



2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

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A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Foreword

Dear Colleagues,

In 2023, the GPP reached its 15 years of existence. 2023 also marked the 10th year anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week. To celebrate these milestones, the team invested all its energy and enthusiasm to offer and propose activities worthy of the Platform's outreach capacity. Several great events were organized, in collaboration with our partners, on pressing peacebuilding issues. Notably, we consulted and collected the views of International Geneva on important international processes, in particular regarding the UN Secretary General's proposal for a New Agenda for Peace.

We continued to invest in our different communities, those working on environment and peacebuilding, or on business and conflicts, and reached out to new ones, by organizing a very successful first training on peacebuilding for Geneva-based diplomats.

The celebration of the 10th year anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week placed the forum at new heights. Thanks to the participation of High-Level speakers, outstanding experts and groundbreaking panels and workshops, as well as special events, which attracted more than 5500 attendees, Geneva Peace Week has established itself as the leading forum on peacebuilding in the region. Last but not least, for the very first time, the GPP organized a 'Geneva Peace Week meets New York', to deepen the connections and strengthen the dialogue on peacebuilding between the two multilateral hubs.

In 2024, energized by these achievements, the GPP is determined to pursue this dynamic path and remain, thanks to the support and collaboration of its core and wide peacebuilding community, a unique platform for peace in International Geneva.

Dr. Annyssa Bellal

Executive Director of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Acknowledgments

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) is grateful to all its donors, supporters, event partners, and network members for their continued engagement in the GPP activities in 2023. We would like to express a special message of gratitude to our six core partners in 2023 for their support:



Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding



Geneva Centre for Security Policy



Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance



Interpeace



Quaker United Nations Office



Principles for Peace

Other supporters

The Platform would like to extend its gratitude to the Permanent Mission of Switzerland in Geneva and the UN Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) for their ongoing and crucial support of the Platform's operations.

We would also like to address a special thank you to our donors and funders for their contributions to the Geneva Peace Week 2023 10-year anniversary special fundraising campaign.

Additionally, we address our heartfelt thanks to the GPP's International Advisory Council. Comprised of diverse representatives from academia, UN organizations, NGOs, civil society, diplomatic and donor sectors, which has been instrumental in shaping our peacebuilding initiatives. Their expertise and dedication contribute significantly to our mission and we are sincerely appreciative of their ongoing support.

Lastly, thank you to the International Peace Institute in New York and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York for collaborating with us in the first successful edition of Geneva Peace Week meets New York.

GPP HIGHLIGHTS IN 2023

In 2023, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform led impactful initiatives, discussions, informal meetings, breakfast briefings and trainings. We also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Geneva Peace Week in maison de la Paix, which showcased global engagement and dialoguem as well as the first edition of Geneva Peace Week meets New York. Furthermore, Community Management continued to nurture dynamic online and offline communities and also participated in COP28 in Dubai.

These strategic efforts solidified the platform's role as a key influencer in shaping and advancing peacebuilding globally. Here are some of the highlights from our three workstreams in 2023.

1 CONVENING AND INCUBATION

FEBRUARY

Advisory Board Retreat

MAY

PUBLICATION: Geneva Consultations: Executive Summary and recommendations

OCTOBER

First training on Sustaining Peace for UN Geneva-based diplomats

5 Breakfast Briefings in 2023

- The New Agenda for Peace with Mr. Asif Khan
- Civil war paths: mapping systems of relationships in contingent contexts' with Professor Anastasia Shesterinina
- High-Level Advisory Board on Our Common Agenda
- The Road to the Summit of the Future: A Dialogue with the SG's Director of Our Common Agenda
- A discussion with Leila Zerrougui

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GENEVA PEACE WEEK

OCTOBER

10th edition and anniversary of Geneva Peace Week

NOVEMBER

1st Edition of Geneva Peace Week Meets New York

3

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

200 members
The Community of Practice on Business and Conflict

50 members
The Peace Forum Network

DECEMBER

Peace@COP28 and the Nature Footprints art exhibition

Geneva Peace Week 2023 : 10th anniversary

On the occasion of its 10-year anniversary, the Geneva Peace Week took place from 30 October to 3 November 2023 at the Maison de la Paix in Geneva. This year, we hosted 61 events by 149 organisations, with an outstanding participation of 5'500 attendees. For this special edition, in addition to our high-level panels and events, we held special activities such as art exhibitions, movie screenings, PeaceTalks: Geneva Peace Week edition. A detailed report of the 10th anniversary activities was released in March 2024.



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Geneva Peace Week meets New York: first edition

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform partnered with the International Peace Institute (IPI) and the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) to organize the first edition of Geneva Peace Week meets New York, which took place on 28-29 November 2023.

