



## Geneva Peace Week 2017

6-10 November 2017

### *Prevention Across Sectors & Institutions*

## PROGRAMME

### **Monday, 6 November 2017**

**13:45 -17:30 Preventing Violent Conflict: Taking stock and looking forward**  
Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform Geneva Peacebuilding Platform  
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium A

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform takes stock of the progress towards solutions for the prevention of violent conflicts and explores the future of prevention practice jointly with representatives of multiple sectors and institutions that work in this field. The Annual Meeting asks the questions of 'What is effective conflict prevention? What are the success cases? Why did they work? What is the new frontier for prevention practice? The discussion of the Annual Meeting sets the scene for a whole week of deliberation and discussion on the theme "*Prevention Across Sectors and Institutions: What Pathways for Effective Implementation?*" that guides Geneva Peace Week 6-10 November 2017.

**17:30 –19.00 World Café Reception - Opening of Geneva Peace Week**  
Graduate Institute, United Nations office at Geneva and Geneva Peacebuilding Platform  
Maison de la Paix

**17:30 Gaming for Peace: "Mission Zhubia: Winning the Peace"**  
UNITAR Peacekeeping Training Programme  
World Café, Maison de la Paix Cafeteria

"Imagine being sent to Zhubia, a country you never visited before, with a mission to develop the rule of law there. How will YOU maneuver through the complex socio-political environment? Will YOU be able to bring peace to Zhubia?" The video game combines the safe space and exciting gaming challenge of "winning" peace from the perspective of a peacebuilding practitioner in the field, having to engage different stakeholders of an unknown culture and society in a conflict-sensitive and diplomatic way, yet standing their ground with the objective of benefitting all the different communities of Zhubia equally.

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### **Tuesday, 7 November 2017**

**09:15 – 10:30 Safer Internet for Children, Mitigation of Conflicts and Language and Communication for Peace**  
Diplomatic Council (DC), Lower Saxony, Police of Istria  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

1) Our "DC Safer Internet for Children" Initiative demonstrates how collaboration between governments, public authorities (police associations), and large IT groups (Microsoft, Vodafone, etc.)

employ technology to combat (digital) child pornography, e.g. with Vodafone compliance scanner or fight terror with Microsoft HoloLens and G2K cognitive services.

2) Our DC Peace Paper suggest options how conflicts can be mitigated if there is no way to solve them (e.g. Syria, North Korea, Kashmir, etc).

3) Our DC Code of Trusted Communication proposes guidelines for trusted communication, which is needed in a world of increasing fake news to prevent hate and discrimination.

Focal Point for the event: Hang Dripke, Secretary General  
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**10:30-11:30 The Role of Private Sector in Prevention**

International Peace Institute (IPI), UN SDG Fund and Concordia  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

**10:30 – 11:15 Inauguration E-Caravan for Peace: Promoting e-commerce in conflict and post Conflict**

International Trade Center (ITC), Permanent Mission of Japan  
Palais des Nations, Entrance to Delegates Bar, Building A & C, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Focal Point for the event: Desirée Kovernigas

**10:45 – 12:00 Pursuing Global Citizenship through Education for Peace**

Biopolitics International Organization (BIO), 3DlexiaCosmos  
Palais des Nations, room IX

This event is organized by visionaries and pioneers who have launched the culture of peace education movement internationally. We seek to create and highlight the importance of bonds and synergies for pursuing Global Citizenship through best practices for Education for Peace, encouraging cooperation between different stakeholders. Policy makers, educators and civil society organizations will present a “thesis” and “antithesis” on key issues in Europe concerning global citizenship in order to create a “synthesis” of new values for peacebuilding around the world. Peace begins with Quality Education, a powerful tool in transforming communities for global sustainability and prosperity.

Focal Point for the event: Aggeliki Pappa, Professor  
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**12:00 – 14:00 Bullets and Borders: Transnational Armed Groups and Violence in the Sahara-Sahel region**

The Small Arms Survey (Security Assessment in North Africa Project)  
Maison de la Paix, A2

Transnational illicit arms traffickers take advantage of ungoverned spaces and insecure borders in the understudied Sahara-Sahel region, which has a significant impact on armed violence dynamics in states like Chad, Libya, and Niger. This interactive panel assembles visiting experts to explore the complex implications of recent Sahara-Sahel developments on existing conflict. The first half of this event will showcase the Small Arms Survey’s 2017 research, which is based on extensive fieldwork, providing expert panelists with the opportunity to highlight their key findings. The second half of this event will be a moderated Q&A between panelists and the audience. Discussions with panelists are encouraged to continue afterwards over informal refreshments.

