commitment to multilateral solutions.

Geneva plays a unique role in advancing these efforts. Beyond hosting a diverse ecosystem of international organisations, diplomatic missions, civil society actors, and academic institutions, the city actively contributes to shaping multilateral

responses to global challenges. Geneva is a place where norms are negotiated, partnerships are built, and practical solutions to global problems are developed.

The Geneva Peace Forum reflects this spirit of collaboration. Each year, it brings together practitioners, policy-makers, researchers, and communities from across the world to exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore practical approaches to sustaining peace.

While the challenges facing the international community are significant, they do not define our collective future. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, it is the result of deliberate choices, sustained effort, and shared responsibility.

In a world marked by uncertainty and division, the international community still has agency. Governments, organisations, communities, and individuals can choose dialogue over confrontation, cooperation over fragmentation, and prevention over crisis response.

In 2026, the Geneva Peace Week becomes the Geneva Peace Forum and invites participants to make that choice.

Choose Peace.

# PROGRAMME

This brochure provides a daily overview of the Geneva Peace Forum programme. For full details about each event, please visit our website by scanning the QR code.



## IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

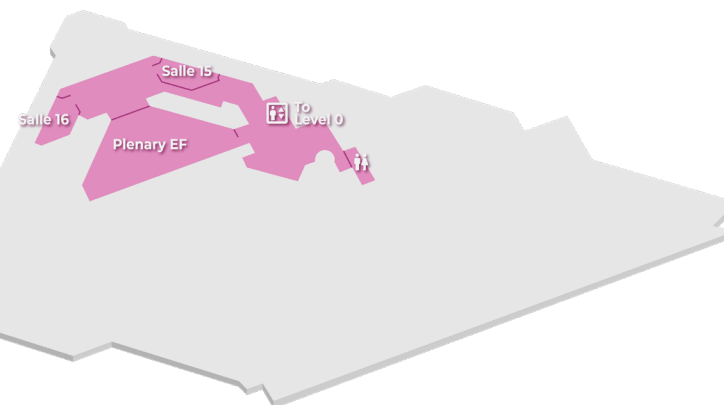
Registration is mandatory. However, registration is for informational purposes only and does not guarantee a seat at specific sessions. Seats at all events are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If a session reaches full capacity, we encourage you to explore alternative sessions taking place simultaneously.

## ONLINE ATTENDANCE

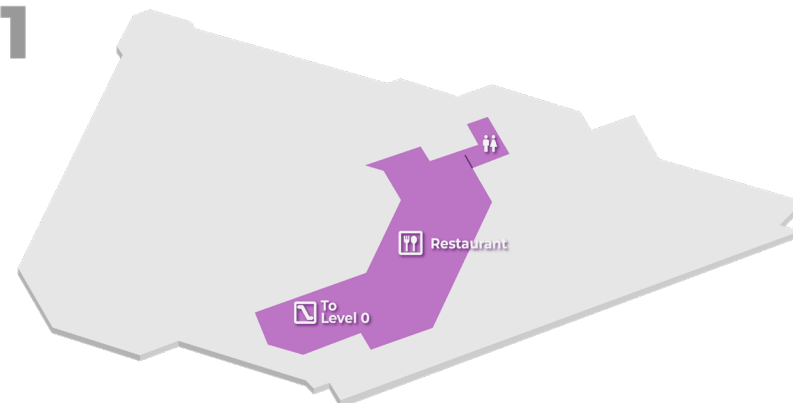
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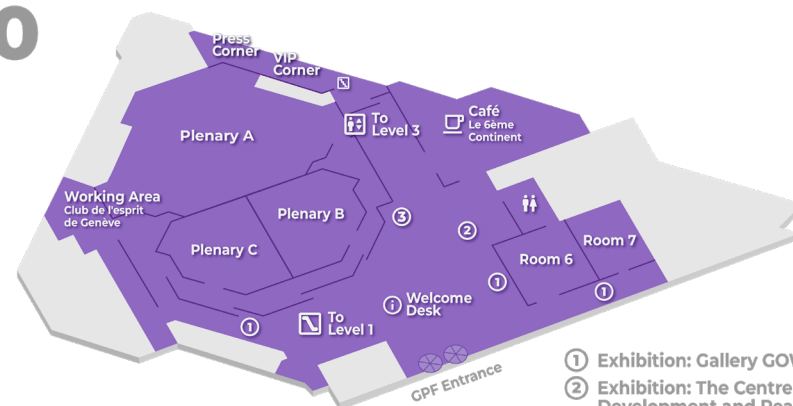
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- ① Exhibition: Gallery GOWEN
- ② Exhibition: The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)
- ③ Peacebuilding Marketplace
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# MONDAY EVENTS

## PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 12 OCTOBER - MORNING

|                     |                                                                             |                  |                                         |                                                                                                                                 |                     |
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| 09:00<br>-<br>09:45 | Geneva Peace Forum Official High Level Opening                              | OFFICIAL OPENING | Conflict, Prevention & Sustaining Peace | Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, United Nations Office at Geneva, The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA) | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| 10:00<br>-<br>11:00 | Peace Mediation Today: Do Norms Still Matter?                               | PANEL            | Mediation in Focus                      | The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA)                                                                 | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| 11:30<br>-<br>12:30 | Choosing Peace in Europe: Building the Next Peace and Security Architecture | PANEL            | Conflict, Prevention & Sustaining Peace | Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)                                                                                        | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| 11:30<br>-<br>13:00 | How Should Mediation Adapt to an Increasingly Transactional World?          | PANEL            | Mediation in Focus                      | Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)                                                                                           | Plenary EF - Hybrid |

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# MONDAY EVENTS

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### MONDAY 12 OCTOBER - AFTERNOON

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| 13:30<br>-<br>14:30 | The Human Cost of Conflict: giving visibility and paving the way for accountability                                         | PANEL             | Conflict, Prevention & Sustaining Peace    | Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| 13:30<br>-<br>16:30 | Informal Leverage: Scaling the Formal Impact of Women's Engagement                                                          | PANEL & WORKSHOPS | Mediation in Focus                         | The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA), SWIPP, Berghof Foundation, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), Swisspeace, Georgetown Institute for WPS, International Peace Institute, PeaceWomen Across the Globe, Center for Development and Environment | Plenary EF - Hybrid |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:00 | The Middle East at a Turning Point: Ceasefires, Transitions, New Alliances – and the Role of Regional and European Partners | PANEL             | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes | Principles for Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| 16:00<br>-<br>16:50 | Civilian Voices: Roundtable at the Geneva Peace Forum 2026                                                                  | PANEL             | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights    | Art of Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Room 6 - In person  |
| 16:00<br>-<br>16:50 | Creating in a World on Fire: Art, Imagination, and Peacebuilding                                                            | PODCAST           | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights    | Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, The Hummingbird Collective, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform                                                                                                                                                                                | Room 7 - Hybrid     |
| 17:00<br>-<br>18:00 | Geneva Peace Forum: A Ceremony for Peace                                                                                    | OPENING CEREMONY  | Conflict, Prevention & Sustaining Peace    | Geneva Peacebuilding Platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Plenary A - Hybrid  |

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# TUESDAY EVENTS PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER - MORNING

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| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | <p>Geneva as a Safe-Space: Identifying Opportunities and Confronting Blockages for Linking Arms Control and Peace Processes</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> | <p>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</p> <p>Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)</p>                                                                           | <p><b>Plenary EF</b><br/>Hybrid</p>      |
| 09:30<br>-<br>10:30 | <p>Security for Whom? Local Dialogue, Youth Inclusion and Security Governance</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p>                                               | <p>Inclusive Governance &amp; Political Processes</p> <p>DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Interpeace</p>                                      | <p><b>Plenary B</b><br/>Hybrid</p>       |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:00 | <p>Peacebuilding in an Era of Geopolitical Fracture</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p>                                                                         | <p>Inclusive Governance &amp; Political Processes</p> <p>United Nations University Centre for Policy Research Geneva (UNU-CPR), Geneva Peacebuilding Platform</p> | <p><b>Plenary B</b><br/>-<br/>Hybrid</p> |