The sessions addressed the workstreams of the policy brief on the NA4P, on which Geneva has specific expertise, such as:

1. Prevention at the global level: addressing strategic risks and geopolitical divisions are a core objective of the GPP.
2. Preventing conflicts and violence, and sustaining peace;
3. New approaches to peace and potential domains of conflict.

and proposed the following panel discussions:

- **High-Level Opening Plenary:** Building Trust for a New Agenda For Peace
- **Panel Discussion 1:** From Proposals to Commitments – The New Agenda for Peace and the Summit of the Future
- **Panel Discussion 2:** Harnessing Technologies to Build a Better Future
- **Panel Discussion 3:** Addressing Climate Change through Just Transitions
- **Panel Discussion 4:** Promoting Human Rights and Inclusive Societies
- **Panel Discussion 5:** AI for Peace – Harnessing the Complementarities between New York and Geneva



Geneva Consultations

Led by United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) to propose a new Agenda for Peace, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform facilitated a consultative discussion, in Geneva, on 16-17 March 2023. Geneva-based International Organizations, International Civil Society Organizations, the Private Sector and Academia contributed their expertise throughout the consultations. The discussions focused on seven themes:

1. Strategic foresight;
2. Human Rights;
3. Mediation;
4. Climate, peace, and security;
5. Good governance;
6. Regulation of conventional weapons; and
7. Financing for peace.

These discussions provided recommendations that could feed into the New Agenda for Peace drafting process. These recommendations were published in March 2023.



Peace@COP28 and the Nature Footprints art exhibition

Within the Community of Practice on Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace, members have increasingly turned their attention to climate change negotiations at COP over the past three years. The group formally came together under the umbrella of Peace@COP28 this year, led by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform.

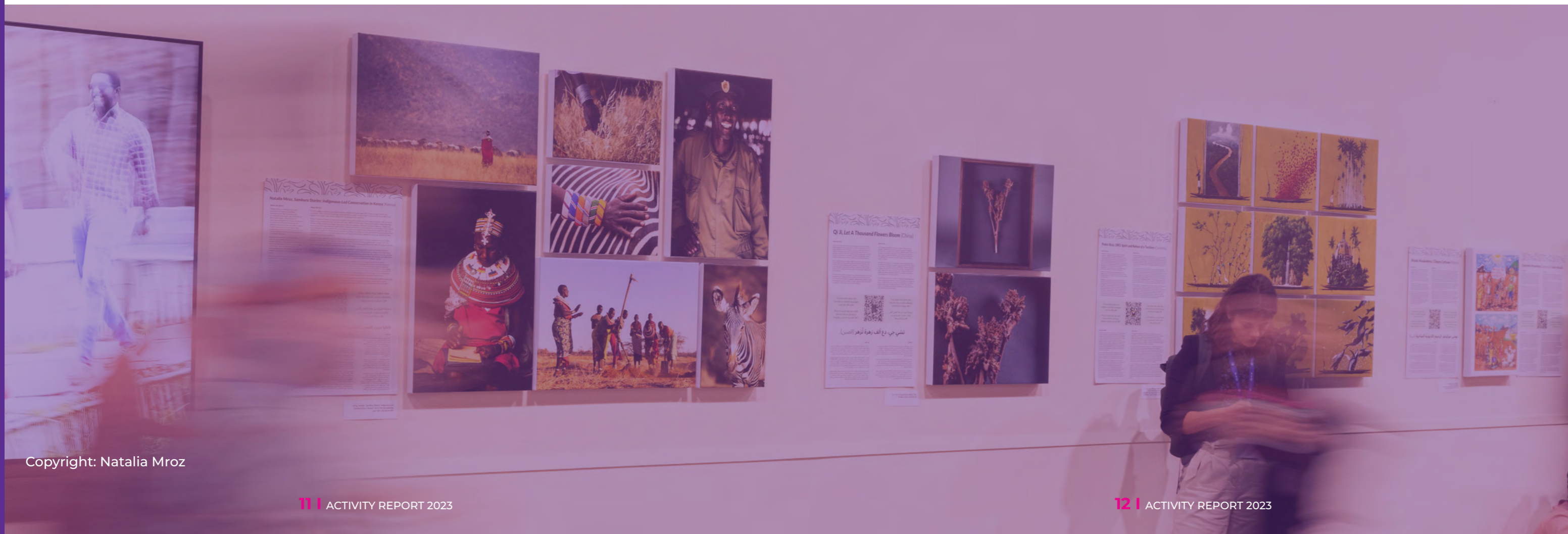
The Peace@COP28 is a collective of more than 150 individuals across more than 80 institutions and 5 continents. These professionals met regularly for the year leading up to COP28, drafting joint policy recommendations, developing a pre-COP online webinar series for policy-makers, collaborating to host side events, strategizing about how to raise the profile of peace, and even creating an online and in-person art exhibition called Nature Footprints.