Focal Point for the Event: Farrah Hawana, ext 5800

**12:15 –13:45 Cities and Peace: Perspectives from the fields of Urban Safety, Security Sector Governance, and Peacebuilding**

CCDP, DCAF, GPP  
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium B

Over the past two decades, rapid urbanization in the global South led to new, complex threats located in the cities and affecting local, national and international security. Although is seldom conceptualized and approached in such a way, the urban context of security sector governance and reform (SSG/R) may be regarded as a microcosm of its national context, presenting specific and unique threats that require appropriate responses via context-specific institutional and oversight mechanisms deployed by adequate urban actors. At this panel, the focus will be on exploring the challenges, opportunities, and entry points for security sector reform at the municipal level, with a view of making cities safer by improving the accountability and effectiveness of security providers. Speakers:

- Cristina Hoyos, Head, Latin-America and The Caribbean (LAC) Unit, DCAF, “Citizen Security and Urban Safety in Latin America and the Caribbean.”

- Jean-Michel Rousseau, Programme Manager, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Division, DCAF “Strengthening private security regulation: a key contribution to urban safety in Latin America and the Caribbean.”

Focal Point for the event: Hans Born, Head of Policy and Research Division DCAF  
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**13:00 - 14:00 Opening of the Photography Exhibit: “What does Peace Look Like”**

UNESCO and the UN Library at Geneva with the support of the Austrian Permanent Mission and Edition Lammerhuber  
Palais des Nations, Passarelle, Building E

Focal Point for the event: Rachel Phillips

**12:30 – 14:00 Prevention, Accountability, and Gender – International Responses and Fighting Impunity by Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

Permanent Mission of Finland, Geneva, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein, Geneva  
Palais des Nations, room IX

Justice requires both redress for victims and accountability of perpetrators. Both are crucial in contributing to sustainable peace and preventing recurrence. The Security Council’s landmark resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security reaffirms the important role of women in prevention of conflicts, calls for special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence in armed conflict and emphasizes the responsibility of States to put an end to the impunity for the perpetrators. This event will focus on international initiatives, developments and jurisprudence in investigating and prosecuting sexual and gender based violence.

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**12:30 – 14:00 Beyond Prevention: 5 Alternatives Ways to Peace**

CAUX-IofC Foundation, UN Library, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, IOM  
UN Library, Palais des Nations

A human library with 5 personal stories of promoting interfaith dialogue, institutional tools, grassroots solutions and education as tools to contribute to living in a more peaceful society. In this time of extremes, there are many ways of preventing violence and creating a more inclusive society through education, interfaith dialogue as well as grassroots and institutional migration programmes. We will be using the human library format which consists of the different speakers being placed in different corners of the library sharing their personal stories linked to the topic. They will do so for 10 minutes followed by a 10 minutes of questions from the audience. The audience will listen to 2 different stories over the period of an hour. Each person will represent a different facet of preventing extremism.

Focal Point for the event: Sofia Mueller, Project Coordinator  
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**14:15 – 15:30 Strategic Approaches to Social Cohesion and Reconciliation : The case of the Middle East**

Quaker International Affairs (QIA), American Friends Service Committee (AFSC),  
Quaker UN Office (QUNO)  
Palais des Nations, room IX

A key element in prevention is long term work on addressing social and political division and exclusion. Given an increasingly securitized approach to responding to on-going tensions in Middle East, there is a growing need for alternative approaches based on a recognition of interdependence, fostering collective efforts to identify shared solutions. Presenters will share their experience mediating, facilitating, and convening discussions on strategic approaches to social cohesion and reconciliation.

Focal Point for the event: Alma Abdul Hadi Jadallah, Ph.D., QIA Representative, Middle East  
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**16:00 - 17:15 Preventing Conflicts through Intercultural Dialogue: The Example of Azerbaijan**

The European Azerbaijan Society Foundation (TEAS), Azerbaijan Permanent Mission to UNOG, Azerbaijan State Committee for Work with Religious Organizations  
Palais des Nations, room IX

These past years have seen the resurgence of extreme violence worldwide because of terrorism. Every country has to face this risk, by preventing radicalism in its society. The Republic of Azerbaijan has been at the forefront of religious tolerance and multiculturalism for centuries. Azerbaijan territory is home to a multitude of ethnicities and religious communities, while being a strong secular country for 100 years. At a time where religion is used by extreme groups to justify the intolerable, it is interesting to look at how Azerbaijan is promoting a “living together” that is both sustainable and that can be scaled up. The conference will present the tradition of multiculturalism and intercultural dialogue in Azerbaijan as a tool for preventing conflicts.

