

GENEVA peacebuilding PLATFORM

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Activity Report 2018

The year 2018 marked the 10th Anniversary of the Platform which provided the backdrop for reflections about how the Platform has established itself as a knowledge hub, convenor, and incubator in the broader peacebuilding field. Building on the achievements of previous years, the Platform's key results in 2018 are:

- The Platform consolidated two major initiatives – the Geneva Peace Week (GPW) and the Peace Talks Initiative. It also commissioned three scoping studies about how to grow efforts on urban diplomacy and GPW, as well as with respect to the Platform's digital profile.
- The Platform advanced cross-sector networking and new knowledge in the fields of urban safety and peacebuilding, trade for peace, and violence reduction and prevention.
- The Platform further strengthened its collaborative way of working as a trademark of Platform activities. Geneva Peace Week 2018 demonstrated the impact of this approach. Over 120 partners leveraged at least CHF 700,000 for GPW including travel expenses of an estimated CHF 280,000 for 123 speakers from outside Switzerland.
- Collective convening ensured an estimated 1,300 participants to GPW and 650 participants to the Geneva Peace Talks. Overall, the Platform convened 18 networking events in 2018 primarily targeted at the senior expert level.

In the spirit of shaping collective impact for peacebuilding, the Platform looks forward to renewed collaboration with all partners in 2019 and beyond.

Gratitude to our funders and partners

The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform would like to thank all its funders, event partners and network members for their continued support and following its activities.

In particular, the Platform would like to thank its five core partners

- The Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP),
- the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF),
- The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP),
- Interpeace, and
- the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO).

The Platform would also like to extend a special thanks the International Organisations Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) for its continued invaluable support of the Platform's activities.

In addition, the Platform would also like to thank the City of Geneva, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, The Permanent Mission of Switzerland in Geneva, and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) for their continuous support and partnership on multiple initiatives.

A particular note of gratitude goes to all 120 event organizers of Geneva Peace Week 2018 for their continued engagement in this collective initiative. Geneva's peacebuilding landscape is diverse and decentralized and only by combining forces can the true breadth of peace-related work that takes place in Geneva be fully appreciated.



The Geneva Peace Talks 2018 at the Palais des Nations – Tardy for Interpeace

About this report

This report summarizes the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's activities in 2018 which occur under its 2018-2019 Programme. This two year Programme concentrates on four key areas:

1. Incubating new ideas and practice for peacebuilding;
2. Networking peacebuilding resources;
3. Convening on peacebuilding issues and contexts; and
4. Knowledge capture and management.

1. Incubating new ideas and practice for peacebuilding

The 2018-2019 programme coincides with a changing global context that is putting peacebuilding practice to the test. In the face of these developments, the Platform focuses on expanding the space for new ideas on resolving conflict and building peace through dialogue and negotiation. The Geneva Peace Week and Peace Talks Initiative are two avenues to achieve this objective.

1.1 Geneva Peace Week 2018

Geneva Peace Week 2018 (GPW18) took place from 5-9 November under the theme "Building Peace in a Turbulent World". Geneva Peace Week is a collective initiative facilitated by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), the Graduate Institute, and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform with the support of the Swiss Confederation.

Key take-always from GPW18

This year GPW emphasized the urgency of finding peaceful solutions for the growing risks of violent conflict, building on the lessons from history and the needs for future peacebuilding practice. Key take-home points are:

- In the face of geopolitical change, the liberal peacebuilding project seems side-lined and is being overshadowed by populism and militarism. Whatever peacebuilders do to build peace and resolve conflict, they need to rethink the concepts and tools used for this purpose.
- At the same time, the voices of youth and women around the world are getting louder. They do not necessarily want to be included into political systems they consider illegitimate and they do not want to follow leaders they do not trust. GPW18 showed that there is a shift from a narrative of 'giving voice' towards one of building new political platforms and social movements.
- The stakes for reinventing peacebuilding are high, and the expanding transnational relations across continents may offer a space for this reinvention at different levels.