On 21 September, the Peace@COP28 community launched the joint Peace@COP28 policy recommendations with endorsement from more than 40 organizations. The recommendations are a short, two-page document outline concrete opportunities for policy on climate change, conflict, and peace.

On 3 December, COP28 featured Peace as a thematic convening day for the first time in the annual climate change conference's history. More than 30 members of the community were present in Dubai, including many from conflict-affected contexts. More than 80 countries signed onto a joint COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery, and Peace, committing more than a billion dollars of funding to fragile and conflict-affected areas.

The Peace@COP28 was proud to display Nature Footprints, an art exhibition, directly outside multilateral negotiation rooms at COP28, stimulating reflection and conversation with negotiators about the lived experience of climate change, conflict, and peace. The exhibition features works from 19 artists around the world expressing their experiences featured through painting, photography, prose, poetry, ceramics, textiles, documentary, and more. The exhibition is available online indefinitely at naturefootprints.org.

The Peace@COP community continues to meet on a regular basis and is already in the planning stages for COP29.



CONVENING AND INCUBATION



The GPP is a convening space for researchers, practitioners, policymakers, experts, and different stakeholders to come together and exchange for the advancement of the peacebuilding field. It offers actors with the opportunity to explore, innovate, and test out ideas in collaborations with GPP's network and partners.

First training on Sustaining Peace for UN Geneva-based diplomats

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the Quaker United Nations Office, with the support of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva, held a one-day training entitled: Sustaining Peace: What Role for UN Geneva-Based Diplomats on 19 October 2023 in Geneva,

Our first edition gathered the participation from over 20 permanent missions to the UN in Geneva. This dynamic gathering underscored a shared interest in exploring critical themes, such as the intersection between human rights mechanisms and peacebuilding, and its potential to bolster peace negotiations. Against the backdrop of mounting international tensions, these sessions emerged as an important platform for essential knowledge and tools to diplomatic missions in Geneva.

We are delighted to announce the imminent arrival of our second edition. Slated for the first semester of 2024, this upcoming event promises to build upon the accomplishments of its predecessor, reaffirming our commitment to advancing peace and diplomacy on the global stage.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all participants, collaborators, and supporters who contributed to making the inaugural edition of this training initiative a success.



Swiss PeaceTech Alliance

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) partnered with the Geneva Graduate Institute and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), to establish the Swiss PeaceTech Alliance, which aims to pool complementary knowledge for international capacity building in PeaceTech. Following this agreement signed in May 2022, the official launch was announced in April 2023 with an additional partner, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

To do so, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's network of peacebuilding experts with the Geneva Graduate Institute and EPFL's recognised academic excellence in both social and computer sciences, intend to build new knowledge and develop innovative practice in PeaceTech, with a critical eye on sustainability and the long-term effects of technology in peace and conflict.

Anticipating the transformative impact of collaboration, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's PeaceTech Alliance was created to pioneer initiatives rooted in Switzerland's longstanding tradition of neutrality and its expertise in science and technology. With a shared commitment to advancing knowledge on Peace-to-Tech and Tech-to-Peace, the Alliance seeks to catalyze tangible systemic change on a scale commensurate with the challenges of promoting peace and addressing violence in both physical and virtual realms. Through joint projects, calls for proposals, and educational endeavors, the Alliance aims to harness interdisciplinary expertise to address a wide array of issues surrounding peace promotion and violence prevention. Believing in the advantages gained through collaborative efforts in the field of PeaceTech, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform looks forward to forging innovative pathways towards sustainable peace.



PeaceTalks and PeaceTalks Geneva Peace Week edition

The PeaceTalks initiative was jointly established by the United Nations Office at Geneva (referred to as UNOG), the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, and Interpeace, with the support of the Swiss Government. Launched in 2013 in Switzerland, PeaceTalks has evolved into a premier global event serving as an annual commemoration of the International Day of Peace. Over the past ten years, it has since expanded globally and more than 20 editions have been held in more than 8 countries featuring 200+ speakers from over 50 countries.

The PeaceTalks showcase inspirational stories of people who are making extraordinary contributions to peace. It serves as a platform to underline that building peace is not only an effort of technical specialists but that each and every individual has a role to play.

In 2023, an additional, special edition of the PeaceTalks was held for the first time at the Geneva Peace Week, which featured the stories of people from around the world and different backgrounds under the theme the “Leadership for Peace” to show how we can all be leaders for peace.