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**16:00-17:30 What Next on Business and Peace**

Africa Center for Dispute Settlement at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, CCDP, GPP  
Maison de la Paix, S8

**17:00 - 18:00 Film and debate 9 AT 38-North and South Korea Harmony across the World's most armed border**

Palais des Nations, Cinema room XV

A film by C. Lee featuring the efforts of violinist Hyung joon-Won in the week leading up to his attempt to hold a joint performance straddling the North-South Korea border.

'9 AT 38' tells the tale of a violinist's unrelenting pursuit to bring North and South Korean musicians together for one evening to perform Beethoven's 9th Symphony. They would straddle the 38th Parallel, the uncrossable border where soldiers stand ready to shoot at a moment's notice. Tens of thousands of families were separated by the Korean War, never to meet or speak again. Seven decades later, refugees who escape North Korea face an equivalent fate, losing contact with all those whom they leave behind. This and copious other reasons demand for a serious discussion of the potential for, and ramifications of, reunification of the Koreas. But where do we even start?

**18:00– 19:30 Conflicts on Water, Land and Food: Prevention and Responses**

Geneva Water Hub (GWH)/UNIGE, Quaker United Nations, FAO, Office, UN Higher Commissioner for Refugees (HCR), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) WMO Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Auditorium de Mello (TBC)

Water and land are key natural resources that shape billions of peoples' livelihoods, food security, wellbeing and identity. The equitable and peaceful management of water and land is an increasingly challenging task due to a multitude of factors such as resource degradation, climate change, population growth and violent conflict that can exacerbate vulnerabilities. Additionally, in specific situations such as the displacement of populations and protracted conflicts, new challenges emerge and effective responses need to be put in place. This event will discuss the potential of water as an instrument of peace in preventing conflicts and building peace in emergency situations.

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**Wednesday, 8 November 2017**

**09:00 – 10:30 Pathways for Peace: What is New with the Global Prevention Policy?**

World Bank, DCAF, IPTI  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

Focal Point for the event: Vincenza Scherrer, Deputy Head of Policy and Research Division  
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Focal Point for the event: Pauline Eulère, IPTI

**10:30–11:30 The Role of Private Sector in Prevention**

International Peace Institute (IPI), UN SDG Fund, and Concordia  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

In this event we would like to focus on the role of private sector and their contribution to inclusive and peaceful societies and how they can be part of prevention agenda. The role of the private sector has often been ignored when discussing peace, and the SDGs provide an important entry point in which the private sector can contribute not only to growth but also be a partner in building peace.

Focal Point for the event: Jimena Leiva Roesch, Research Fellow at IPI  
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**11:30 – 12:30 Sustaining Peace through Preventative Diplomacy: Influencing Through Diverse Partnerships**

UK Mission, Interpeace  
Palais des Nations, room IX or IV (tbc)

The UN Secretary-General has highlighted the importance of preventive diplomacy in sustaining peace. This event aims to emphasize how the UN and Member States can work with a diverse range of partners in preventive diplomacy (mediation) to help deliver the sustaining peace agenda. We will explore the different roles international institutions, states, regional organisations and civil society can play at the multi-lateral, bilateral and regional level, and consider how they can adapt and collaborate in different scenarios to make the most of their collective capabilities, networks and influence to increase the likelihood of diplomacy resulting in lasting peace.

Focal Point for the event: Simon Cleobury, Adviser  
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**12:00 – 14:00 Global Health Crises and the Security Sector: Opportunities for Constructive Cooperation**

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Global Health Centre (GHC), Graduate Institute  
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Pictet A2

The 2014-15 Ebola crisis in West Africa has shown that national, regional and international health and security sector actors need to develop and use effective and coherent approaches to understand, prepare for and respond to emerging health crises. The panel will present and discuss the development of recommendations for training modules for health and security agencies, as well as proposed strategies for including those in existing and new training and education initiatives; approaches to and previous experiences with simulations of multi-agent and cross-sectoral responses; and the mapping of early analysis and early warning systems for their coverage of health crises, including open- and closed-source intelligence by NGOs, government agencies, regional and international organizations.

Focal Point for the event: Albrecht Schnabel, Head, Asia-Pacific Unit  
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**12:30 - 13:30 Prevention in Practice: Case Studies in Prevention through a Sustaining Peace Lens**

The International Peace Institute (IPI), the Institute for Security Studies, Peace Direct, The Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

Under the sustaining peace framework—adopted by the General Assembly and Security Council in April 2016—prevention is central, particularly when it is conceived as a function of sustainable development and inclusive governance. However, under existing dominant paradigms, prevention continues to be defined negatively, largely by its symbiotic relationship to conflict (e.g. prevention of violent extremism, prevention of organized crime, etc.); it is not conceived as a proactive, nationally owned strategy for averting the outbreak of conflict and sustaining peace. This is a much needed approach that could be used to prevent conflict before the destabilization of a country. The Gambia is a recent example where the role of regional and sub-regional organizations, namely the African Union and ECOWAS, and the support of a unified UN Security Council has been central to the success of prevention efforts.