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# TUESDAY EVENTS PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER - AFTERNOON

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| 12:30<br>-<br>13:30 | <p>Sustainable Peace in Central Asia: Lessons learned from the Khujand Declaration on Eternal Friendship</p> <p><b>PANEL</b></p> | <p>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</p> <p>UN University for Peace - UPEACE, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform</p>            | <p><b>Plenary B</b><br/>Hybrid</p>  |
| 14:00<br>-<br>15:45 | <p>"Ambassade": The Power of Quiet Diplomacy – Then and Now</p> <p><b>DOCUMENTARY SCREENING</b></p>                              | <p>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</p> <p>Geneva Peacebuilding Platform</p>                                              | <p><b>Plenary B</b><br/>Hybrid</p>  |
| 14:30<br>-<br>15:30 | <p>Open Mic Session: Voices for Peace</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENT</b></p>                                                            | <p>Social Cohesion, Justice &amp; Human Rights</p> <p>Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform</p>      | <p><b>Room 7</b><br/>Hybrid</p>     |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | <p>Lessons from mediating with criminal armed groups</p> <p><b>DOCUMENTARY SCREENING &amp; PANEL</b></p>                         | <p>Mediation in Focus</p> <p>Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)</p>                                                              | <p><b>Plenary EF</b><br/>Hybrid</p> |
| 16:00<br>-<br>18:00 | <p>2026 Geneva PeaceTalks: Choose Peace</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EVENT</b></p>                                                          | <p>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</p> <p>Interpeace, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, United Nations Office at Geneva</p> | <p><b>Plenary A</b><br/>Hybrid</p>  |

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# WEDNESDAY EVENTS

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### WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

#### MORNING

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| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | Disinformation as a shared emergency: how can local media, peace, humanitarian and development actors improve cooperation? | <b>PANEL</b>              | <i>Global Cooperation, Technology &amp; Future Risks</i> | Fondation Hironde, The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA)                                                                                                                  | <b>Plenary C</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b> |
| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | From Knowledge to Negotiation: Making Expertise Usable in Mediation                                                        | <b>IN PERSON WORKSHOP</b> | <i>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</i>        | Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Mediterranean Platform, Synaps                                                                                                                   | <b>Room 6</b><br>-<br><b>In person</b> |
| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | From Peace Agreement to Sustainable Peace: Building with the Nexus                                                         | <b>PANEL</b>              | <i>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</i>        | Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping, and Peacebuilding, The Centre for HDP Nexus Solutions                                                                             | <b>Plenary B</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b> |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Beyond Security: Multisectoral Responses to Armed Violence and Weapons Proliferation                                       | <b>PANEL</b>              | <i>Conflict Prevention &amp; Sustaining Peace</i>        | Small Arms Survey, The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA), Center for Security Studies "CENSS", Flemish Peace Institute, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research | <b>Plenary B</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b> |

