

Staff visit Building A during the August 2025 Open House, passing through the Pas perdue near the iconic Assembly Hall, which has since resumed hosting conferences.

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Chapter 2

Supporting our ecosystem

Multilateralism is sustained not only by negotiations, but also by the relationships, exchanges and partnerships that connect people across borders and generations. Throughout 2025, UN Geneva brought together and supported youth, diplomats, academics, civil society and local communities through exhibitions, dialogues, cultural initiatives and learning opportunities, helping to strengthen the ecosystem that supports international cooperation.



High-level meeting: from promise to impact

16 January

Participants gathered at the Palais des Nations for the high-level meeting on the theme “From promise to impact: implementing the Pact for the Future and COP29 commitments”, organized by UN Geneva and the Nizami Ganjavi International Center. The event brought together leaders and experts to advance dialogue on multilateral cooperation, sustainable development and climate action.

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17 Faces of Action exhibition

5 February

The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, opened the *17 Faces of Action* photo exhibition, which highlighted the importance of the role of women in advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. This inspiring exhibition showcased stories of women driving progress on gender equality and sustainable development.

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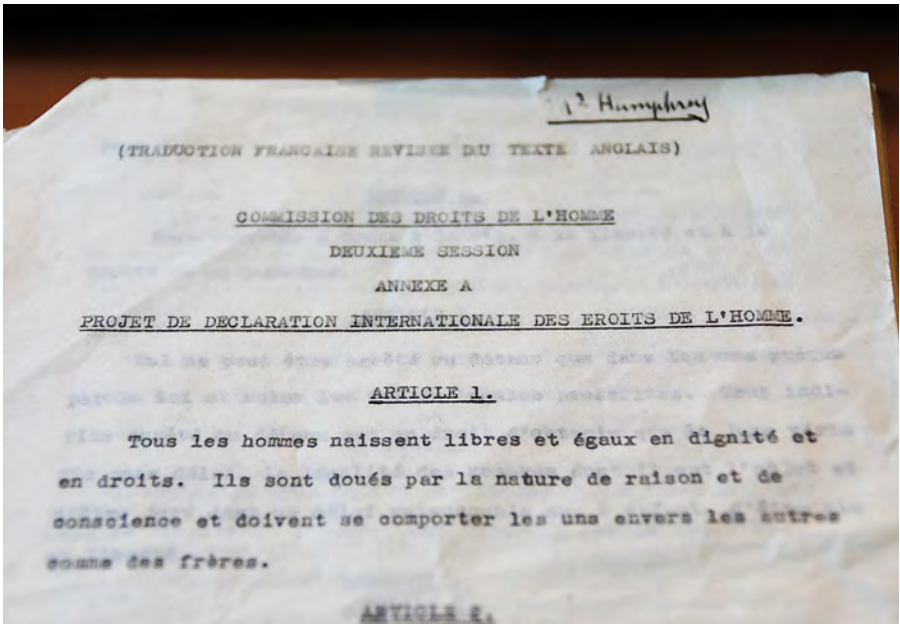


Broken Chair reopened

20 May

The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, joined Handicap International Suisse and partners at the reopening of the Broken Chair monument on the Place des Nations. A symbol of resilience, humanitarian action and the fight against landmines and cluster munitions, the monument remains one of Geneva’s most recognized landmarks.

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Memory of the World Register

10 June

In 2025, the archives and official documents related to the drafting of the International Bill of Human Rights, held by the UN Library and Archives Geneva, were included in the Memory of the World Register, maintained by UNESCO. The inclusion recognizes the global significance of these unique collections and their contribution to the world’s documentary heritage.

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Women leading in multilateralism exhibition

24 June

The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, opened the exhibition *Not a Woman’s Job?: Women Leading in Multilateralism and Diplomacy* at the Palais des Nations. The exhibition highlighted the contributions of women leaders to diplomacy and international cooperation while exploring the evolving role of women in multilateralism.