Focal Point for the event    Lesley Connolly, Policy Analyst  
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**12:30-14:00    Religion – A Source of Conflict or a Path to Peace? The Role of Religion in Preventing Violence**

The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (NETW), The Cordoba Foundation of Geneva (CFG), World Council of Churches (WCC), Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)  
Ecumenical Center, Main Hall

The panel includes 4-5 religious figures and peace practitioners representing various geographical regions, denominations and/or including the religious dimension in their practice. After an introductory round of questions where the panelists introduce themselves and their area of expertise, the panel addresses questions such as:

- the role of religious actors/organisations in preventing hate speech and violence,
- the successful countermeasures used by the religious actors,
- the support needed, if any, to strengthen the work of religious actors in preventing violence,
- the inclusion of the religious dimension in conflict transformation practice.

The audience is invited to join the discussion.

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**14:00 –15:00    The Future of Prevention – Civil Society Perspectives on Obstacles and Opportunities to Better Support the UN's Work on Prevention**

Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

The Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform, launched in 2016, in New York, in close collaboration with QUNO, GPPAC and the Department of Political Affairs aims to support the UN's prevention agenda through strengthening coordination and information sharing between civil society organizations (CSOs) and the UN at all levels. The Platform believes that the UN's work on prevention would benefit from a systematic engagement with civil society and that the inclusion of diverse civil society expertise is crucial to achieving sustainable peace. At this event, presenters will highlight the obstacles and opportunities for civil society to better support the UN's prevention agenda.

Focal Point for the event    Rachel F. Madenyika, UN Representative  
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**14:00 – 15:30    Building Youth Leadership to Prevent Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the Outbreak of Conflicts**

World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), Sonke Gender Justice, MenEngage Alliance, Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), The Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (IHEID), Democratic Center for Armed Forces (DCAF), Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP)  
Maison de la Paix, Room A2

This event will share evidence informed strategies to prevent and respond to gender based violence, including especially those implemented with adolescents and youth living in a broad range of settings, including in settings affected by conflict and high levels of violence. Speakers will draw on research,

share programmatic experiences, and use multi-media and interactive approaches to engage the audience in an experiential and participatory event. The event will also profile effective strategies to build young people's and especially young women's leadership, as well as how to engage men and boys in ending GBV and advocating for gender equality.

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**14:00 – 16:00 Building the Evidence for Better Prevention**

Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)  
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Maison de la Paix, Petale 4

The Sustaining Peace Agenda has put renewed attention on conflict prevention as a central goal. However, we do not have a systematic framework research on what works in avoiding conflict or what a successful peace building approach looks like. The Panel will discuss key issues such as:

- Are current peace-building values in line with the strategic peace building requirements?
- Is there convergence between the strategy expenditure and the real needs?
- What does an appropriate strategy look like?
- What information do we have available in order to handle and effective peace building?
- What type of innovations are suitable, taking into account the current international climate, with unprecedented numbers of displaced people and nationalist sentiment in traditional donor countries?

How can we “do more with less”?

Focal Point for the event: Radostina Raykova, Junior Programme Officer  
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**15:00 – 16:30 Supporting National Capacities for Conflict Prevention: What Works, What Doesn't**

UNDP, UN Department of Political Affairs, Inter-parliamentary Union, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

The event aims at showcasing what the UN system, together with its partners, does to support national capacities for conflict prevention. This includes building or strengthening “infrastructures for peace”, such as national and local peace committees, as well as supporting national mediators. What are the challenges in supporting these capacities? What have we learnt over the years that makes this approach successful? How do “infrastructures for peace” and “insider mediation” work in practice? How does the Secretary-General's initiative to enhance the UN's mediation capacity relate to this?

Focal Point for the event Katy Thompson, Team Leader – Conflict Prevention, UNDP  
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**16:00 – 18:00 “Living Peace: The Story of Abby and Kyalu”: Short Film Screening and Discussion on Conflict Prevention, Gender Equality and Masculinities with Mr. Benoît Ruratotoye of the Living Peace Institute, Great Lakes**

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), Maison de la Paix Gender and Diversity Hub (including Gender and Mine Action Programme (GMAP), Small Arms Survey, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining



(GICHD), Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Gender Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)  
Palais des Nations, Cinema Room XV

Join us for a screening of the short film “Living Peace: The Story of Abby and Kyalu” produced by Promundo’s Living Peace Initiative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The film tells the story of a couple and their journey of recovery – surviving an abduction by rebels in 2008 and Kyalu’s rape and birth of her child as a result. Afterwards, Mr. Ruratotoye from the Living Peace Institute will share insights about the story and the film, the impact of conflict on gender, and in particular of masculinities, and the lessons learned for prevention and peace.