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| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Beyond the Table: Rethinking Women's Meaningful Participation in Peace Processes                                  | <b>PANEL</b>                 | <i>Inclusive Governance &amp; Political Processes</i>    | Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), PeaceWomen Across the Globe                                                                                                       | <b>Plenary C</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b>  |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Ground Signal: Local Voices on Digital Harms and the Fight for Collective Action                                  | <b>DOCUMENTARY SCREENING</b> | <i>Global Cooperation, Technology &amp; Future Risks</i> | Kofi Annan Foundation, Build Up                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Plenary A</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b>  |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Recognizing Islamic Jurisprudence as a Framework for Negotiations: Dilemmas and Opportunities for Peace Mediation | <b>PANEL</b>                 | <i>Mediation in Focus</i>                                | Cordoba Peace Institute – Geneva, Mediation Support Team, Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zurich                                                                                              | <b>Plenary EF</b><br>-<br><b>Hybrid</b> |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Transitional Justice in the AI Era: Challenges and Opportunities for Peacebuilding                                | <b>IN PERSON WORKSHOP</b>    | <i>Global Cooperation, Technology &amp; Future Risks</i> | The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism, UNESCO, University of Amsterdam, Institute for Information Law | <b>Room 6</b><br>-<br><b>In person</b>  |

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### WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

#### AFTERNOON

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| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Before It Escalates: AI, Digital Signals, and Collective Choices for Peace                                                                              | ONLINE WORKSHOP        | Global Cooperation, Technology & Future Risks | Domus Communis Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Online                                                                          |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Before the Tool: What Must Change Inside Organizations for Responsible AI in Crisis Contexts                                                            | IN PERSON WORKSHOP     | Global Cooperation, Technology & Future Risks | Globethics, ICT4Peace Foundation, Collective Intelligence for Good, Polissync                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Room 6<br>In person                                                             |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Humanitarian Diplomacy Across Parallel Tracks: Aligning Protection of Civilians and Peace Processes                                                     | PANEL                  | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace        | Center for Civilians in Conflict, Interpeace, Geneva Graduate Institute, The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA) | Plenary B<br>Hybrid                                                             |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Neglected Conflicts and Overlooked Opportunities for Peacemaking                                                                                        | PANEL                  | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace        | Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Interpeace, Geneva Graduate Institute                                                                  | Plenary EF<br>Hybrid                                                            |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | The Åland Example: Inclusive Governance for Sustainable Peace                                                                                           | PANEL                  | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes    | Government of Finland – Ministry for Foreign Affairs, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Plenary C<br>Hybrid                                                             |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | "Woman on rope": When Women Rise, So Does Humanity                                                                                                      | DOCUMENTARY SCREENING  | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes    | UNESCO, The Economist, University of Geneva, UNESCO - Artist for Peace, Centre de Liaison des Associations Féminines Genevoises                                                                                                                                                                                          | Plenary A<br>Hybrid                                                             |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Championing the use of Water for Peace from Geneva                                                                                                      | PANEL                  | Climate, Environment & Resource Governance    | Geneva Water Hub, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Water Convention Secretariat, Geneva Call, Office Cantonal de l'Eau, Département du Territoire, Etat de Genève, République et Canton de Genève, Senegal River Basin Development Authority                                                                | Plenary C<br>Hybrid                                                             |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Elevating nature and environment in peace: connecting peace-positive conservation to efforts to evolving regional and global peace and security agendas | PANEL                  | Climate, Environment & Resource Governance    | WWF International, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations and Other International Organizations, Geneva, ODI Global, PeaceNexus Foundation                                                                                                                                                                      | Plenary B<br>Hybrid                                                             |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | The Policy Process as Site: Art and Multilateral Imagination                                                                                            | IN PERSON WORKSHOP     | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes    | Embassy of Foreign Artists, Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Room 6<br>In person                                                             |
| 16:00<br>-<br>17:30 | The Security Landscape in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities                                                                                 | PANEL                  | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace        | DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Maison de la Paix (pétale 5)<br>9ème étage<br>Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2E,<br>Geneva |
| 17:00<br>-<br>19:30 | Muganga - Celui qui Soigne Movie Screening                                                                                                              | FILM SCREENING & PANEL | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights       | Geneva Peacebuilding Platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Plenary A<br>Hybrid                                                             |