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Mix & Mash

25 June

As part of the celebrations for the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations, UN Geneva relaunched the Mix & Mash event. Bringing together colleagues, diplomats, local organizations and community partners, the event encouraged new conversations and interaction between International Geneva and the local community, with a view to building connections, one conversation at a time.

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UN80 youth event

26 June

As part of the celebrations for the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations, UN Geneva and the Geneva Graduate Institute convened a dialogue on the future of multilateralism. At the event, diplomats, United Nations staff and young people explored youth perspectives on global challenges and the role of future generations in shaping international cooperation.

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10 Years of International Gender Champions

3 July

The Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, participated in an event marking the tenth anniversary of the International Gender Champions initiative. Founded in Geneva, the initiative brings together leaders from international organizations, Governments and civil society to advance gender equality and foster inclusive leadership.

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Annual Graduate Study Programme

30 June–11 July

The sixty-third edition of the Annual Graduate Study Programme brought 52 participants from 41 countries to the Palais des Nations under the theme “UN80: building our future together”. Facilitated by 37 speakers, moderators and mentors, the programme offered participants an opportunity to deepen their understanding of multilateralism and global cooperation.

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What’s next on accounting for the future?

30 September

At Building Bridges 2025, UN Geneva and its partners convened “What’s next on accounting for the future?”, a Beyond Lab discussion exploring how Governments, international organizations, young people and the financial sector can better integrate long-term perspectives into policy and decision-making.

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Vigne des Nations ceremony

9 October

To mark the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations, the United Nations and the canton of Geneva presented the 2024 vintage of the Vigne des Nations to UN Geneva, in recognition of the enduring contribution made by the United Nations to peace, human rights and sustainable development.

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Health Day

16 October

As part of the United Nations system workplace mental health and well-being strategy, the UN Geneva Medical Service, together with Clinique La Lignière, hosted a wellness day at the Palais des Nations, offering staff free health screenings, advice and resources to support physical and mental well-being.

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Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism partnership

Ongoing

The UN Library and Archives Geneva strengthened its partnership with the Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism at the Geneva Graduate Institute with regard to digitizing selected United Nations documents and archives and developing new tools for research and access. These efforts are helping preserve institutional memory while enabling new analysis of multilateralism and international relations.

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Multilingualism and Language Days

Multiple dates

UN Geneva celebrated multilingualism throughout the year through the observance of the six United Nations language days and International Mother Language Day. Activities included cultural events, awareness-raising campaigns and interactive initiatives promoting linguistic diversity and the role of languages in fostering dialogue and mutual understanding.

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Promoting disability inclusion

Multiple dates

Through exhibitions, awareness-raising campaigns and immersive virtual reality experiences, UN Geneva promoted greater understanding of disability inclusion throughout 2025. These initiatives engaged staff, delegates, members of non-governmental organizations and the public, encouraging dialogue on accessibility, representation and inclusive participation.

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Cultural activities

Ongoing

Through its cultural activities programme, UN Geneva continued to provide a platform for artistic expression, dialogue and cultural exchange. In 2025, exhibitions organized with Member States and partners included *From Imaginary to Reality*, showcasing contemporary Estonian art, and *Portraits of Resilience*, a powerful photography exhibition highlighting the experiences and resilience of survivors of torture.

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Gender equality and women's empowerment

Ongoing

Through initiatives promoting gender equality and inclusive leadership, UN Geneva continued to support efforts to challenge stereotypes and expand opportunities for women across the multilateral system.

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United Nations Women's Guild-Geneva bazaar

9 December 2025

Held in and around the newly reopened Assembly Hall, the annual United Nations Women's Guild-Geneva bazaar celebrated the diversity and generosity of the international community. Coinciding with the eightieth anniversary of the United Nations and the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Guild in Geneva, the event continued to raise funds for educational and humanitarian projects supporting women and children around the world.

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