GPW18 operational facts

GPW18 was accompanied by a systematic evaluation that gathered quantitative and qualitative data. Key highlights are:

- GPW 18 consisted of 65 events organized by 120 partners over five days.
- Event partners mobilized 253 speakers from 72 cities across the world.
- GPW18 has a high degree of participant satisfaction with 93% qualifying their experience as 'excellent' or 'good'.
- 81% of event organizers responded they would like to participate in GPW19 emphasizing a high degree of buy-in to the GPW concept across many actors.
- An estimated 1,300 participants across GPW18.
- A [promotional clip](#) for GPW18 received over 20'000 impressions. GPW18 almost tripled overall outreach via the dedicated @GenevaPeaceWeek social media platforms from 83'372 in 2017 to 225'688 in 2018.
- GPW was organized through a collective action process leveraging at least CHF 700,000 for GPW18. This estimate includes at least CHF 279,500 for 123 speakers from outside Switzerland.
- GPW18 attracted over 100 event applications. Based on the event submissions, seven thematic event clusters emerged including youth, gender, urban, economic perspectives, peace operations, local voices, and sustaining peace.

The complete results of the GPW18 evaluation are available at www.genevapeaceweek.ch.



*A scene from "When Swallows Cry" with South African actors Christiaan Schoombie (left) and Warren Masemola (left)
Photo courtesy of Mike Van Graan Production.*

New in 2018

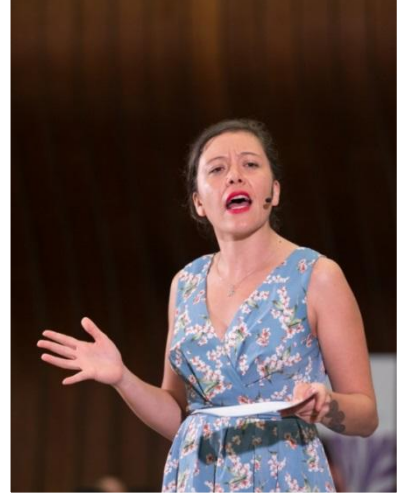
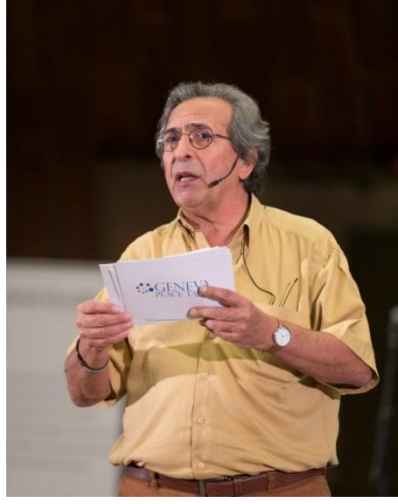
- *Online application submissions:* Event organizers were able to submit their event through an online Google form.
- The Platform in collaboration with the Graduate Institute produced a promotional video clip.
- GPW strengthened the selection process for events in order to manage the large number of event submissions. This helped generate a more structured programme.
- Events took place in two primary event venues: in the *Maison de la Paix* on Monday and Tuesday, and then in the *Palais des Nations* from Wednesday to Friday. Seven events were held at other venues.
- GPW produced a one-page programme overview that facilitated orientation across the 65 events during the week.

GPW Scoping Study

The overall objective of the scoping study was to inform the decision-making about the development of Geneva Peace Week, to provide recommendations about practical options to advance such an initiative, and to support the implementation of these options. The report highlights the “interest from stakeholders and participating organizations in GPW becoming more curated. The question is how (how far, and in what manner)? The report sets out three broad options for Geneva Peace Week to develop its curation: 1) strengthen the session selection process; 2) develop GPW-directed programming and 3) develop work stream processes which would feed into Geneva Peace Week-directed programming.” The report also underlines that “stakeholders must consider what should be Geneva Peace Week’s future thought leadership role, and whether to embed the Week in a collective impact process”. Based on the scoping study, the Platform will convene various stakeholder consultations.



Event by the International Trade Centre on 'Building Peace in Colombia through Cocoa Experts' during Geneva Peace Week 2018. © GPP



Geneva Peace Talks 2018 (from top left to right):
Aya Mohammed Abdullah (Student and UN Refugee Delegate), **Nino Rizzo** (Psychologist), **Diana Garcia** (Colombian Peace practitioner), **Jasminko Halilovic** (Director War Childhood Museum), **Wala' Alsmadi** (Generations for Peace Sport & Arts Programme), **Zakaria El Baba** (Generations for Peace Sport & Arts Programme), **Pauline Bend** (Studio Kangourou – Fondation Hironnelle), **Hacene Ouahmane** (Social Worker at Hospice Générale), **Monika Hauser** (founder of Medica Mondiale), **UNOG Jazz band**

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1.2 Peace Talks Initiative

Geneva Peace Talks (led by Interpeace)