THE JET D'EAU LIGHTS UP  
FOR GENEVA PEACE FORUM

Wednesday 14 October at nightfall

Quai Gustave Ador, Geneva

# THURSDAY EVENTS

## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - MORNING

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| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | Advancing Regional Cooperation for Social Cohesion in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and the South Caucasus | ONLINE WORKSHOP       | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights       | United Nations Development Programme, Berghof Foundation                                                                                                          | Online               |
| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | Choosing Peace Under Pressure: Women's Leadership in Conflict and Digital Crisis Environments                    | IN PERSON WORKSHOP    | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights       | Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GHR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Department of Political Affairs - DPPA, Government of Sweden | Room 6<br>In person  |
| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | Choosing Prevention: Evidence, Impact, and the Practice of Sustaining Peace                                      | PANEL                 | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace        | Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Nations Development Programme                                                                                | Plenary B<br>Hybrid  |
| 09:00<br>-<br>10:30 | Financing Women's Economic Empowerment as a Peace Dividend: From National Budgets to Community Recovery          | PANEL                 | Economic Resilience & Peace Dividends         | Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund, United Nations Development Programme, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF                                | Plenary C<br>Hybrid  |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | AI for Peace: Empowering Humanitarian and Peacebuilding Organizations through Responsible Technology             | PANEL                 | Global Cooperation, Technology & Future Risks | ICT4Peace Foundation, Globethics, Collective Intelligence for Good                                                                                                | Plenary C<br>Hybrid  |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Building Peace-Positive Finance Ecosystems                                                                       | PANEL                 | Economic Resilience & Peace Dividends         | United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations Peacebuilding and Peace Support Office (PBPSO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)               | Plenary B<br>Hybrid  |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Do We Have to Mourn the Death of State-building?                                                                 | PANEL                 | Mediation in Focus                            | International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands                                                    | Plenary EF<br>Hybrid |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Elections at a Crossroads: Leveraging Data-Driven Programming for Peaceful Transitions                           | IN PERSON WORKSHOP    | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes    | Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (Seed), Kofi Annan Foundation, Volt Europa                                                                | Room 6<br>Hybrid     |
| 11:00<br>-<br>12:30 | Masculinities In Conflict                                                                                        | DOCUMENTARY SCREENING | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace        | Living Peace Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, IPproductions/Mobile Cinema Foundation                                                    | Plenary A<br>Hybrid  |

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### THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - AFTERNOON

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| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Bridging the Debate 'Peace versus Justice': Peace Diplomacy Amid International Arrest Warrants | PANEL                 | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace     | The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA), Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), Geneva Graduate Institute                                                                                  | Plenary C<br>Hybrid  |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | Choosing Peace Through Culture, Dialogue and Youth-Led Reconciliation in Africa                | ONLINE WORKSHOP       | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes | Youth Organisation for Research and Justice Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme, Inclusive Peace, African Union Commission                                                                              | Online               |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | The BEYOND game: A training tool for empathy, protection and peace                             | IN PERSON WORKSHOP    | Conflict Prevention & Sustaining Peace     | Fight for Humanity, University of Glasgow, Beyond Compliance Consortium & University of York, Center for Civilians in Conflict                                                                                     | Room 6<br>In person  |
| 13:00<br>-<br>14:30 | What Faith Brings to the Dialogue Table                                                        | PANEL                 | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights    | World Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, Arigatou International, Caritas Internationalis                                                                                                                           | Plenary B<br>Hybrid  |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Climate, Resources, and Conflict: Designing Peace Programming in a Warming World               | PANEL                 | Climate, Environment & Resource Governance | International Organization for Migration, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Clingendael Institute | Plenary C<br>Hybrid  |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Echoes of the Ordinary: Co-Creating Everyday Peace Through Playback Theater                    | IN PERSON WORKSHOP    | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights    | Charles University, University of Geneva, La Maison du Récit                                                                                                                                                       | Room 6<br>In person  |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Imagine Peace with WILPF: A Century of Women's Peacebuilding in an Age of Rearmament           | DOCUMENTARY SCREENING | Inclusive Governance & Political Processes | Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, WILPF, Milan Film AG                                                                                                                                           | Plenary A<br>Hybrid  |
| 15:00<br>-<br>16:30 | Towards a New Social Contract in Syria: Mediation, Reconciliation and the Path to Civic Peace  | PANEL                 | Mediation in Focus                         | Principles for Peace                                                                                                                                                                                               | Plenary EF<br>Hybrid |
| 17:00<br>-<br>18:30 | Closing Ceremony: 2026 Kofi Annan Peace Address                                                | CLOSING CEREMONY      | Social Cohesion, Justice & Human Rights    | Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Geneva Graduate Institute, City of Geneva, The Canton of Geneva                                                                                              | Plenary A<br>Hybrid  |