Focal Point for the event Lorraine Serrano, Programme Manager, Gender and Security Division  
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**17:00 – 18:30 National Dialogues as Platforms for Peaceful Conflict Transformation:  
A suitable Approach for Syria?**

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (Switzerland), Auswärtiges Amt (Germany),  
Swisspeace, Berghof Foundation  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

In a conflict-torn society, National Dialogues present one viable way to overcome internal rifts and to rebuild relations between the state, its institutions and different groups. National Dialogues can help to establish a new social contract between the various parties to the conflict and achieve a national consensus. How can this instrument be used in an ongoing armed conflict to prevent it from deteriorating and to promote transformation towards peace? The panel will discuss this question in the context of Syria. In particular, it will explore the prospects for national dialogue in Syria and the conditions under which it can become a feasible option in the political process.

Focal point for the event : Andrea Aeby

**18:30 – 21:00 Cine@IHEID** screening “An Insignificant Man” followed by a debate  
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Albert Hirschman Centre  
on Democracy  
Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Pictet

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## **Thursday, 9 November 2017**

**09:00 -10:15 Forging Social Contracts to Prevent Violent Conflict, to Protect Human Rights  
and to Sustain Peace: Bringing our Strategic Approaches and Resources to  
Bear** Quakers United Nations Office (QUNO), Friederich Ebert Stiftung  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

In light of the complexities of any given country situation the international community has faced challenges in finding collective formulas to support the prevention of violent conflict and achieving and sustaining peace. Aspects of social cohesion at a horizontal level as well as resilience for peace in particular remain underdeveloped. There is little doubt that in many countries, the social contract is in deep crisis. This discussion comes in the context of the new ‘sustaining peace’ approach at the UN which recognizes that ‘development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing’, and will bring together experts from the field and academia to discuss current fragmented policy approaches and identify innovative policy and practice.

Focal Point for the event: Hannah Peters, Programme Officer, Human Rights and Development  
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**09:00 – 12:00 Putting the Action in PVE National Action Plans**

International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) for Women, Peace & Security,  
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Global Community Engagement and  
Resilience Fund (GCERF), UN Development Programme (UNDP)  
GCSP, Maison de la Paix, Petale 4

Session 1: Achieving an All-of-Society Approach through Multi-sectoral Engagement

This session will focus on designing nationally owned PVE National Action Plans (NAPs). With the participation of panelists and discussants from civil society, government, and/or multilateral organizations, this session will address how to:

1. Encourage holistic PVE NAPs to complement Rule of Law counterterrorism (CT) responses, informed by a content analysis of existing and draft NAPs for their attention to topics vital to PVE, yet often overlooked in PVE and CT policy (e.g., economics, education, good governance, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, mental health, youth empowerment).
2. Raise awareness of the core elements of good practice for NAP development and implementation, including the importance of, and strategies for, working with relevant nongovernment actors – especially those at the community level – and non-security sector government entities (e.g., ministries of education, gender, health, labor, religious affairs, sports, youth).

Session 2: Supporting Civil Society for Effective Design and Implementation

This session will elaborate on the importance of civil society and community-level responses, with particular attention to the undervalued contributions of women and youth to PVE. Discussants will include independent civil society actors working at the national and subnational levels who will share:

1. Cases highlighting different types of civil society engagement in the design and implementation of PVE NAPs.
2. Good practices and lessons learned for ensuring substantive civil society participation in the design and implementation of PVE NAPs, including models for resourcing grassroots initiatives.

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**09:30 –11:00 Preventing Cyber Conflicts:Do we need a Cyber Treaty?**

Geneva Internet Platform (GIP)

WMO Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Kruzel Hall

Early 2017, Microsoft's president Brad Smith called for a Digital Geneva Convention 'to implement international rules to protect the civilian use of the Internet'. Microsoft's proposal has generated extensive discussions: what clauses should be included? How should it be implemented and enforced? What can we learn from similar processes, and in particular the humanitarian field that inspired Microsoft's proposal? This session discusses the potential of this proposal, using the expertise, experience, and tradition of Geneva as a place of discussion on delicate issues.

