

GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2022

Final Report

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1. BACKGROUND

Geneva Peace Week (GPW) is a flagship initiative of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (GPP) in collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), and the Platform's five partners – the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP); DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance; the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); Interpeace; and the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO), with the support of Switzerland.

Geneva Peace Week is a leading annual forum in the international peacebuilding calendar in which organizations in Geneva and their international partners come together to share knowledge and practice on a diverse range of topics relating to the promotion of peace across contexts and disciplines.

The *GPW Final Report* provides key data including highlights of programmatic successes and innovations. This report is intended to contribute to the ongoing reflections about improving GPW in 2023, especially in anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week as well as to a strategic review.

2. GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2022

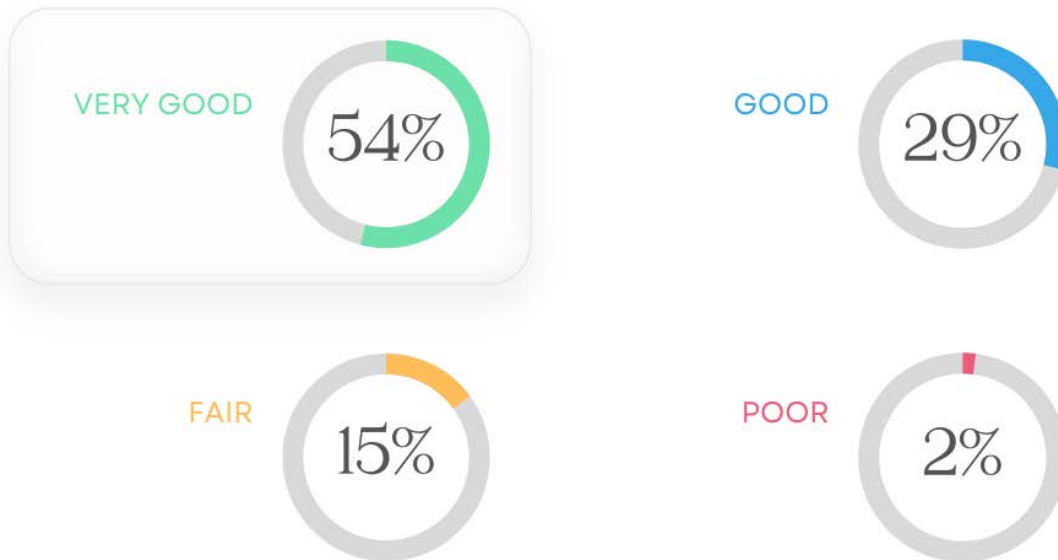
GPW22 took place from 31 October to 4 November 2022 at the Maison de la Paix Campus, in facilities of the Geneva Graduate Institute, the Geneva Center for Security Policy and the Geneva Graduate Institute's Conference Center. After two editions that were held almost fully online due to the global pandemic (in 2021, the Opening and Closing ceremonies were held in hybrid), considerable efforts have been made to offer as many traditional in person events as possible while keeping some sessions online to retain the reach and expansion that was successfully achieved in prior editions.

A. GPW22 KEY FIGURES

- 4 thematic tracks
- 92 sessions applications
- [125](#) partner organisations
- 1632 registrations from 119 countries
- 53 events in total
- 9 high level panels
- 34 online and in person workshops
- 2860 total sessions attendance
- 21 Digital series including 1900 streams and listens as of 11 January 2023

The overall experience of attendees was very satisfactory with 83% of attendees who rated their experience at the GPW22 as good or very good.

SATISFACTION RATE



Find below a sample of registration (online or in person) per country:

Country	Registration
Belgium	27
France	45
Germany	45
India	21
Kenya	23
Netherlands	26
Switzerland	577
United Kingdom	68
United States	95

The majority of attendees (online or in person) came from the 1) NGO sector 2) Academia 3) International Organisations. Further details are here below:

Sector	Registration
Academia	357
Government	139
Private Sector	77
International organisations	240
NGOs	443
Students	275

Importantly, this 9th edition managed to attract a new audience with a majority of participants that attended the GPW for the first time:

Prior attendance	Registration
Never before	879
Once	211
Twice	91
Three times	50

Here below the age span of attendees:

Age category	Registration
18-24	196
25-34	440
35-44	275
45-54	206
55-65	48

B. THEMATIC PROGRAMME

The programme was developed through an inductive process beginning with the review of 92 session applications received in June 2022, based on the overarching theme “Peace is possible”. As with other years, these applications offered an opportunity to identify innovative practice and key thought leadership in peacebuilding across the world. The very high quality of the applications led to the elaboration of a full programme developed along four thematic tracks:

1. Rights, inequalities and peace: Navigating tensions, finding opportunities
2. Moving beyond securitization: Risk management and new horizons for peacebuilding
3. Digital peace: The power and limits of innovation in peacebuilding
4. Cultivating cooperation: Environmental challenges and opportunities for peace in a new age of insecurity

a. Opening day and closing session

Organised by the GPP in partnership with the GCSP and Principles for Peace, the opening day, composed of five panels, took place on Monday 31 October 2022 and welcomed a prestigious array of guests to discuss the overarching theme “Peace is possible”:

Event	Number of Attendees
Peace is possible: a view from policy leaders	110
Hopes for the future: a youth perspective on peace	72
Making peace possible - What's "New" on the new agenda for peace?	101
Reshaping peace processus: catalysing collective change	112
Opening Ceremony	167

The day opened with a discussion between members of the Steering Committee of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform that included heads of its core partners: **Prof. Keith Krause** for the Geneva Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP); **Mark Downes** for DCAF- Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance; **Amb. Thomas Greminger** for the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); **Simon Gimson** for Interpeace; and **Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge** for the Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva (QUNO). It was moderated by **Hiba Qasas** of Principles for Peace.



