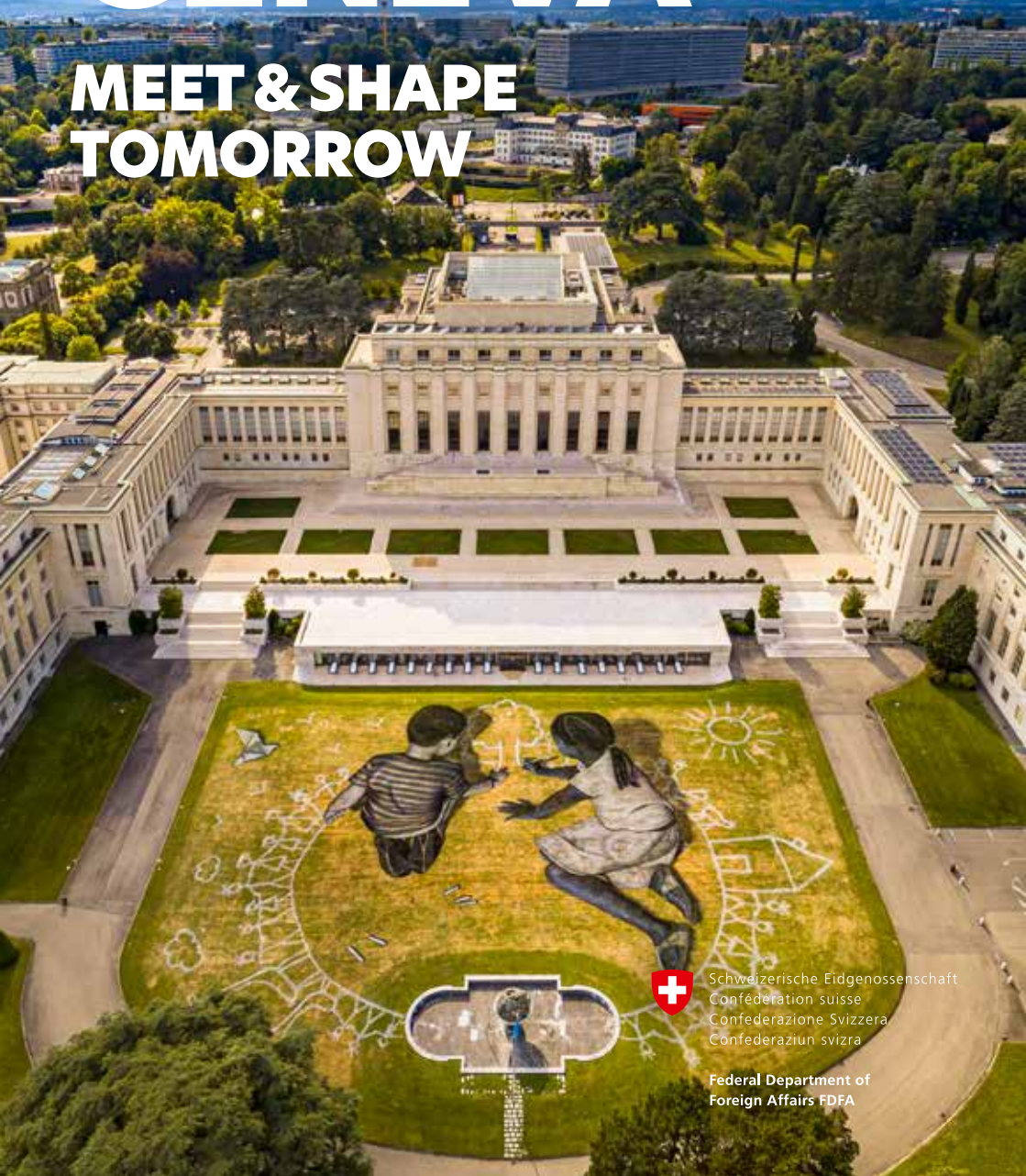


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EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Geneva stands for universality in multilateralism. Almost every UN Member State maintains a permanent mission here, giving the decisions taken in Geneva a legitimacy that reflects the voice of the global community. Unlike remote exchanges, face-to-face dialogue and informal diplomacy foster trust, empathy, and compromise—qualities essential for effective cooperation. In Geneva, small and medium-sized states can engage on

equal footing with major powers, ensuring that no voice goes unheard. Switzerland actively supports this inclusiveness by facilitating swift and unbureaucratic visa procedures and enabling the permanent presence of least developed countries. As a result, Geneva remains a neutral and easy-to-access platform where diverse perspectives converge to shape solutions with a direct impact on people everywhere.

A UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM





On the shores of Lake Geneva, within a remarkably compact area, lies one of the world's most concentrated hubs of global governance. Geneva brings together more than 40 international organizations, nearly all UN Member States, hundreds of NGOs, leading universities, and dynamic private actors. This proximity creates daily opportunities for exchange, coordination, and innovation across key domains: humanitarian action, human rights, health, trade, labour,

disarmament, environment, and digital governance. Geneva is more than the sum of its institutions—it is an ecosystem where clusters of expertise intersect and synergies multiply. Here, climate diplomacy links with peacebuilding, digital policy meets human rights, and scientific innovation supports humanitarian action. This unique density makes Geneva an indispensable platform for inclusive solutions to today's most complex global challenges.

Discover
Geneva's
multilateral
ecosystem



HUMAN, SIMPLY

International humanitarian law and humanitarian action are inseparable from Geneva's identity. The city gave birth to the modern humanitarian movement with the creation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1863 and the adoption of the Geneva Conventions in 1864. Switzerland's good offices—such as the 1872 Alabama arbitration—cemented Geneva's role as a trusted venue for peaceful dispute resolution. Today, Geneva hosts the ICRC, IFRC, UNHCR, OCHA, UNDRR, OHCHR, IOM, WHO, and

the Global Fund, together with hundreds of NGOs. These actors protect refugees, defend human rights, fight pandemics, and deliver life-saving assistance worldwide. Geneva also offers a unique setting for peace and mediation institutions, nurturing a vibrant dialogue platform where key negotiations regularly take place. From humanitarian aid to global health security, Geneva is where principles of humanity become practice. This enduring mission remains at the core of Geneva's contribution to international cooperation.

A LABORATORY FOR THE FUTURE



Geneva is not only rooted in humanitarian traditions; it is also a laboratory for the future. Established international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), World Trade Organization (WTO) or International Labour Organization (ILO) work at the crossroads of science, technology, and governance. They set global standards, harness data, and

ensure that innovation serves people worldwide. Building on this foundation, Geneva also hosts cutting-edge initiatives such as the AI for Good Global Summit, the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), and the Open Quantum Institute, which connect diplomats, scientists, and entrepreneurs. This unique constellation ensures that technological and scientific progress is guided by human values, making Geneva a driver of inclusive, forward-looking multilateral solutions.

SWISS DNA

Switzerland offers first-class host country services that make Geneva the busiest and most inclusive hub of multilateral diplomacy. It provides a robust regime of privileges, immunities, and facilities; proven financial support schemes for real estate, building renovations, and conferences; modern infrastructures and logistics; and efficient, discreet security. Switzerland has hosted international organizations and conferences for more than a century, offering a neutral ground where the world can meet within 24 hours to address urgent challenges.

On 20 June 2025, amid unprecedented financial pressures on the UN system, the Swiss government announced an emergency package of USD 330 million to strengthen international organizations, support conferences, and invest in shared digital and data infrastructure. At the same time, Switzerland guarantees universal access by supporting the permanent presence of least developed countries. As a host, it remains neutral and reliable, ensuring autonomy for its partners while fostering long-term stability and innovation.

GENEVA DNA



Geneva offers an exceptional environment for the international community to live and work in optimal conditions. Strategically located in the center of Europe, the city is just 15 minutes from an international airport and well connected to New York, Nairobi, Vienna, Rome, and other multilateral hubs. Switzerland provides a stable legal and political framework, a safe environment, and strong protection of the rule of law and freedom of expression. The region combines a vibrant diplomatic, financial, and academic ecosystem with world-class services: high-quality international schools, leading universities such

as the University of Geneva, the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), and the University of Lausanne (UNIL), and an excellent health system. Cultural diversity and recreational opportunities enrich everyday life. For international staff, the International Geneva Welcome Centre (CAGI) offers tailored support to ease integration. With its security, stability, quality of life, and global connectivity, Geneva stands out as one of the world's most attractive and reliable places to work for the international community and their families.



View of the ceiling of the Human Rights Council: the maritime relief by Spanish artist Miquel Barceló symbolises dialogue between cultures.