Focal Point for the event: Barbara Rosen Jacobson, Research & Project Associate

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**11:15–12:30 Big Data for Prevention: Balancing Opportunities with Challenges**

Diplo Foundation

WMO Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Kruzel Hall

Conflict prevention largely depends on the availability of timely data and information. Whether it concerns the collection of mobile phone data to understand people's mobility patterns or the use of satellite data to assess conditions in remote areas, new forms of data can play a significant role. Yet, the incredible opportunities of big data can be compromised by data protection challenges, especially when considering that personal data is particularly sensitive in the context of conflict. This session will discuss whether there is a trade-off between privacy and human security in such situations, or whether there are solutions that can ensure both.

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**12:30 - 13:45 Our Journey at Generations for Peace-From Passion to Impact: Lessons from the Field-Engaging Youth in Conflict Transformation at the Grass Roots Level in Communities Around the World**

Permanent Mission of Jordan to the UN in Geneva, Generations for Peace (GFP)

Palais des Nations room IX

Since 2007, GFP has been implementing effective grassroots peacebuilding programmes in communities experiencing conflict in 50 countries. GFP transformed the passion of GFP volunteers and field experts into true impact through the utilization of Sport, Arts, Dialogue, Empowerment, and Advocacy as vehicles for sustainable conflict transformation.

GFP proposes to share its 10 year journey by presenting "Youth-led Peace Building: Lessons from the Field" at GPW, with overall focus on "The Future of Prevention" and geographic focus starting from "Prevention in North Africa & the Middle East", then bridging to GFP's experience in other contexts in Africa, Asia, Caucasus and Balkans.

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**12:30 –14:00 Designing Against Evil? Breakthroughs in Violence Prevention**

Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding (CCDP)

Maison de la Paix, Auditorium B

How do we stop violent abuses of human rights and/or humanitarian law? The Violence Prevention (VIPRE) Initiative draws on cutting-edge approaches within sociology, philosophy, and cognitive neuroscience to find new answers to this question that go beyond a focus on legal or rights-based approaches. By ergonomically re-designing the 'situations' in which violent abuses (torture, civilian targeting, ethnic cleansing, etc.) occur, the Initiative seeks – like road traffic safety systems – to prevent political violence without relying on changing the ideas, personalities, or institutional settings in which particular individuals operate. This event explains precisely how this is achieved and violent abuse is prevented.

Focal Point for the event: Sandra Reimann, CCDP Senior Coordinator  
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**13:00 -15:30 Early warning Systems and GIS: How Mapping Technologies can Support Peace**  
GICHD, UNOSAT, Interpeace, UNDP, UN OCHA, World Bank, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, University of Leiden  
Maison de la Paix, C1

This session is linked to the session on 'Data for Early Warning' organised by UNDP. It will be held in the context of the GIS for Peace Forum and will contribute to a better understanding of the needs and expectations of the peace community with regards to how maps and geographic information can help inform relevant peace indicators. Participants will be presented with case studies illustrating successful and potential applications of GIS to conflict prevention before discussing in small groups the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats linked to the production, analysis and dissemination of geographic information in support of peace.

The Secretary General's prioritization of prevention entails a greater emphasis on broader situational awareness and acting early when signs of emerging risks of conflict arise. In the past years, endeavors to track these types of signals, and more generally to measure conflict risks, have been nurtured by the increasing availability of data and the continuous technological advancement, allowing users to aggregate and visualize them. How can these technologies be translated into effective tools for early warning and early action? A number of organizations and research institutes have recently engaged in this area. What can be learnt from these experiences, what preliminary conclusions can be drawn? The focus of the session will be on outcome-oriented, looking at measuring the effects of improved data collection and analysis on decisions. This session is linked to the session on GIS for Peace: how mapping technologies can be used to support peace organized by GICHD which will address the same topic but with the specific angle of the use of GIS.

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**14:15-15:30 The ravages of War in Syria on Refugees**  
Fondation Surgir/ Armenian Relief Society  
Palais de Nations room IX

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**16:00-18:00 Geneva Lecture Series: Current Internet Governance Challenges: What's Next?**  
UNOG, UNITAR, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the Geneva Internet Platform with the support of Fondation pour Genève  
Palais de Nations, Assembly Hall

The internet can be a facilitator for human rights, development and economic stability and growth, contributing decisively to human development. At the same time, cyber-terrorism, online crime and other forms of internet misuse demonstrate how internet governance remains a challenge in need of urgent attention. Could a new governance model address these cyberspace challenges? Proposal for a Digital Geneva Convention?