# MEDIATION IN FOCUS

The 2026 Geneva Peace Forum will host a dedicated track to a new initiative: Mediation in Focus, bringing together a series of events on mediation across the Forum programme.

## What is Mediation in Focus?

How can mediation adapt to an era of protracted conflicts, geopolitical fragmentation and growing pressure on multilateral action? At the 2026 Geneva Peace Forum, Mediation in Focus will bring together practitioners, policymakers, researchers and partners to examine the choices, dilemmas and practical approaches shaping mediation today.

Through a connected series of events, Mediation in Focus will provide space to exchange experience, test ideas and explore how mediation can remain effective, principled and responsive in complex conflict environments. The conversation will continue beyond the Forum through a dedicated podcast series, connecting live discussions in Geneva with audiences around the world.

## The Peacemakers / Les Faiseurs de paix



Produced by Gianluca Allaria and Pierre Hazan, the podcast will open a space for in-depth conversations on peace mediation, drawing on the people, questions and experiences featured across the Focus Track. The first episode will be launched ahead of GPF26. Two additional episodes are expected to be recorded during the Forum, with releases continuing across 2026 and 2027.

The series will allow listeners to revisit key insights from the Forum, hear directly from mediation practitioners and follow the conversation after the in-person programme has concluded.

"The Peacemakers / Les Faiseurs de paix" is a podcast hosted by Dr. Pierre Hazan, mediation practitioner and author, in conversation with negotiators, mediators, and the practitioners involved in conflict prevention and peace processes. Recorded in Geneva, the series brings listeners inside the practice of mediation itself.



Scan to listen to the first episode.:

# MEDIATION IN FOCUS EVENTS

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| MON<br>12 Oct | 10:00 - 11:00 | Peace Mediation Today: Do Norms Still Matter?                                                                     | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (FDFA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Plenary A - Hybrid  |
| MON<br>12 Oct | 11:30 - 13:00 | How Should Mediation Adapt to an Increasingly Transactional World?                                                | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Plenary EF - Hybrid |
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| TUE<br>13 Oct | 15:00 - 16:30 | Lessons from mediating with criminal armed groups                                                                 | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Plenary EF - Hybrid |
| WED<br>14 Oct | 11:00 - 12:30 | Recognizing Islamic Jurisprudence as a Framework for Negotiations: Dilemmas and Opportunities for Peace Mediation | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | Cordoba Peace Institute – Geneva, Mediation Support Team, Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zurich                                                                                                                                                                               | Plenary EF - Hybrid |
| THU<br>15 Oct | 11:00 - 12:30 | Do We Have to Mourn the Death of State-building?                                                                  | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands                                                                                                                                                                  | Plenary EF - Hybrid |
| THU<br>15 Oct | 15:00 - 16:30 | Towards a New Social Contract in Syria: Mediation, Reconciliation and the Path to Civic Peace                     | PANEL             | Mediation in Focus | Principles for Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Plenary EF - Hybrid |

# ART EXHIBITIONS

## "WHEN THE DOVE ARRIVES"

**"When the Dove Arrives" is a collaborative project between the GOWEN Gallery and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.**

For the Geneva Peace Forum 2026, GOWEN Gallery presents When the Dove Arrives, a group exhibition bringing together works by leading international artists in response to this year's theme: Choose Peace.