- The 6th edition of the Geneva Peace Talks focused on “Peace without Borders” and attracted an audience of over 650 people representing diplomatic missions, international organizations, NGOs, students and members of the public.
- Nine international speakers came to share their personal experiences, stories and ideas to highlight their efforts to promote peace that goes beyond borders – be they mental, geographical or physical. The speakers are pictured on page 2 of this report.
- The social media reach was at around 11 million and there were almost 1000 participants watching via the live webcast.
- The GPT18 can be viewed in full at <https://www.peacetalks.net/pt-events/geneva-peace-talks-2018/>
- GPT18 was organized on the International Day of Peace (21 September) by UNOG, Interpeace and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, with support from the Swiss Confederation and the Canton and City of Geneva.

London Peace Talks (led by Interpeace)

- Interpeace organized a Peace Talks in London on 11 December 2018, featuring eight inspiring speakers.
- Best of London Peace Talks can be viewed [here](#).
- The London Peace Talks featured the youngest-ever Peace Talks speaker nine-year-old Bana Alabed.

Quotes from the Geneva Peace Talks 2018

Until we have gender justice, there will be neither development nor peace.

Monika Hauser, Medical doctor and founder of Medica Mondiale

We want kids to be surrendered by books, not guns. We want more leaders in this world, not victims. We want this generation to be educated. We need this youth to build a country.

Aya Mohammed Abdullah, Refugee, student and Youth Delegate to the UN Refugee Agency

Behind every migrant there is a story, and behind that story there is a human being.

Hacene Ouahmane, Social workers based in Geneva:

If we expect the peace we're building to outlive us, we must be actively passing it on by crossing generational borders – building peacebuilders who can continue that process.

Wala' Alsmadi and Zakaria EL Baba, Peacebuilders working with Generations For Peace

2. Networking peacebuilding resources

Silo-busting for more effective peacebuilding practice is at the core of the Platform's mandate. In order to support this objective, the Platform advanced the following events and initiatives in 2018.

2.1 Annual Retreat

The first ever Annual Retreat brought together the Platform's Advisory Board, and Steering- and Management Committees. It was held on 1 March 2018 at the Château Prangins, close to Nyon (VD). 24 colleagues braved the heavy snow for a full day to explore opportunities of strategic alignment of various collaborative convening and networking mechanisms that the Platform has nurtured over the last decade. The retreat reflected on (a) the contours of a proactive process; (b) the substantive and practical elements to advance a proactive initiative; and (c) opportunities and risks associated with Platform activities.



Hans Born, Madeleine Evans, Andrea Aeby, Sascha Meuter, Florence Foster, and Annika Hilding Norberg on their way to the Annual Retreat in the Chateau de Prangins (Canton de Vaud). © GPP

2.2 Technical Working Groups

Technical Working Groups are an instrument to network and advance new knowledge and thinking on peacebuilding. The TWG format is also an effective means to manage exchanges across sectors and institutions, and between smaller expert groups with the result of deeper network relationships. In 2018, The Platform focused on three specific topics.

Urban Safety and Peacebuilding: The TWG on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice gathered key insights in the edited volume on *Urban Safety and Peacebuilding: New Perspectives on Sustaining Peace in the City* (edited by A. Wennmann and O. Jütersonke), including the following chapters:

Understanding the Grammar of the City: Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice through a Semiotic Lens, *Jonathan Luke Austin & Oliver Jütersonke*

Urban Safety and Crime Prevention: Architectural Perspectives from Quito and Guayaquil, *Cynthia López Rueda & Luna Cara*

Gangland Terra Nullius: Violence, Territoriality, and the Bottom-up Spaces of Peacebuilding in Urban Nicaragua, *Dennis Rodgers*

Negotiating with Criminal Groups: From Prejudice to Pragmatism, *Hugo van den Eertwegh*

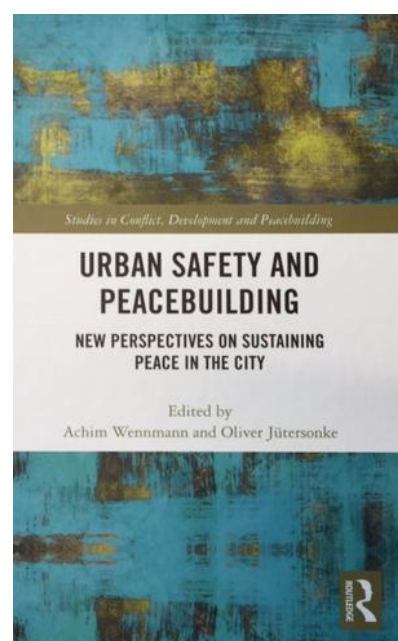
'Pay Up or Get Hurt': What Extortion Says About Urban Governance and How it Might Be Curbed, *Tuesday Reitano & Mark Shaw*