- **Brad Smith** (Master in Law, 1984), President and Chief Legal Officer, Microsoft Corporation
- **Kate Gilmore**, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Phillip Spoerri**, Head of Delegation to the UN in New York, International Committee of the Red Cross

**17:00 – 20:00 INTERMEDIARY: Media as a promoter of conflict-sensitivity and humanitarian action (Reverse Cinema – Film Screening and Panel Discussion)**

UNITAR Peacekeeping Training Programme and World VR Forum  
Palais de Nations, Cinema Room XV

Can the media reporting on conflict situations contribute to the consolidation of a “culture of peace”, and ultimately to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies globally? The event explores these concepts with corresponding film screening and examples of media which contribute to a culture of peace. The idea behind a “Reverse Cinema” is to have people watch the movie in the hallway or lobby before entering the cinema where they would be able to talk about it. The intention is to have a knowledge transfer by showing relatively new films and to establish an interactive discussion with the people behind the film who will bring extensive expertise regarding the respective context into the conversation. This could also include a panel discussion with the director/producer/actors of the film(s). One idea is to show a virtual reality film which people would watch via their phones and a cardboard mask.

Focal Point for the event: Adam Kane, Consultant – External Communication Specialist  
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**18:00 – 20:00 Making Women Count in Peace Negotiations: An Insider’s Perspective from Colombia, Syria, and the Philippines.**

UN Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA), Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative (IPTI), the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden  
Maison de la Paix, Room A1A

Increasing women’s leadership and influence in peace negotiations is a key priority for the United Nations and its partners. Thus, the UN Department of Political Affairs and the Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative (IPTI) wish to organise a high-level event to hear from negotiators and mediators how they have promoted women’s meaningful participation and involvement in peace negotiations and how their interests were reflected in peace agreements. Based on similar experiences, the Department of Political Affairs has recently published a Guidance on gender and inclusive mediation strategies, which will be shared with participants to provide practical suggestions to enhance the role of women in peace negotiations and agreements.

Focal Point for the event: Thania Paffenholz, Director IPTI  
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**Friday, 10 November 2017**

**09:00 – 10:30 Nouvelle Gouvernance et Paix Durable : Et si nous osions un nouveau paradigme social**

UNESU, Coalition des ONG  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

La création d’un nouveau paradigme sociétal pour le bien-être, la santé, la prospérité et la PAIX. Ceci dans une Nouvelle Gouvernance et des Structures encadrant, favorisant et harmonisant leur réalisation concrète, dans la valorisation et le respect de tous les êtres vivants.

Focal Point for the event: Christian DeGiorgi, Directeur Administratif ONG UNESU  
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**10:45 – 12:00 No peace without foodsecurity – No food security without peace**

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)  
Palais des Nations, Room IX

Objectives:

- To discuss the interaction between peacebuilding/conflict prevention and food security with examples from FAO field projects, exchange views on lessons learned and future prospects
- To present the joint FAO/WHO report: The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2017- Building resilience for peace and food security (October 2017)

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**12:00 - 14:00 Why Leadership is Crucial to the Future of Conflict Prevention**

Peace Nexus Foundation, GCSP-CCL Leadership Alliance  
Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Maison de la Paix, Petale 4

Leadership is widely recognized as critical to conflict prevention. It is often assumed that we need better leaders or different kinds of leadership. This session will challenge the speakers and the audience to reflect on what effective leadership means to them, drawing on inspirational leadership stories from diverse speakers. Through their examples of how they have contributed to conflict prevention, we will share different views on leading, why it is crucial to the future of prevention and how it can be developed at individual, organizational and societal levels.

Focal Point for the event: Peter Cunningham, Co-Director GCSP-CCL Leadership Alliance  
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**12:30 –13:45 Prioritizing Urban Safety in a Multi-Conflict World (Tuesday, venue/time tbc)**

Hellenic Association of Political Scientists (HAPSc)  
Palais de Nations, Room XIV

In a world of multiple conflicts and multilevel crises, communities, and their people are the ones being affected the most. Increasing incidents of violence, marginalized groups and in general, urban safety tending to be more and more neglected, are only some of the crises' emerging consequences. What is needed the most, is the prioritization of preventive actions in order to ensure the protection of vulnerable groups (e.g. homeless, trafficking, women-victims of sexism, children abuse, domestic violence) and their reintegration into sustainable future societies. Education could function as a significant aid for these goals and an indispensable means for establishing peace.

Focal Point for the event: Afroditi Anastasaki,  
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**12:30 -14:00 Measuring Progress in Implementing Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies  
Launch of the Global Violent Death Trends Update 2017**

Small Arms Survey  
Maison de la Paix, Room A2

Peace is one of the five areas of critical importance for humanity in the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations in September 2015. Sustainable development Goal 16 commits states to 'promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective and accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. The first target under this Goal, Target 16.1, commits all states to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere'. The Small Arms Survey will launch its newest report on Global Violent Death Trends at the occasion of the Geneva Peace Week. Building on the Survey's multi-source time-series database on violent deaths, the report will present the 2017 picture of this key indicator for SDG16.