The event introduced a special impactful social installation by Poet Carmen Campo Real that explored the transformative journey from the darkness of war and displacement to hope, dignity, and Peace. Through her evocative written and spoken words, she painted a vivid picture of the human spirit’s ability to mend and create beauty even in the face of profound suffering.

This edition of the PeaceTalks featured short 8 minute talks that showcased Leadership for Peace in various sectors: Climate Action, Non-Governmental Action, Education, Entrepreneurship and Social Impact, by the following speakers:

- **Maria Paloma Noriega Jalil**, Climate advocate working on resilience and the interconnection between climate change and peace, UNFCCC
- **Melanie Greenberg**, Peacebuilder, Managing Director, Humanity United
- **Dr James Smith**, Founder and Deputy Chair, Aegis Trust and **Sandra Shenge**, Director of Programmes Aegis Trust, working to prevent genocide through peace education
- **Dr Conrad Hughes**, Teacher & international educator, Director-General International School of Geneva
- **Abbes Boukhobza**, Tunisian artist using painting to promote a message of peace, tolerance and joy

PeaceTalks
Geneva Peace Week



GPP events

The Platform is an active convener on peacebuilding-related issues. Over the years, these events have included lunch-time lectures, briefings for diplomats, consultations, casual meetings or workshops, retreats, and public conferences.

In 2023, with the Israel-Hamas war, the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the 2024 Summit for the Future, The GPP positioned itself in relation to these current events and hosted a series of breakfast briefings, informal meetings and public events, inviting key actors in the peacebuilding community. The GPP aims to build bridges between experts in the field, Geneva and New York, to facilitate networking among the international peacebuilding community. These convening, are an opportunity for the GPP to be a key actor in interconnecting different actors around peacebuilding goals and projects.

Furthermore, our Executive Director and Community Management Lead, represented the Platform's expertise as guest panelists and/or moderators during external events throughout the year, such as:

- The OSCE High-Level Conference on Climate Change, on 7 July 2023 in Vienna, Austria
- The Hamas-Israel War A conversation on International Law with Professor Andrew Clapham, on 30 October at the Geneva Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland
- The 2023 Caux Forum , from 17 to 26 July 2023 in Caux, Switzerland
- COP28 UAE - United Nations Climate Change Conference, from 20 November to 13 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Breakfast briefings

Breakfast briefings's are tailored to bring forward major peacebuilding projects and/or to introduce key actors in the peacebuilding arena, around major topics related to peace and peacebuilding processes.

Informal meetings

The GPP organised and partners with organisations around informal meetings, aimed at discussing policies, expertise and recommendations, ahead of major peacebuilding discussions in the international and UN agendas. It also serves as a means for states and civil society to discuss current issues and find ways forward to collaborate around topics of peacebuilding, conflict and security.

Public events

The the list below groups the events organised or co-organised by the GPP in 2023.

18 JANUARY 2023	Breakfast Briefing on the New Agenda for Peace with Mr. Asif Khan, Acting Director of DPPA Policy and Mediation Division
19 JANUARY 2023	Breakfast Briefing: Professor Anastasia Shesterinina - "Civil war paths: mapping systems of relationships in contingent contexts"
9 FEBRUARY 2023	Breakfast Roundtable - Hybrid Governance in Crisis Settings: Exploring practical frameworks for service delivery systems
1 FEBRUARY 2023	Briefing by the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism
16-17 MARCH 2023	Geneva Consultations on the New Agenda for Peace Co-organised with the Swiss FDFA
03 MAY 2023	Book launch: Sur les fronts de la paix with the author, Prof. Séverine Autesserre
10 MAY 2023	Science, Peacetech and Diplomacy Co-organised with The Geneva Graduate Institute and EPFL
1 JUNE 2023	The Shimon Peres' legacy on peace through 14 historical speeches Co-organised with the World Jewish Congress , The University for Peace & Reichman University
30 JUNE 2023	Breakfast Briefing: The Road to the Summit of the Future: A Dialogue with the SG's Director of Our Common Agenda Co-organised with UN University Centre for Policy Research
21 SEPTEMBER 2023	Geneva Peace Talks 2023 Co-organised with Interpeace
11 OCTOBER 2023	Breakfast Briefing with Leila Zerrougui, Former Head of MONUSCO
30 OCTOBER 2023	Hamas-Israel War: A conversation on International Law with Professor Andrew Clapham and Annyssa Bellal Co-organised with The Geneva Graduate Institute
30 OCTOBER - 3 NOVEMBER 2023	Geneva Peace Week 2023
28-29 NOVEMBER 2023	Geneva Peace Week meets New York Co-organised with the International Peace Institute with support from the Swiss FDFA

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Within the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's perspective, 'community management' is construed as the deliberate coordination of a network of professionals rallying around a shared cause. Our aim is to cultivate collaboration and solidarity towards a collective objective, promoting the exchange of knowledge, fostering synergies, mobilizing concerted action for joint initiatives, catalyzing innovative solutions and approaches, and ultimately amplifying the overall impact within the realm of peacebuilding.

