

# What's New?

*Updates, news and events from the UNOG NGO Liaison Unit*

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

*Dear NGOs 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 you.  
With very best regards.*

## Updates from the NGO Liaison Unit



**UNITED NATIONS**  
**GENEVA**

### **Accreditation**

The NGO Liaison Unit wishes to remind NGOs representatives of the rules and procedure governing the 2023 accreditation of NGOs to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) which was shared at the end of December 2022 and is available on the sections "Access" and "Request a Grounds pass" of the UN Geneva website: [www.ungeneva.org/en/practical-information/civil-society](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/practical-information/civil-society)

For grounds passes to the UN Headquarters building in New York, please refer to the webpage of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA):

<https://csonet.org/index.php?menu=86>

### **2023 regular session of the ECOSOC Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

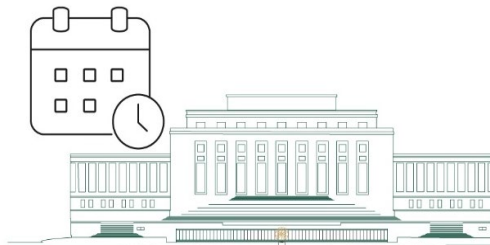
The NGO Liaison Unit invites NGOs to follow the discussions taking place in New York at the session of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs which is taking place from 23 January to 13 February. You can watch the recordings or read the meetings summaries on the following DESA webpage:

<https://csonet.org/index.php?menu=80>

### Upcoming meetings and conferences



### Upcoming events



#### **UNOG Language Training Programme**

Multilingualism is a core value of the United Nations. NGOs have access to language courses in the six UN official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Please be informed that the enrolment period for the spring period language classes is from 6 to 28 February. You can find more information and enroll to the Language Training Programme via this link:

<https://learning.unog.ch/language-index>

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. Please find the full calendar of meetings and conferences taking place at UN Geneva on the following webpage:

[www.ungeneva.org/en/meetings-events/events](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/meetings-events/events)

#### **Human Rights Council**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council will take place at the Palais des Nations from 27 February to 4 April 2023 and NGOs with the ECOSOC status accredited at UNOG may participate as observers. More information on the modalities for NGOs participation can be found on the Human Rights Council webpage: [www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ngo-participation](http://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ngo-participation)

#### **Education Cannot Wait High-Level Financing Conference**

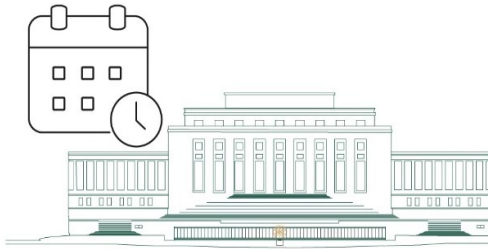
Education Cannot Wait (ECW) is the UN global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises. It is organizing a High-Level Financing Conference on 16-17 February at the International Conference Centre Geneva. Civil society and global youth representatives are invited to join in-person and online. More information on the ECW website: [www.educationcannotwait.org/](http://www.educationcannotwait.org/)

From cultural celebrations to film screenings, discussions or commemoration of international days, the events calendar at UN Geneva is never empty. Have a look at our different event categories and find your event.

#### **Cultural activities**

The UN Geneva Cultural Activities Programme provides a cultural diplomacy space to share art and culture at the Palais des Nations. This month, an exhibition by the Permanent Mission of Estonia "Freedom in the 21st Century" will be organized from 27 February to 12 March in the E-Building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, with the aim to celebrate the right to freedom as the fundamental human right.

- You can subscribe to the Cultural Activities via the following link:  
<https://unog.libwizard.com/f/culturalactivities-sub-fr>
- Please note that NGOs wishing to organize a cultural event should seek patronage from a Permanent Mission or International Organization at Geneva. More information is available on [www.ungeneva.org/en/knowledge/cultural-activities](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/knowledge/cultural-activities)



### Library and Commons events

The UN Geneva Library offers cultural and informational events such as exhibitions, panel discussions or film screenings. Most events are free of charge and open to the public.