Beyond the Usual Suspects: Gender Considerations on the Interface between Urban Safety and Peacebuilding, *Jennifer Erin Salahub & Mayssam D. Zaaroura*

The Intersection of Community Crime Prevention and Security Sector Reform, *Peter Homel & Nicolas Masson*

Safe Services in Unsafe Cities: The ICRC and Urban Services in Armed Conflict and Urban Violence, *Hugo Slim, Caroline Putman-Cramer, Evaristo De Pinho Oliveira & Rachel Banfield*

Daring the Unconventional on the Pathways for Peace: On the "How" of Sustaining Peace in the City, *Achim Wennmann*



Selected findings from the book *Urban Safety and Peacebuilding* (Routledge, 2019)

- A lot of what is called 'peacebuilding' already happens in cities, it is just not called by that name. The important work of violence interruption, community-based programmes, or truce facilitation all happens without being called 'peacebuilding'.
- The book underlines the importance of thinking in spatial terms – such as by creating 'spaces of encounter' or 'spaces of exception' – and the centrality of participatory processes that involve all urban safety and security actors in deliberation. What is more, policy-makers need to take political economy realities of why people engage in some form of violence or extortion more seriously.
- Policy-makers should wake up and face the realities of cities. Being stuck at the national level, many do not ask how the implementation of global agendas is supposed to work in the city. Global policy receives a reality check at the city gate as the built environment tends to separate people and create spaces of exclusion rather than spaces of inclusion.
- Spatial realities in cities and the ambitions of the SDGs are worlds apart. In order to advance the SDG, policy-makers should recognize the work that already happens at the city level – even if it does not fit existing labels of international support – and assess how best to accompany such efforts.

Feasibility Study on a Geneva Cities Initiative

With the support of the Swiss Confederation and the City of Geneva, the Platform commissioned a feasibility study to inform the decision making about a Geneva Cities Initiative and provide recommendations about practical options to advance such deeper partnership on city-level expertise, networks and activities between different Geneva-based institutions. The final report was completed in May 2018 and the Platform facilitated various consultations. These highlighted three avenues for action:

- *An interface for city delegations in Geneva:* In order to respond to the increasing number of city delegations visiting Geneva, there is a need for increased capacities to manage the official dimension for visiting city representatives.
- *A platform on urban diplomacy:* City-level networking and expertise is currently dispersed across a wide range of actors and sectors in International Geneva. A platform on urban diplomacy could aggregate this collective potential following the rational of many other platforms in International Geneva.
- *Network development in the humanitarian and prevention/peacebuilding sphere:* The development of city-level expertise, networks and activities can focus on the humanitarian and prevention/peacebuilding sphere, these constitute two niche areas in which Geneva has a comparative advantage.

The Platform maintains a reference group including a variety of stakeholders with an interest in urban issues and convened this group on an ad-hoc basis three times in 2018.

Trade for Peace: The World Trade Organization's Accessions Division and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform initiated an informal exchange between trade and peacebuilding experts on the topic 'Trade for Peace'. The initiative builds on the need for a better understanding of the interface between peace and trade in the 21 countries in accession processes with the WTO. Further exchanges will build on the recommendations from the WTO Second Regional Dialogue on WTO Accessions for the Greater Horn of Africa held in Djibouti from 3 to 6 December 2018 under the theme of 'Trade for Peace through WTO Accessions'. The Regional Dialogue emphasized that the WTO accession process is an important component of the post-conflict recovery plans of fragile states, as the WTO accession process enables states to establish credible economic and trade policy frameworks, and to promote transparency and good governance as part of WTO accession-related reforms. The WTO was also invited to define its role in how trade and the WTO could contribute to the peacebuilding efforts around the world.