The Community of Practice on Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace (ECCP)

The Environment, Climate, Conflict, and Peace (ECCP) is a community of practice (CoP or community) that aims to strengthen networking and community building on environmental peacebuilding, climate security, and other related topics through collaboration, dialogue, and learning between institutions and individuals both in Geneva and around the globe.

The community was created in early 2020 and is managed by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, as a part of its workstream on community management. Over the past three years, the community has grown from about 40 Geneva-based participants to over 800 participants around the world.

Community of Practice on ECCP and evaluation

Following the completion of its third year of work at the end of 2022, the ECCP CoP partnered with Universalia from January to April 2023 to conduct a collaborative and utilization-focused evaluation of the community. The evaluation explored questions related to the community's relevance, coherence, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability. Its methods included surveys, interviews, and document reviews.



Peace@Cop28 and Nature Footprints exhibition

Led by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Peace@COP28 initiative brought together over 150 professionals from 80 institutions across five continents, focusing on climate change negotiations at COP. This collective effort resulted in joint policy recommendations, a pre-COP webinar series, side events, and the impactful Nature Footprints art exhibition. Launched on September 21 with the endorsement of over 40 organizations, the two-page policy document emphasizes the necessity of a conflict-sensitive and peace-responsive approach for the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.

During COP28 in Dubai, where Peace was featured as a thematic convening day for the first time, more than 30 community members were present, contributing to the COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery, and Peace. Notably, the Nature Footprints exhibition, showcasing diverse artistic expressions on climate change, conflict, and peace, engaged negotiators and remains accessible online at naturefootprints.org.

Peace Forum Network

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform convenes a network of peace fora, or international multi-day events and conferences contributing to peace. The group has met on a quarterly basis since the summer of 2020 to exchange online. Conversation is often split between logistical exchange on how to best execute conferences online or in hybrid form, how to engage audiences remotely, and other topics on how peace fora are best done, and more substantive exchange. The substantive exchange includes discussions on how exactly peace fora contribute to peace, what themes and topics are in most urgent need of our focus, and how the group may build substantively from forum to forum throughout the year.

2023 CALENDAR

- **19-20 January:**
Basel Peace Forum
- **7-9 February:**
PyeongChang Odaesan Peace (POP) Global Forum
- **17-19 February:**
Munich Security Conference
- **15-16 March:**
Islamabad Security Dialogue
- **2-3 May:**
Bologna Peacebuilding Forum
- **3-5 May:**
PeaceCon
- **15-17 May:**
Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development
- **June:**
Oslo Forum
- **18-26 July:**
Caux Forum
- **18-22 September:**
Yntymak Week
- **10-11 October:**
Imagine Forum
- **20-22 October:**
Lome Peace and Security Forum
- **30 Oct-3 Nov:**
Geneva Peace Week
- **10-11 November:** Paris Peace Forum

Business and Conflict Community of Practice

The Business and Conflict Community of Practice is a structured group of professionals working across different organizations with a common interest in exchanging and connecting on topics related to responsible business conduct in conflict-affected contexts and complex environments.

The community of practice membership comprises international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, consulting groups, and more. It stretches across 6 continents and examines a variety of subtopics within the domain of business and human rights in conflict. At this time, membership is not extended to business actors, though activities initiated by the community will seek to include and engage with business actors in different ways.

By participating in the community, participants can expect to meet other professionals working on similar topics, build opportunities for collaboration, receive and provide regular information updates on business and conflict, and deepen their understanding on these issues.

The community exists for the community members themselves and is meant to be animated and structured around their needs. Current activities of the community of practice include (online) facilitated workshops, topical briefings, information exchange, and may expand into collaborative products. In 2023, the community met online 9 times and in-person once for a full-day workshop. Community membership expanded by 20%, and members continue to connect with one another to collaborate and exchange resources.

GENEVA PEACE WEEK

Geneva Peace Week (GPW), the flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, is a leading annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar through which organisations in Geneva and their international partners come together to share knowledge and practice on a diverse range of topics related to peace across contexts and disciplines.