- You can subscribe to the UN Geneva Archives newsletter on this page:  
<https://archives.ungeneva.org/newsletter>
- You can subscribe to the Knowledge and Learning Commons newsletter on this page:  
<https://unog.libwizard.com/f/commons-sub-eng>

Please register in Indico to participate in all the events organized by the Library & Archives, including cultural activities: <https://indico.un.org/category/1129/>

### Latest news

## UN News

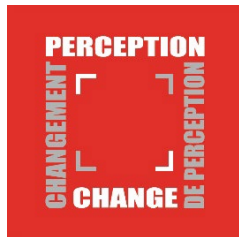
Global perspective Human stories

The UN Information Service Geneva provides a comprehensive range of public information services, focused on Geneva-based UN activities. It covers a range of activities taking place at UNOG, from meetings of the Human Rights Council and peace talks to other major conferences and events. To stay updated on the latest news, you can consult the UN news highlights:

[www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/latest-news](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/latest-news)

Tired of reading? Browse through our range of podcasts produced in Geneva and across the globe on the following webpage: [www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/podcasts](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/podcasts)

### Perception Change Project



The Perception Change Project (PCP) is starting its 9<sup>th</sup> year of activities. Based at the Office of the UNOG Director-General, the PCP leads creative communication initiatives to highlight the importance of the work done in Geneva: [www.ungeneva/perception](http://www.ungeneva/perception)

One of the key products of the PCP at the disposal of NGOs is the GenevaIMPACT website, a collection of links to useful resources produced by and about Geneva-based organizations:

<https://sites.ungeneva.org/impact/>

### SDG Lab



The SDG Lab is a multi-stakeholder initiative that contributes to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDG Lab, hosted by UNOG, works with a diverse ecosystem of actors, including civil society, that are focused on delivering the 2030 Agenda. It identifies strategic opportunities to maximize the added-value and expertise of International Geneva in supporting implementation of the SDGs on the ground. More on: [www.sdglab.ch](http://www.sdglab.ch)

To read the *SDG Lab 2022 Year in Review* highlighting key moments in 2022 that contributed to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, please check:

[www.sdglab.ch/en-activities/sdg-lab-2022-year-in-review](http://www.sdglab.ch/en-activities/sdg-lab-2022-year-in-review)

## International Geneva



The website *Genève internationale* helps Geneva based global players to be informed about the resources available to them. It contains, amongst others, the most comprehensive lists of international organizations, NGOs, permanent missions and other actors. It also hosts the largest compilation of international events taking place in Geneva.

To stay informed about activities in International Geneva at a glance, visit the calendar:

[www.geneve-int.ch/calendar](http://www.geneve-int.ch/calendar)

## International Geneva Welcome Centre



UNOG works in close collaboration with the International Geneva Welcome Centre (CAGI), which supports NGOs and visiting delegates. For example, CAGI supports the accommodation of civil society representatives from developing countries attending events in International Geneva. Please consult CAGI's website to learn more about the conditions that apply:

[www.cagi.ch/en/services/accommodation-for-visiting-delegates/](http://www.cagi.ch/en/services/accommodation-for-visiting-delegates/)

Do you like theater, concerts and museum visits? At the CAGI desk in the Palais, the Cultural Kiosk provides a wide range of tourist information. Check out the agenda with preferential offers and recommendations for cultural activities on the website:

[www.cagi.ch/en/cultural-kiosk-agenda/](http://www.cagi.ch/en/cultural-kiosk-agenda/)

*This newsletter is a new initiative of the NGO Liaison Unit at UNOG. We are still working on both format and content. We would be happy to receive your feedback at [unog.ngo@un.org](mailto:unog.ngo@un.org) to improve this newsletter and the information we regularly share with NGOs.*