

What's New?

Updates, news and events from the UNOG NGO Liaison Unit

1st May 2025

*Dear NGO representatives accredited at the United Nations Office at Geneva,
The NGO Liaison Unit is pleased to share some updates, news and events taking place at the UN in Geneva in the coming weeks.
With very best regards.*

Updates from the NGO Liaison Unit



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Reminder of the ongoing UN liquidity challenges

UNOG has been implementing [cash conservation measures](#) for some time, including closing several office buildings at the Palais, which have allowed UNOG to maintain operational sustainability while ensuring service delivery and supporting the intergovernmental processes of the Organization in Geneva.

Quadrennial reports

We wish to remind you that, under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, NGOs in general and special consultative status with the ECOSOC must submit to the NGO Committee every 4 years a quadrennial report, which includes information about contributions of the NGO to the work of the United Nations. Quadrennial reports are due for submission according to the schedule detailed in the following [website](#). Please note that the reports for the period

2021-2024 are due by 1 June 2025 and must be submitted in English or French through this [online system](#).

Upcoming meetings and conferences



As the second largest UN duty station and one of the major conference centers in the world, UN Geneva provides a key platform for international dialogue and diplomacy. Please find the full calendar of meetings and conferences taking place at UN Geneva on the following [webpage](#).

Committee against Torture and Other Cruel and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)

The 82nd session of the CAT is taking place until 2 May at Palais Wilson, First Floor Conference Room, and will consider the following states: Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Botswana, France, Iceland, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritius, Monaco, Montenegro, Pakistan, State of Palestine, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uruguay. More information [here](#) and you can register [here](#).

Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

The 99th session of the CRC will take place from 5 to 23 May in Palais Wilson, Ground Floor, and will consider the following states: Brazil, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iraq, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar and Romania. More information [here](#) and registration [here](#).

International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement

The 4th session of the mechanism will take place from 5 to 9 May in Room III, Palais des Nations. Only the sessions on 7 and 8 May will be public. More information [here](#) and registration [here](#).

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

The 115th session of the CERD is taking place until 9 May at Palais Wilson, Conference Hall, Ground Floor, and is considering the following states: Croatia, Gabon, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uruguay. More information [here](#) and you can register on [Indico](#). You can also watch the event live on [UN WebTV](#).

The CERD will convene an informal meeting with human rights non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which regularly contribute to its work, during its 115th session. The

informal meeting will take place on Friday, 9 May, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room. To register, please visit [Indico for the 115th CERD Session](#).

Universal Period Review (UPR)

The 49th session of the UPR is taking place until 9 May in Room VIII, Palais des Nations and is considering Armenia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Spain, Sweden and Türkiye. More information here and registration [here](#).

Conference on Disarmament (CD)

The second session of the CD will take place from 12 May to 27 June at Palais des Nations, in Tempus and in Room VII. NGOs who wish to listen to this single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community may do so through the [UNOG live audio](#) streaming service, which is provided for public plenaries. [Audio recordings](#) (with transcripts in English, French and Spanish) of public plenary meetings will also be available. More information is available [here](#).

Capacity Building Programme on Human Rights Treaties (CBP)

OHCHR, through its CBP, invites civil society organizations and national human rights institutions to a webinar on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED) and its committee on 12 May in English, 19 May in French and 20 May in Spanish. More information is available [here](#) and you can register [here](#).

World Health Assembly (WHA)

The 78th session of the World Health Assembly will take place from 19 May to 27 May at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The theme of this year's Assembly is: One World for Health. A series of strategic roundtables is organized as per the provisional agenda available on the [WHO site](#). The sessions can be watched live [here](#) and recordings will be available in the sidebar listing. More information is available [here](#).

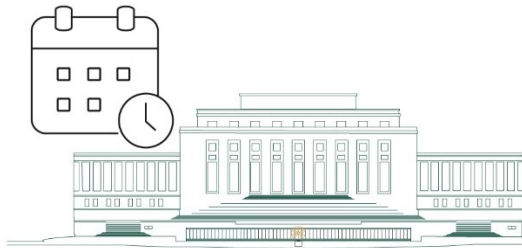
Ad-Hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards

The second segment of the 15th session will take place from 26 to 30 May in Palais Wilson, first Building, conference room. More information [here](#) and registration [here](#).

Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development

At its 25th session from 13 to 17 May at the Palais des Nations, Room XX, the Working Group will continue to monitor and review progress made in the promotion and implementation of the right to development. It will hold a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism. Please note that this is an in-person meeting only. All participants are required to register [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming events



Cultural activities / Knowledge and Learning Commons

- The UN Library & Archives offers cultural and informational events such as exhibitions, panel discussions, or film screenings. The Cultural Activities Programme provides a cultural diplomacy space to share art and culture at the Palais des Nations. Please note that NGOs wishing to organize a cultural event should seek patronage from a permanent mission or an international organization affiliated with the UN, as detailed [here](#). To subscribe to the **Cultural Activities newsletter**, click [here](#).
- For other UN Library & Archives **cultural and informational events** check [Indico.UN](#).
- To subscribe to the UN Geneva **Archives newsletter** please click [here](#).
- To subscribe to the **Knowledge and Learning Commons newsletter** [here](#).

Ciné ONU holds free film screenings regularly and invites the public for a discussion with panelists. For upcoming screenings, please click [here](#).

Latest news

UN News

Global perspective Human stories

The **UN Information Service in Geneva** provides a comprehensive range of public information services, focused on Geneva-based UN activities, including:

- [Meeting summaries](#) and [Press releases](#).
 - Live stream [UNTV's broadcasts](#) of major meetings.
 - "[Happening at UN Geneva](#)" section our website.
 - Video stream of the UN Geneva press briefings from our "[Focus On](#)" tab.
- Podcasts produced in Geneva and across the globe on a dedicated [webpage](#).

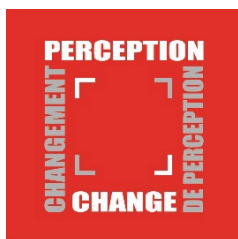
Beyond Lab



The Beyond Lab is UNOG's collaborative space leading on social innovation for long-term sustainability. The goal of the Beyond Lab is to make sustainability a way of life by influencing policies and decision-making in an inclusive, intergenerationally equitable way. Visit the Lab's [website](#), for an overview of its focus areas, initiatives, and updates on activities. The Lab team also has a [brochure](#), providing an at-a-glance overview of its work.

The Lab has recently launched its Beyond Action [Platform](#) featuring a magazine, an upcoming podcast series with changemakers, and a new engagement initiative, the [Beyond Challenges](#), which calls on individuals to share their ideas on addressing and tackling unexplored critical global questions.

Perception Change Project



Based at the Office of the UNOG Director-General, the [Perception Change Project \(PCP\)](#) leads creative communication initiatives to highlight the importance of the work undertaken in International Geneva.

Explore [GenevaImpact](#) – your gateway to Geneva's international organizations. Browse a comprehensive collection of multimedia content, annual reports and key statistics that showcase the work and impact of Geneva-based global actors. Navigate interactive maps, check out our news section, and subscribe to the [Impact Stories newsletter](#) for updates on the latest initiatives and activities shaping a more sustainable world.

International Geneva



The [Genève internationale website](#) serves as an information platform dedicated to Geneva-based global players becoming aware of the resources available to them and bringing their work and achievements to the fore. In the continuity of its endeavor to promote International Geneva's organizations and those who commit to a better world, the website presents a new series of high-level contributors to its [Interview column](#). Whether Humanitarian aid, Gender Equality, Peace and Security, Health, or Human Rights are at stake, "The Interview" shines a light on their activities, goals, principles, alliances, vision, and what "keeps them awake at night."

International Geneva Welcome Centre



UNOG works in close collaboration with the International Geneva Welcome Centre (CAGI), which assists NGOs established or wishing to set up in the Geneva region and supports the accommodation of visiting delegates during their participation in an international conference. Please consult the [CAGI's website](#) to learn more about these services.

Financial support to NGOs

In the context of a sudden and unpredictable drop in external funding faced by many Geneva-based NGOs, the State of Geneva has decided to implement a temporary support scheme allowing the granting of extraordinary financial aid aimed at covering part of the payroll costs of the Geneva-based staff working in NGOs. For more information on the procedure and conditions that apply, please consult the [dedicated booklet](#).

New opening hours of CAGI cultural kiosk

As of 1 May, the CAGI cultural kiosk located in Building E of the Palais des Nations will have new opening hours: from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day.

News from the network



NGO events at the Palais

All public events organized by NGOs at the Palais des Nations are available on [Indico.UN](#).

Call for inputs on the Human Rights Impacts of Administrative Measures to Counter Terrorism and (Violent) Extremism

To inform the Special Rapporteur's thematic report on the human rights impacts of administrative measures to counter terrorism; to be presented to the UN General Assembly in October 2025, all relevant stakeholders are invited to provide inputs which include information on incidents or trends during the reporting period by 9 May to hrc-sr-ct@un.org. More information is available [here](#).

Call for inputs on Climate Finance: Vulnerability and Responsibility

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