Celebrating the 10-year anniversary

Geneva Peace Week 2023 marked a momentous milestone, celebrating its 10-year anniversary as a beacon of hope and collaboration in the global pursuit of peace. From October 30th to November 3rd, 2023, the event brought together minds and hearts at the Maison de la Paix in Geneva, a symbolic hub fostering new synergies and innovative solutions for peace, human security, and sustainable development.

This year's program was a testament to the power of dialogue and cooperation, comprising 61 diverse events that spanned a spectrum of activities. From solemn ceremonies to high-level panels, policy briefings to interactive workshops, inspiring art exhibitions to engaging online events, and heart-warming social gatherings, attendees were immersed in a rich tapestry of peacebuilding efforts. The Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and the Conference Center of the Maison de la Paix served as venues where profound discussions and ground-breaking ideas took root.

The success of Geneva Peace Week 2023 was the result of a meticulous collaborative effort by 149 organizations dedicated to advancing the cause of peace. The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform joined hands with local institutions to enhance the GPW experience for both organizers and participants alike.

In a truly global gathering, 5,500 attendees from diverse backgrounds came together, with over 3,000 individuals participating in person, and an additional 2,500 joining virtually from 155 countries. The atmosphere was one of unity, despite the ongoing conflicts, as people from all corners of the world shared their insights, and experiences on peacebuilding.





Enhancing the GPW experience

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform embarked on a year-long journey, made possible through the steadfast support of the Geneva Peace Week Consortium, comprised of the following institutions:

- DCAF- Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Geneva Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding
- Interpeace
- Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva
- Principles for Peace
- Geneva Graduate Institute
- The United Nations Office at Geneva
- Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva

The collaboration with local partners yielded remarkable results, including the unveiling of a brand new communications strategy that breathed life into a fresh visual identity and a redesigned logo. The transformation extended to the digital realm, with the introduction of a tailor-made, user-friendly website that garnered an impressive total of 261,236 views following GPW. In addition, organizers were afforded a private platform with essential information for the execution of events and the production of digital content for GPW.

Efforts to keep participants engaged

and informed, as regular updates were disseminated on the website and through various social media channels. The official trailer, presented in both French and English, captured the attention of audiences worldwide, amassing a remarkable total of 16,638 views.

The spirit of hospitality, enhancing the GPW experience. Welcome desks and hostesses stood ready to guide partners and participants, while dedicated areas for work and relaxation were thoughtfully provided within the Maison de la Paix. Welcome gifts awaited participants, and discount rates at nearby hotels further facilitated attendance.

The realisation of these enhancements was made possible through a successful fundraising campaign, which led to a +183.3% increase in the budget, on the special occasion of the 10-year anniversary.

Expanding the outreach of GPW

In a collaboration between the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and the International Peace Institute, with the generous support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), the inaugural edition of Geneva Peace Week Meets New York was brought to life.

Held over 1.5 days on November 28th and 29th in New York, this event served as a contribution to the preparations for the Summit of the Future in 2024 and the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture in 2025. Geneva Peace Week Meets New York provided a unique platform for the extended community of peacebuilders to engage in substantive discussions and expand upon proposals for a New Agenda for Peace. Furthermore, it was a fertile ground for generating innovative ideas aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of this ambitious agenda.

The event garnered significant participation, with more than 100 individuals present on-site and an additional 300 participants joining virtually.

As a fitting addition to the special activities commemorating the 10th anniversary of Geneva Peace Week, Geneva Peace Week Meets New York stands as a testament to the platform's dedication to fostering innovation and collaboration within the peacebuilding community.



OUTLOOK FOR 2024

The Geneva
Peacebuilding
Platform

GPP change of status and offices

2024 will bring a new chapter in the structure and organisation of the GPP. In 2024, the GPP will become a foundation at the service of International Geneva. This will entail various structural and logistical changes, which will give a new breath to the visibility of the GPP. It will also be introducing a new mandate as « Liaison Bureau of the Maison de la Paix ».

Additionally, we will be changing offices within the Maison de la Paix, from the Center on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding offices to DCAF - Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance.

New GPP visual identity

In 2024, the GPP will introduce its new visual identity with a brand-new logo, which marks a new chapter in the GPP journey. It is also the opportunity to launch the new GPP website.

The aim of this visual identity change is to provide a clearer platform to illustrate the GPP activities using user friendly and modern infrastructure.

