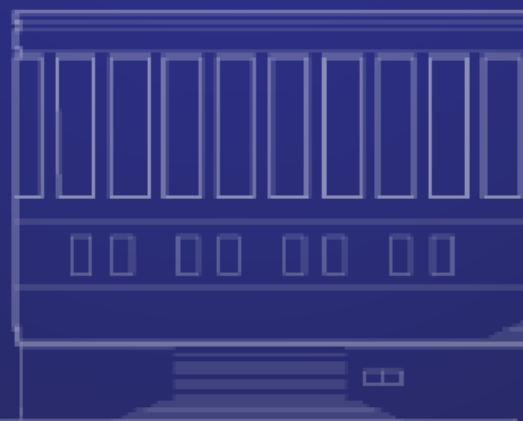
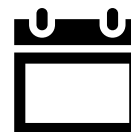


What's New?

Updates, news and events from the UNOG NGO Liaison Unit



The NGO Liaison Unit is pleased to share updates, news and events taking place during the month of September.



Calendar of meetings, conferences and events at UNOG available [here](#)

NGO events and meetings taking place at UNOG available [here](#)

Calendar of [activities in International Geneva](#)

UPDATES FROM THE NGO LIAISON UNIT



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Relocation of the Centre for NGOs

Given the upcoming closure of Building E, the NGO centre will close at the end of the day on Wednesday, 3 September. The new NGO centre will be available as of Monday, 8 September, and can be found at offices A.561 to A.567, 5th floor, Building A.

Important renovation updates

The Library building has closed for renovation and building E will close for renovation on 15 September 2025. Buildings A, AB and AC are now fully open. Information about building openings and closures is available [here](#).

Participation in UN meetings and access to the Palais des Nations

NGOs wishing to attend UN meetings must first complete their annual accreditation with UNOG as per established [rules and procedure](#). Specific registrations for events such as the upcoming HRC session are made online through [Indico](#). The NGO Liaison Unit will continue to do its utmost to process the accreditation requests as quickly as possible.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES



As the second largest UN duty station, and one of the major conference centers in the world, UNOG provides a key platform for international dialogue and diplomacy. The full calendar of meetings and conferences taking place at UNOG can be found on this [website](#).

Human Rights Council (HRC): Pre-session meeting of the HRC President with NGOs

The pre-session meeting of the HRC President with NGOs will take place on Monday 1 September at 3 p.m. CEST and will be held virtually. To participate, please register through [Indico](#). Approved participants will receive the link shortly before the meeting.

Open-ended intergovernmental working group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the rights to early childhood education, free pre-primary education, and free secondary education

The first session will take place from 1 September to 3 September at Palais des Nations, Room XXI, Building E. To participate, please register through [Indico](#). The registration is open until 31 August 2025 5 p.m. CEST. More information is available at [First session | OHCHR](#) and [NGO Information Note](#).

Human Rights Council (HRC60)

The 60th session of the HRC will take place from 8 September to 8 October at the Palais des Nations, in the Assembly Hall, Building A. NGOs with ECOSOC status accredited at UNOG may participate as observers. Information on the modalities for NGO participation can be found at the HRC [website](#). More information about HRC60 is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

The 78th session of the CESCR will take place from 8 September to 26 September at Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room in Geneva. The Committee will consider the reports of the following State parties: Chile, Colombia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Zimbabwe. More information is available at the [UN Treaty Body Database, CESCR, 78th session](#) and [information note for NGOs](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

Committee on Enforced Disappearance (CED)

The 29th session of the CED will take place from 22 September to 2 October at the Palais Wilson, in Room PW1, and will consider the following State reports: Benin, Sri Lanka. More information is available at the [UN Treaty Body Database, CED, 29th session](#) and [information note for NGOs](#).

United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Dialogue on Inequality, Poverty and Trade in Africa

The dialogue will take place on 23 September 2025 from 9 p.m. to 5 p.m. CEST at Palais des Nations, Room VII. More information about the event is available [here](#). Register through [Indico](#).