Taking as its starting point Pablo Picasso's *Colombe de la Paix* (1956), the exhibition reflects on the enduring power of the dove as a symbol of hope, protection and shared humanity. Originally created in connection with the 1949 Paris Peace Congress, Picasso's iconic image continues to resonate across generations and borders.

Through photography, painting and drawing, the exhibition brings together diverse artistic voices whose works explore conflict, exile, trauma and political or historical division, while also evoking reconciliation, compassion, love and human connection. In dialogue with one another, the works invite visitors to consider how recognising our shared vulnerability, dignity and capacity for connection can help create the conditions for peace.

### About GOWEN Gallery

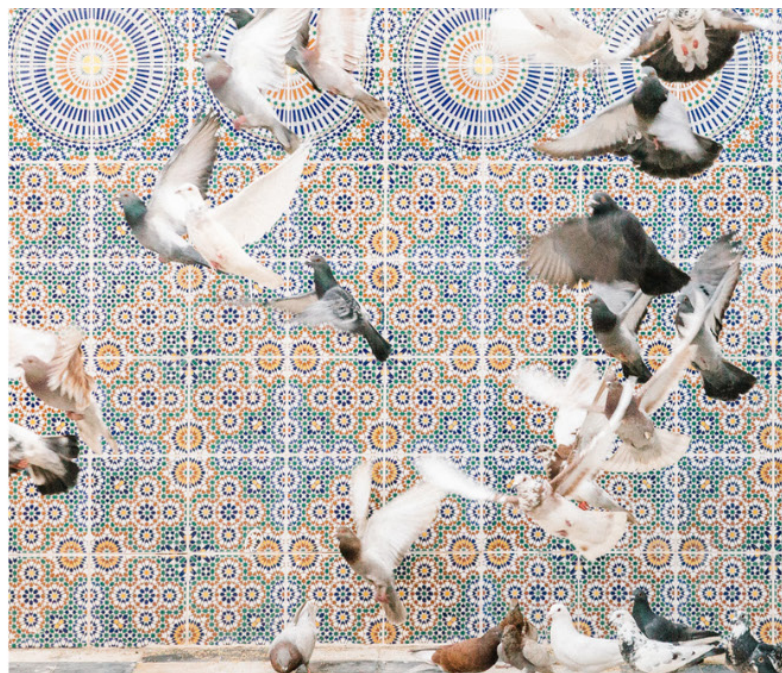
GOWEN Gallery represents emerging and mid-career artists through an ambitious programme of exhibitions, curatorial projects and participation in international art fairs. The gallery is recognized for presenting rigorous and engaging artistic practices, often bringing contemporary works into dialogue with significant historical pieces from private collections.

Founded in 2009 by Laura Gowen and Faye Fleming, the gallery is now based at Grand-Rue 23 in Geneva's Old Town,

with a second space, GOWEN LAB, at Rue Jean-Calvin 4. Under the direction of Laura Gowen, together with co-directors Michael Gowen and Marie Allal-Dittmar, GOWEN Gallery continues to champion diverse, critically engaged and forward-looking artistic practices. Discover more at [www.gowen.art](http://www.gowen.art).



Learn more :



# ART EXHIBITIONS

## "THE VOICES OF PEACE"

**"Voices of Peace" is a collaborative project by the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) and Interactive Things, supported by an SNSF Agora grant.**

Ask people how they know whether peace, security or justice are improving where they live, and the answers are usually concrete. They might talk about whether people feel safe walking home after dark, whether the market is open, or whether neighbours who stopped speaking have started greeting each other again. These small, precise signs are what people rely on to judge whether conditions are holding or slipping.

Since 2013, Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) and its partners have worked with communities to document these signs in their own words, gathering more than 20,000 community-generated indicators

across 21 countries. The Voices of Peace Portal brings them together in one public digital platform, where they can be searched and compared.