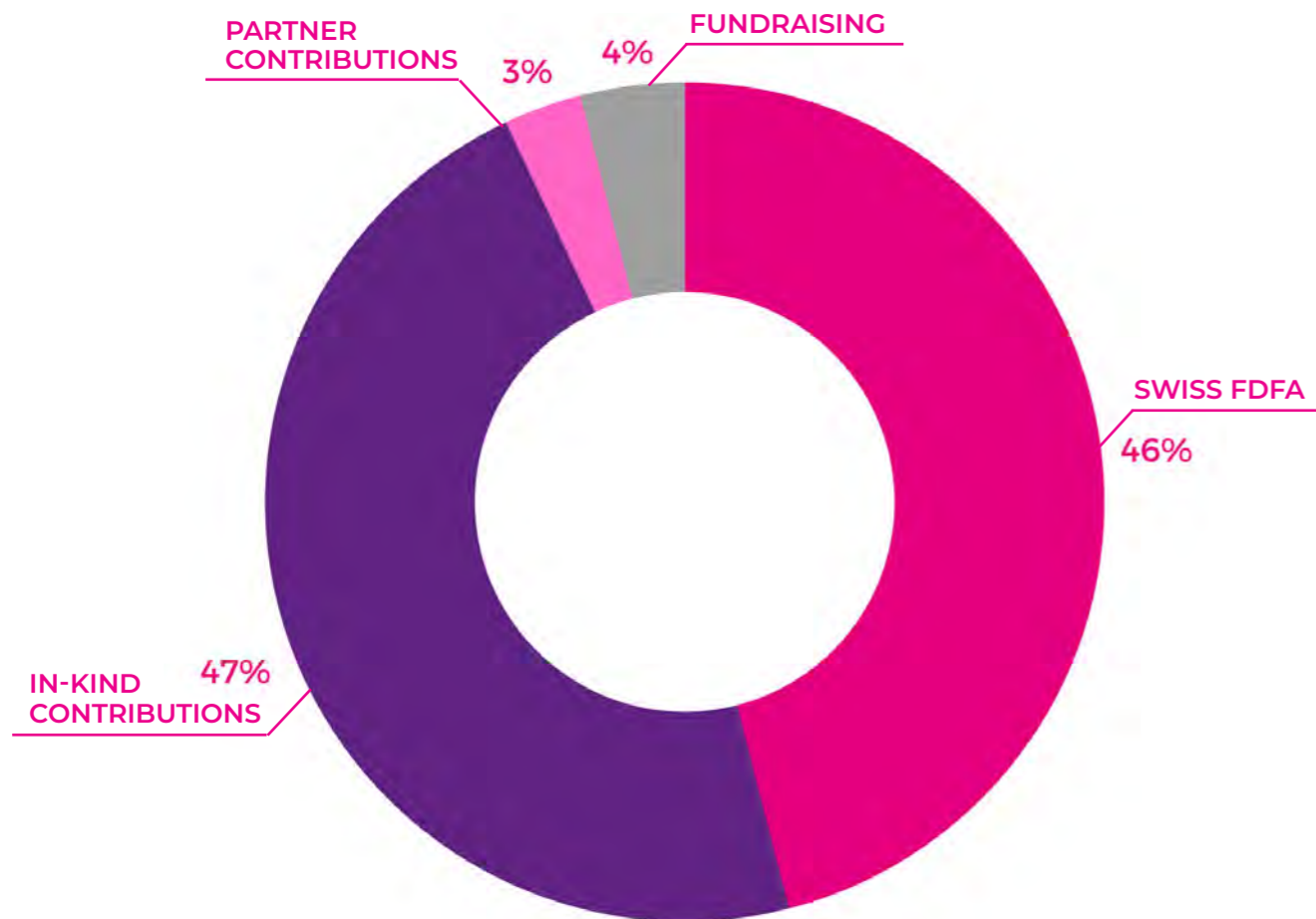
ABOUT US

GPP BUDGET IN 2023

The 2023 GPP budget plays a crucial role in facilitating the vital activities of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Through a combination of both in-kind and financial contributions, alongside the generous support of the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs and our esteemed partners, this budget ensures the seamless execution of our peacebuilding initiatives.

