

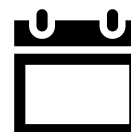
# What's New?

Updates, news and events from the UNOG NGO Liaison Unit



October 2025

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



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](#)

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## UPDATES FROM THE NGO LIAISON UNIT



UNITED NATIONS  
GENEVA

### UN at 80: What has it achieved?

The United Nations turned 80 – a moment to reflect on its biggest achievements, from peacekeeping to advancing women's rights and shaping the SDGs. In this [short video](#), UN expert Natalie Samarasinghe explores what the UN's past means for its future.

### **REMINDER: Relocation of the Centre for NGOs**

Given the closure of Building E, the Centre for NGOs is now located at offices A.561 to A.567, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Building A. We encourage NGOs to make use of the Centre for NGOs for informal discussions and networking. The meeting space can now also be booked directly through the QR code on the door, or by emailing our office. For more information on booking the meeting room, please visit our [webpage and expand the "book a meeting space"](#) section.

### **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 HRC sessions are made online through [Indico](#).

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## **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 [Indico](#).

If you are interested in a meeting but 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](#).

### **UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management**

The 86<sup>th</sup> session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management will take place from 8 October to 10 October 2025 at the Palais des Nations, in Tempus. The ministerial meeting on housing affordability and sustainability will take place on 8 October 2025 from 10 am. to 6 p.m. CEST. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Geneva Peace Week: Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony of the 2025 Geneva Peace Week will take place on 13 October 2025 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CEST at Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet (pétale 2). The theme is "Peace in Action", highlighting the urgent need for adaptive and inclusive approaches to peace. The opening ceremony is jointly organized by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and the United Nations Office at Geneva. More information and registration are available [here](#).

### **Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law**

The 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Forum on the theme of "Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions" will take place from 13 October to 14 October 2025 at the Palais des Nations, in Tempus. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Geneva Peace Week: 80 Years of the UN Multilateralism: Reinforcing a Timeless Framework for Global Peace**

This session will take place on 15 October 2025 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. CEST at Maison de la Paix, Conference Center C1 (pétale 5). The session is jointly organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and will explore to what extent and how the UN remains indispensable and provides most effective pathway to address today's complex global challenges. More information and registration are available [here](#).

### **United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

The 16<sup>th</sup> session of the UNCTAD on the theme of "Shaping the future: Driving economic transformation for equitable, inclusive and sustainable development" will take place from 20 to 23 October 2025 at the Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **2025 Social Forum of the Human Rights Council**

The 2025 Social Forum on the contribution of education to the respect, promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights for all will take place from 30 October to 31 October 2025 at the Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Executive Committee of the High Commissioner for Refugees**

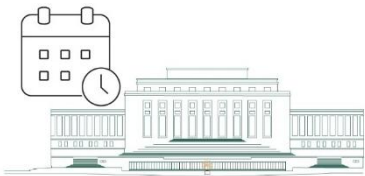
The 76<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Committee will take place from 6 October to 10 October 2025 at the Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development**

The 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Expert Mechanism will take place from 27 October to 29 October 2025 at Palais des Nations, Room XVI. More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **NGO events at the Palais**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Geneva Peace Week**

The Geneva Peace Week is taking place from 13 to 17 October 2025 at Maison de la Paix. Information about the program and registration are available [here](#).

### **Art Exhibition: EAEU Countries: Landmarks and Natural Landscapes.**

The art exhibition will take place on 2 October from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. CEST at the Palais des Nations, Hall des pas perdus, 3rd floor, A Building. To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Film Screening & Discussion: Colour, by Hannah Strohmeier**

The UNOG Working Group Against Racism (WGAR), in honor of World Mental Health Day, is pleased to host a screening of “*Colour*”, an award-winning documentary about racism and mental health within humanitarian organizations, produced and directed by Dr. Hannah Strohmeier. The film screening and panel discussion will take place on 10 October 2025 from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. CEST at the Palais des Nations, Room XIV (Kazakh Room / Cinema). More information is available [here](#). To participate, please register through [Indico](#).

### **Discovery Week at the UN Library & Archives Geneva: Knowledge, Community and Looking to the Future**

The UN Library & Archives Geneva invites its community of users, partners, and collaborators to “Discovery Week” on Tuesday, 7 October 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palais des Nations, Annex Bocage. This event is an opportunity to explore services, engage with collections and artworks, and share ideas on how UN Library & Archives can better support your work. More information and registration are available [here](#).

### **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](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION



### **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!

### **Extension of Tram line 15**

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