Focal Point for the event: Luigi De Martino (ext 5785)

**12:30 – 14:00 Book launch-On Building Peace: Rescuing the Nation-state and Saving the United Nations** (author: Michael von der Schulenburg)  
UN Library

**14:00- 15:30 The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Conflict Prevention: “Will it polarize or unite?”**  
Rotary Peace-Geneva Lake Region, Geneva Centre for Security Policy and Deep Democracy  
WIPO conference room A

**Part 1)** Is a presentation on Artificial Intelligence.

**Part 2)** Specialized facilitators (Deep Democracy Team) will organize a safe space for a moving conversation (soft shoe shuffle) of the whole group that supports dynamic interaction. This process ensures that all views including minorities are heard because even if you don't speak your view is represented. The conversation supports polarization and verbal conflict to be uncovered and then resolved with all parties having a deeper understanding of each other and the key differences.

**Part 3)** Debrief and outcome. Attention will be given to overcoming minority polarization and building understanding. Rotary's 4-Way test will serve as analytical tool: (1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship? 4. Will it be beneficial

Focal Point for the event: Walter Gyger and Sanela Music

**14:15 – 15:30 Early Interventions to Break the Inter-Generational Cycle of Violence**  
OMEP, CEPPs Global Initiative, Centre of Excellence For Early Childhood Development (CEECD)  
Palais de Nations room IX

Recent research in the field of ECD has identified the 'critical years', from conception to age 5, as the foundation that shapes our lives

- These early years shape a child's future physical and mental health, growth, self-confidence, achievement at school and prospects for employment.
- Adversity during this period can lead to unemployment, drug use, violence, crime, social unrest.
- Peace in society is therefore an inter-generational cycle, with harm and disadvantage in one generation being perpetuated in the next.

This presentation will cover the recent evidence and preventing interventions for breaking this cycle to create healthier, fairer and more peaceful societies.

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**16 :00 – 17 :15 Elimination of Caste-Based Discrimination and Untouchability for Sustainable Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention in Nepal and South Asian Region –Jana Utthan Pratishan/Academy for Public Upliftment (JUP Nepal) in collaboration with 21 other institutions – Palais de nations (Room IX)**

Although "caste-based discrimination and untouchability (CBDU)" is constitutionally and legally criminalized by the governments of this region, due to the lack of willpower of the governments, unaccountable bureaucracy and failure of political parties, more than 160 million people recognized in different names such as "Dalits", "Scheduled Castes" and "oppressed" and "downtrodden" people facing discriminatory and untouchability acts based on their caste and descent identity, which considered as a causes of conflict and violence in one or another means. As so far, effective implementation of those laws against CBDU is essential and necessary for sustainable peace on the ground in this region.

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**16:00 -17:30    Creating Sustainable Peace by Implementing UN Sustainable Development Goals**

Rotary International, Inter-Parliamentary Union  
WIPO conference room A

The session explores the concept of crafting a sustainable, positive peace – which seems simple, and yet, is actually quite revolutionary. For centuries, we have looked at peace as the absence of violence, without fully considering that other drivers are in play. The resolution on Sustaining peace turns this definition on its head and lets us reframe the question around a full toolbox going from prevention to development. Instead of examining the causes of war, we can explore the attitudes, institutions and structures that build a more peaceful society, and work to create those conditions in vulnerable areas before conflict even occurs.

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**18:00 – 20:00    Peace, Making a Difference!**

Opening Ceremony of Rotary Day 2017 at the United Nations in Geneva. – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), (General Assembly Hall) –  
Registration: <https://rotarydaygeneva.com/en/inscription/>

**All Day            E-Caravan for Peace: Promoting E-Commerce in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations**

International Trade Center (ITC), Permanent Mission of Japan  
Palais de Nations, Entrance to Delegates Bar, 3rd floor, building C  
Inauguration Tuesday 7 November 10:30-12:00  
Opening hours: 7-9 November 9:00-19:00

The E-caravan for peace is a digital sharing experience, demonstrating the potential of e-commerce for sustainable development and peace. E-commerce opens opportunities for entrepreneurs in conflict-affected regions to connect with international markets, where other means are impossible. Syrian artisans benefiting from ITC's technical assistance will display their products and share their experience in going digital. The products offered for sale online can be directly collected during the event or shipped later.

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**All Day**            Exhibit “What does Peace Look Like”, opening 7 November 12:30  
UNESCO, the Permanent Mission of Austria  
Palais des Nations, Passarelle building E

Focal Point:            Rachel Phillips