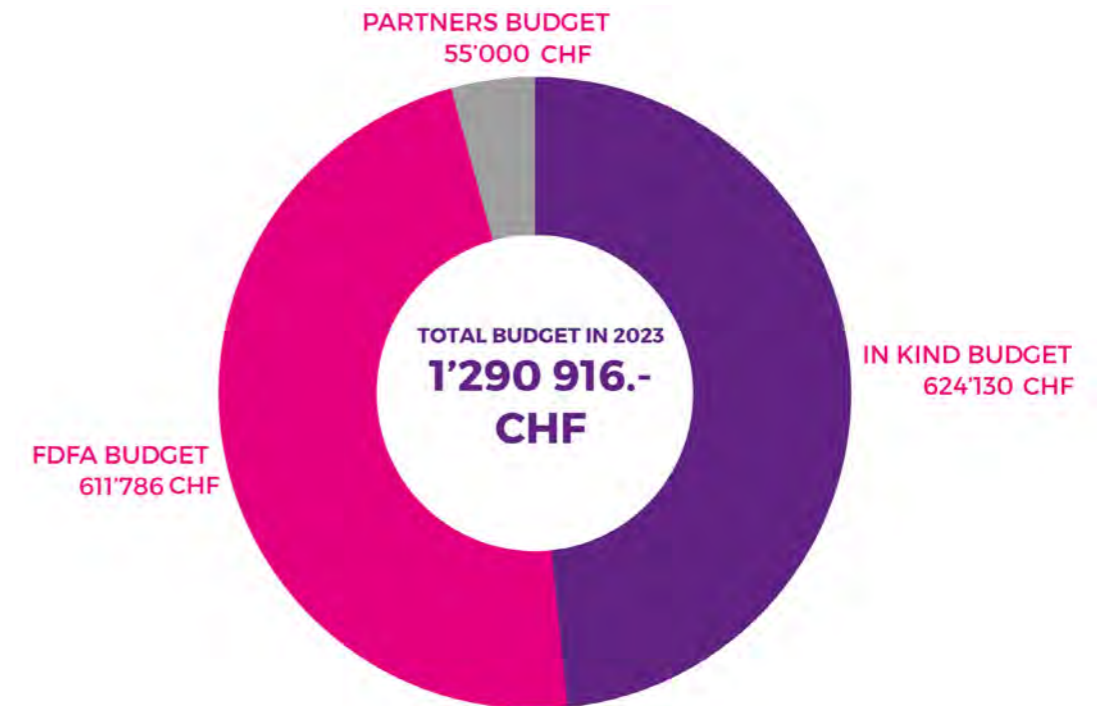
CORE FINANCIAL FUNDING

GPP's core funding is provided with the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Additional funding is provided by our partners contributions and fundraising.



ANNUAL BUDGET

The GPP budget in 2023 is of about 1'290 916.- CHF. It is composed of financial and in-kind support by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Platform Partners as well as in-kind support of activity partners.



PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS & FUNDRAISING

The following partners and donors, made financial contributions to support GPP activities and Geneva Peace Week in 2023. These contributions are crucial to conduct activities to gather the peacebuilding community and to increase the Geneva Peace Week visibility. Additionally, in 2023, we launched a fundraising campaign, which also contributed to finance Geneva Peace Week events or to support it through in-kind contributions.

- GENEVA CENTER FOR SECURITY POLICY
- GENEVA CENTRE FOR SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE
- INTERPEACE
- PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE
- PEACE NEXUS FOUNDATION
- PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS
- SERVICE INDUSTRIELS DE GENÈVE

Our mission

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a knowledge hub that connects the critical mass of peacebuilding actors, resources, and expertise in Geneva and worldwide. Founded in 2008, the Platform has a mandate to facilitate interaction on peacebuilding between different institutions and sectors, and to advance new knowledge and understanding of issues and contexts related building peace. It also plays a creative role in building bridges between International Geneva, the United Nations peacebuilding architecture in New York, and peacebuilding activities in the field.

The Platform's network comprises more than 4'000 peacebuilding professionals working on building peace directly or indirectly. The Platform ensures the continuous exchange of information through seminars, consultations, and conferences, and facilitates outcome-oriented dialogues on peacebuilding practice.

Our Partners

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform is a partnership between five institutions with rich and diversified peacebuilding related experience, which represents altogether a unique combination of skills and a long record of excellence in their specific sector.

In 2023, six core partners supported us in conducting GPP activities:

- **Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP)**
- **DCAF - Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance**
- **The Geneva Graduate Institute's CCDP**
- **Interpeace**
- **The Quaker United Nations Office**
- **Principles for Peace**

Steering and Management Committees in 2023

The management committee advises the Executive Director on the platform's management. It acts on behalf of the steering committee as a working-committee, to implement strategies and overall planning of activities. In 2023 it included:

- **Eliza Urwin**, Head of Research Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding
- **Hans Born**, Assistant Director and Head of the Policy and Research Division DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- **Annika Hilding**, Head of GCSP Peace Operations Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- **Florence Foster**, Representative for Peace and Disarmament, Quaker United Nations Office
- **Rebecca Brubaker**, Director of Policy, Learning and Advisory Services Interpeace
- **Peter Batchelor**, Senior Advisor, Principles for Peace Foundation

The Steering Committee oversees the Management Committee, the Executive Coordinator and the Platform's management and is responsible for strategic orientation. The Committee also contributes to the high-level networking of the Platform. The Steering Committee members are:

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