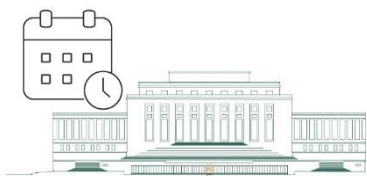
Annual meeting of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances with civil society actors, intergovernmental organizations and National Human Rights Institutions.

The meeting will take place on 29 September 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. CEST at Palais Wilson, Conference Room First Floor. Information about the meeting is available [here](#). Register through [Indico](#).

Follow Meetings Remotely

If you are interested in a meeting that you cannot attend in person, UNOG provides different options to follow the meetings at UN Geneva remotely and be informed about the decisions made. An overview of audio-visual resources and meeting documentation provided by the UN is available [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Geneva PeaceTalks

We are pleased to announce the [2025 edition of the Geneva PeaceTalks](#), held to mark the International Day of Peace. The event will take place on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, from 3 to 5 p.m. CEST in Room XVII, followed by a reception at Bar Serpent. Please [register here](#) to attend this event.

NGO events at the Palais

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

Cultural and informational activities

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](#).

- For **UN Library & Archives** cultural and informational events, please check [Indico](#).
- To subscribe to the **UN Geneva Archives newsletter**, please click [here](#).
- To subscribe to the **Knowledge and Learning Commons newsletter**, please click [here](#).
- To subscribe to the **Cultural Activities newsletter**, please click [here](#).

International Day of Older Persons

The international day of older persons is celebrated on the 26 September 2025. There will be an event from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. CEST at Palais des Nations, Room V. Register [here](#).

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT UNOG?

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

BEYOND LAB



The **Beyond Lab** is UNOG's collaborative space leading on social innovation for long-term sustainability. Visit the [website](#) for an overview of its focus areas, initiatives, and activities, and the [brochure](#) for an at-a-glance overview of its work. Consult also the [Beyond Action Platform](#), featuring a magazine, an upcoming podcast series, and a new engagement initiative, the [Beyond Challenges](#).

Upcoming Summit on Sustainable Finance

The summit [Building Bridges 2025: Innovative Solutions and Investment Opportunities in Sustainable Finances](#) will take place from 30 September to 2 October at Centre international de Conférences Genève (CICG), Room A (Level 0). Register [here](#).



INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

Genève Internationale website

The [Genève Internationale website](#) serves as an information platform designed to help Geneva-based global actors discover available resources and showcase their work and achievements.

The Calendar: all activities in International Geneva at a glance!

Whether it concerns Humanitarian action and law, Human Rights, Health, Environment and Sustainable development, Labour, Trade, Science, Peace and Security, the [International Geneva Calendar](#) presents the most comprehensive list of events held in Geneva and online. The Calendar allows you to search, among a wide range of activities, by event type, theme, date, and/or type of organization. You can also [subscribe to the weekly newsletter](#) to receive the list of upcoming events. Should you have an event held in Geneva or online you wish to promote, you may submit your event and be featured online and in the newsletter.

INTERNATIONAL GENEVA WELCOME CENTER (CAGI)



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.

CAGI information sessions for Geneva-based NGOs

On Tuesday, 16 September 2025, CAGI and the Swiss Permanent Mission in Geneva will co-host an information session about visa procedures. Geneva-based NGOs regularly invite NGO representatives who require a visa to enter Switzerland, either for internal meetings or as part of a delegation to an international organization. This information session is a unique opportunity to address the issue of visas, with a view to shedding light on the various procedures and best practices. Program details and registration [here](#).

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Jeûne Genevois

The Jeûne Genevois holiday will take place on Thursday, 11 September. It is an official holiday at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The office will be closed for the day.

Printing service at the Centre for NGOs

A printer is available for use at the Centre for NGOs. To print documents, please save the file(s) on a USB stick. As a reminder, the computers in the Centre are not connected to the printer. Don't forget to bring paper! Please note that the printer will be located in room A.561 as of Monday, 8 September.

Extension of Tram line 15

The extension of the *Tram des Nations* will begin on 15 September 2025 and continue until September 2028. With the works, three sections of road will be permanently closed to motor vehicle traffic, and will be diverted to the *Route des Nations*. Detailed information can be found on the Canton of Geneva [website](#).