This year's Geneva Peace Forum will feature the Voices of Peace exhibit, which hangs thousands of these indicators from the ceiling so that visitors can walk through them, touch them and browse them in person. Reading them means turning and lifting the paper by hand, moving between one voice and the next. The exhibit is the Portal's analogue twin, giving a collection built for searching and filtering a physical form.

### About the project

The Voices of Peace initiative brings together expertise in research, field practice and participatory peacebuilding.

Eliza Urwin, Head of Research at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) at the Geneva Graduate Institute, works on conflict, governance and locally generated approaches to peacebuilding.

Pamina Firchow, Associate Professor at Brandeis University and Founding Executive Director of Everyday Peace Indicators, specialises in participatory

approaches to measuring and evaluating peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Apolline Foedit, PhD candidate and Research Assistant at the CCDP, focuses on participation, migration and peacebuilding and has contributed to the development of the Voices of Peace Portal.



Learn more :

# PEACEBUILDING MARKETPLACE

Located in the Espace Ruth Dreifuss, the Forum's main networking and exhibition area, the Marketplace is easily accessible throughout each day. A new group of eight organisations exhibits daily, constituting a total of 32 organisations over the four days.

Participants are welcome to visit at any time. The 30-minute breaks between sessions offer a natural moment to stop by, and exhibitors will be at their booths throughout their allocated day to welcome visitors and answer questions.



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# NETWORKING AREAS

Several dedicated networking areas are available throughout the Geneva Peace Forum, offering welcoming spaces to connect, exchange and continue conversations between sessions.

## Café Le 6ème Continent – Ground Floor

A convivial meeting place offering an ideal setting for informal encounters, networking and social moments throughout the Forum.

## Restaurant – Level +1

Open for lunch throughout the Forum, the CICC Restaurant provides a bright and spacious setting to enjoy a meal and connect with fellow participants.

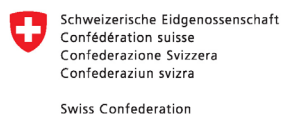
## Working Area – Club de l'Esprit de Genève – Ground Floor

A flexible space for informal meetings, collaboration and networking, conveniently located near Plenary C.



# GPF CONSORTIUM

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



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**The United Nations Office at Geneva**, is one of the four major offices of the United Nations where numerous different UN agencies have a joint presence. Through partnerships between governments, civil society, research, academia and other international actors, UN Geneva works hard to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030.



**The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)** is an international training center dedicated to promoting peace, security and international cooperation through executive education, dialogue and policy analysis.



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**Interpeace** is an international organization for peacebuilding that supports locally led initiatives around the world.



**The Principles for Peace** is a global participatory initiative to re-frame the current narrow, exclusionary, and flawed way peace processes are understood and implemented.



**The Geneva Graduate Institute** is a higher education institution and a pioneer in the exploration of global issues. Through core missions – academic research, teaching, expertise and forum activities – they produce and share knowledge on international relations, development issues, global challenges and governance.



**The Centre on Conflict Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP)** is the Geneva Graduate Institute's focal point for research in the areas of conflict analysis, peacebuilding and the complex relationship between security and development.



**Caux Initiatives of Change** is an independent, officially recognized Swiss foundation, which organizes year-round programmes and events across Switzerland, specifically in the areas of peace, reconciliation, trust building and ethical leadership.



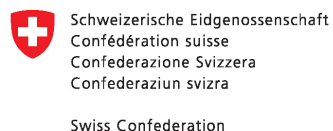
**The Kofi Annan Foundation** is an independent, not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to help build peaceful, democratic and resilient societies. It was founded and legally incorporated in Switzerland in 2007 by the late Kofi Annan, former secretary general of the United Nations.



**The Quaker United Nations Office** in Geneva represents QUNO's concerns for global peace and justice to the international community.

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