Throughout the year, the international community gathers at UN Geneva to find solutions to some of the world’s most pressing challenges. UN Geneva is a hub of multilateral activity, welcoming Member States, international organizations, civil society, youth, the private sector and more.

Facilitating multilateralism at UN Geneva:

behind the scenes

UN Geneva is one of the largest conference centres in Europe. In 2022, we organized nearly 8,000 meetings. About 4,500 were in-person meetings and about 3,400 hybrid, with the rest held virtually. Nearly 40% of the meetings included interpretation services.

A wide range of teams work together at UN Geneva to ensure that meetings, conferences and events run smoothly. Below is a snapshot of just some of the people who work behind the scenes to make multilateral diplomacy at UN Geneva a success.

The Security and Safety Service’s DetEx K9 Unit searches a conference room to ensure it is safe for meeting participants.
Translators and revisers translate meeting documents into the six official UN languages.

An editor revises documents for a meeting to ensure that they are of the highest quality.

Staff members from the Division of Conference Management work on Indico, the portal that people use to register for meetings and events at UN Geneva.

A graphic designer works on a report.

A desktop publishing specialist prepares the layout of a document for a meeting.
In UN Geneva’s print shop, a staff member oversees the printing of documentation and publications.

Staff members from the Division of Conference Management hand out conference documents at a distribution counter.

Security and Safety Service officers assist persons with disabilities in accessing the Palais des Nations.

Security and Safety Service officers set up X-ray screening equipment in front of a conference room.

Protocol staff and Security and Safety Service officers prepare to welcome high-level visitors to a meeting at UN Geneva.
A staff member from the Office of the Director-General sets up nameplates for a meeting.

Cleaning staff prepare a meeting room in Building H.

A staff member of the Geneva branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs assists delegates.

Staff from the Geneva branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs set up a meeting room for a side event.
Interpreters provide simultaneous oral translation of conference and meeting proceedings.

A sign language interpreter communicates conference proceedings in International Sign.

Staff of the UN Library and Archives Geneva facilitate an online event.

A Security and Safety Service officer watches over a meeting.

A videographer with the United Nations Information Service in Geneva records conference proceedings.
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A staff member of the United Nations Information Service in Geneva provides technical moderation at a press briefing.

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A staff member of the United Nations Information Service in Geneva captures activities for social media.

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The webcast team of the United Nations Information Service in Geneva broadcasts conference proceedings via UN Web TV.

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