Reducing armed violence everywhere: The Platform has convened three informal meeting with practice leaders on armed violence reduction. In preparation of the focus on SDG16+ during the High Level Political Forum in 2019, the Platform collaborated with the Pathfinders Initiative of the Centre for International Cooperation of New York University to explore how the expertise and know-how of Geneva could contribute to this global effort. As a preliminary result of these exchanges, the Platform may focus its efforts on networking the 'doers' of violence reduction at the subnational level (e.g. cities, neighbourhoods) that are personally involved in the reduction and prevention of violence. This effort would expand the notion about 'who' actually does the violence reduction and prevention work while connecting violence reduction to the 'localisation agenda' of international assistance.

2.3 Network management

The Platform has started to streamline the administration of its network along three categories:

- **Global contact database for communication campaigns:** The contact network of the Platform has remained stable at about 4,000 individual. In 2018, a total of 17 mail-chimp campaigns were sent to this network.
- **Speaker network:** The Platform has created a database of all speakers that have ever spoken at Platform events. This database now includes over 800 individuals.
- **Expert networks:** Building on the experts taking parts in the various TWG exchanges, the Platform has initiated a process to constitute sub-groups on urban diplomacy, violence reduction, business and conflict risk mitigation, and 'local' peacebuilders.

Networking outside of Geneva: The Executive Coordinator attended 21 conferences and workshops in 2018 in a role of speaker, moderator or resource person. These took place primarily in Geneva but also in New York, Kuala Lumpur, Washington DC, Berlin, Bonn, Beirut, Cambridge, Stockholm, Tunis, Guadalajara, Fribourg, Florence, London, and Brussels.

3. Convening on peacebuilding issues and context

A key mandate of the Platform is to ensure the continuous exchange of information through seminars, consultations, and conferences, and to facilitate outcome-oriented dialogues on peacebuilding practice. In 2018, the Platform convened the following events.

The Annual Meeting

- The Annual Meeting, *Building Peace in a Turbulent World: Towards Sober Judgement and Effective Responses* took place on Monday, 5 November 2016, 13.00-18.00. It was attended by a total of 205 people and set the scene for the theme of GPW18.
- The rationale and programme of the Annual Meeting was developed collaboratively with the Management Committee and Advisory Board Members, and was an agenda item of the Annual Retreat.
- For the first time, a theatre sketch, in collaboration with award-winning South African playwright Mike van Graan, was incorporated into the Annual Meeting and was received with much enthusiasm..

Briefings and meetings

- The Platform co-convened a total of 18 events with numerous partners, which included a wide variety of formats from informal meetings, panels, public events and retreats.
- The convening of events is one of the vehicles for the Platform to bring together its diverse range of peacebuilding stakeholders in Geneva and to ensure dynamic network interactions.
- The event with the President of the General Assembly, Miroslav Lajčák (27 February) and event organized as part of the World Bank's Fragility Forum (5 March) highlight the Platform's role as a docking station into the Geneva peacebuilding space.

Ad-hoc meetings

- This year the Platform organized five short-notice requests for informal exchanges on peacebuilding issues with senior peacebuilding actors visiting Geneva. In December, one such meeting took place with Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat.
- The Platform collaborated with the Geneva Think Tank Hub to convene breakfast meetings focusing on regional issues. These ad-hoc gatherings will take place as of early 2019 and focus on peace and security issues in Latin America.



Meeting with Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif
18 December 2018 © GPP



Speakers of the Platform discussion during the World
Urban Forum, 12 February 2018 © GPP

The United Nations Approach to Sustaining Peace: Insights for the High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace of the General Assembly

Hosted by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) under the auspices of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and with the participation of the President of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, this informal breakfast meeting identified key elements from a Geneva perspective ahead of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (24 and 25 April 2018). The meeting identified key avenues for strengthening the UN's approach to sustaining peace including the following propositions:

- Improving the understanding of root drivers of violent conflict and engaging in strengthened conflict analysis, including of the political economy;
- Enhancing approaches to identifying early warning signals, including by building the capacity of civil society and the private sector to play their role and highlight public concerns; and
- Recognizing that peace agreements are not a panacea, and that significant efforts are required in their follow-up to build the resilience and legitimacy of both existing and newly established state institutions.

The meeting also emphasized the crosscutting theme of dealing with the tension between the UN's mandate to develop universal concepts and the reality that these should be adjusted to specific regional, national and local needs.

2018	Event Name	Partner/s	Attendance	Location
February				
12	Sustaining Peace through Urban Safety: Chartering Key Lessons for the UN High-Level Forum	CCDP, DCAF	28	Kuala Lumpur (World Urban Forum)
27	The United Nations Approach to Building Peace: Insights for the High Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace of the General Assembly	DCAF	27	Maison de la Paix Geneva
27	Ukraine: Perspectives on Conflict and Peace	N/A	25	Maison de la Paix Geneva
March				
5	Extractive Industries and Violent Conflict: Challenges and Opportunities	World Bank	100	Washington (Fragility Forum)
22	Contribution of transitional justice to the prevention of mass atrocities: A discussion with Pablo de Greiff	OHCHR	52	Maison de la Paix Geneva
April				
9	Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict	UNDP, UNDP, World Bank	180	Palais des Nations
June				
12	Understanding the Spread of Autocracy: Did Democracy promotion fail? What are the future options for building peaceful and inclusive societies?	N/A	18	Maison de la Paix Geneva
September				
19	Trade for Peace	WTO	50	Maison de la Paix Geneva
21	Geneva Peace Talks	Interpeace UNOG	639	Palais de Nations
November				
1	AVR Agenda, 16.1 & HLPF	Center on International Cooperation, New York	10	Maison de la Paix Geneva
5	Annual Meeting of the Platform	N/A	205	Maison de la Paix Geneva
5	Opening Reception	Swiss Mission	150	Maison de la Paix Geneva
5	Theatre Play: "Human Frights"	MVG Productions	160	Maison de la Paix Geneva
6	Townhall Meeting with H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic	DCAF	50	Maison de la Paix Geneva
6	Addressing Group Violence and Community Resilience Across Contexts	Chemonics International, National Network for Safer Communities, The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime	70	Maison de la Paix Geneva
6	Theatre Play : When Swallows Cry	MVG Productions	130	Maison de la Paix Geneva
28	OECD Report States of Fragility 2018	DCAF, OECD	30	WMO Salle Kreuzel
December				
18	Informal meeting with Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat	N/A	15	Maison de la Paix Geneva

4. Knowledge capture and management

The Platform advanced a variety of efforts in 2018 to strengthen its knowledge capture and management. These efforts focused on the Platform web-presence and social media outreach, and as all as a digital audit.

Website: In March 2018 the Platform launched its new website www.gpplatform.ch. This launch was the culmination of an 18-month process led by the Platform's Communication Manager and a consultant. Google Analytics data from the Platform's website highlights in the period March-December 2018:

- 30'000 total page views;
- Visitors from 166 countries;
- Top 5 visitor origins: Switzerland (34%), USA (12%), France (7%), India (5%), UK (4%), Germany (2.5%); and
- Most viewed page: Annual Meeting 2018.

Social Media: The Platform's social media accounts (Twitter: @GPPlatform / Facebook: @GenevaPeacebuildingPlatform) have observed a stable growth of followers over the last three years. Between 2017 and 2018 Twitter grew from 73,000 to 130,000 and Facebook from 10,000 to 94,000. In addition, more content has been shared via the Platform's LinkedIn account.

Faces of Peace: The series "[Faces of Peace](#)" was published on the Platform's website highlighting personality portraits from a selection of Geneva-based colleagues working directly within – or relevant to – the peacebuilding field.

Video content: In 2018 there was also a greater focus on video content this year with a total of [22 videos](#) being produced for Geneva Peace Week.

Digital Audit of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform: This audit develops a framework for a digital strategy of the Platform by proposing stakeholder review and targeting, content management and an integrated communications strategy. It reviews the Platform current digital ecosystem and content marketing approach, as well as functionalities of the Platform's website and social media tools. The study contributes to the larger reflections about the Platform's target groups, purpose and knowledge management in the broader peacebuilding field. The study was drafted by Madeline Evans.

GDPR: The Platform has started a process to implement the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

The Platform in 2018

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Outlook

31 January	Kick-off to the Breakfast Series on Latin America Peace and Security Issues Updates with an update on Nicaragua by Prof. Denis Rodgers. The Breakfast Series is a collaboration between DCAF's Latin America Division, The Geneva Think Tank Hub and the Platform.
15 February	Workshop on Trade for Peace co-convened with the World Trade Organization and in collaboration with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.
7 March	Annual Retreat of the Platform's Advisory Board.
20 September	Geneva Peace Talks.
4-8 November	Geneva Peace Week.

About the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

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 professionals working on building peace directly or indirectly. The Platform provides policy-relevant advice and services, ensures the continuous exchange of information through seminars, consultations, and conferences, and facilitates outcome-oriented dialogues on peacebuilding practice.

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