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The day followed with story telling from young peacebuilders that shared their experiences through the lens of our four thematic tracks: digital peace, environmental challenges, moving beyond securitization and rights and inequalities.

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After a lunch break offered by the GPW, the day started again with a third panel organised by the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), that focused on the upcoming New Agenda for Peace with the following guests:

- **H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini**, President, International Peace Institute;
- **Elizabeth Spehar**, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, United Nations (online);
- **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy;
- **Jolie-Ruth Morand**, Project Coordinator, Sub-Saharan Africa Division, DCAF - Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance;
- **Dr. Adam Day**, Director, United Nations University Center for Policy Research in Geneva.



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Another special event was organised by the **Principles for Peace initiative**, a global participatory initiative to develop a new set of principles, standards and norms that will fundamentally reshape how peace processes are structured, sequenced and actualized. Among their invited guests, two ambassadors joined the discussion, namely, **Amb. Anna Jardfelt**, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the International Organisations in Geneva, and **Amb. Hans-Peter Jugel**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the International Organisations in Geneva.

The day closed with the GPW22 Opening Ceremony that included official addresses from **Amb. Jürg Lauber**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United

Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva and **Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General of the United Nations at Geneva via video message. The session continued with a conversation with **Volker Türk**, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for his first public intervention since he took up his official functions on 17 October 2022. The ceremony ended with a panel discussion between **Margot Wallström**, Chair of the Environment of Peace initiative, former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Commissioner for the Environment and UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, **Hina Jilani**, Member of the Elders, Lawyer and Civil Society Activist, Leading Activist in Pakistan's women's movement and international champion of human rights (online) and **Achim Wennmann**, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Geneva Graduate Institute.



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The Closing Session took place on Friday 4 November 2022 and featured a conversation with **Fionnuala Ní Aoláin**, the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, based on her latest report *Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism* (September 2022). Track leads, **Florence Foster**, Representative for Peace and Disarmament at the Quaker United Nations Office, **Annika Erickson-Pearson**, Community Management Lead at the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, **Dr. Andreas Hirblinger**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Center on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Geneva Graduate Institute and **Dr. Annyssa Bellal**, Executive Coordinator of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform closed the GPW with a wrap up of key messages and topics discussed throughout the week in front of an audience of 72 attendees.

Recordings are now available on the GPW's [Youtube](#) channel.

b. High Level Panels

From Tuesday to Thursday, the GPP and other core partners such as the CCDP, QUNO or Alp Analytica, organised 3 high level panels under the impulse of the GPW track leads, namely **Florence Foster**, **Oli Brown & Annika Erickson-Pearson** and **Dr. Andreas Hirblinger**, on the following tracks: Cultivating cooperation: Environmental challenges and opportunities for peace in a new age of insecurity, Digital peace: The power and limits of innovation in peacebuilding and Rights, inequalities and peace: Navigating tensions, finding opportunities. An average of 70 persons attended each of these events.

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c. Workshops

One of the innovations of the 2022 edition was the emphasis on interactive sessions. Partner organizations were invited to design workshops that were practitioner-led and interactive, with the aim of offering attendees the opportunity to exchange and share knowledge, good practices, and peacebuilding skills to apply in their daily work. It was recommended that organisers ensure input from speakers be less than 50% of the session time and to foster, to the extent possible, small working groups to achieve goals set by the application criteria. In total, 16 workshops took place in person while 18 occurred online.

In person workshops

In person workshops took place either at the Conference Center or at the GCSP. Due to room capacity but also considering the workshop modalities, attendance was limited to in-person only with a maximum of 40 participants per session, with the possibility to accept last minute participants on a first come first served basis. Attendees' selection was conducted by organisations leading each workshop prior to the start of the GPW.



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Cultivating cooperation: Environmental challenges and opportunities for peace in a new age of insecurity

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
United States Institute of Peace, Duke University, The Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding	Climate change and migration: Opportunities for urban peacebuilding	41
KAICIID Dialogue Centre, World Vision International, the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development, World Council of Churches	Faith-based action to foster peaceful societies affected by climate change	20
SIPRI- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, University of Geneva	An environment of peace is possible: Ensuring peaceful ecosystem restoration in a new era of risk	33

The Institute for Climate and Peace, NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	Advancing peace through climate resilience: An action planning workshop to accelerate change within one year	21
UNIDIR- UN Institute for Disarmament Research, UNU-CPR, FDFA - Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs	Countering climate-change-driven recruitment into armed groups to build a peaceful, climate resilient future	33

Digital Peace: The Power and Limits of Innovation in Peacebuilding

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
Fondation Hironnelle, Interpeace, ICT4Peace Foundation, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies	Digital spaces: Risks and opportunities for peace	45
Kofi Annan Foundation, The Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Search for Common Ground	Exploring ethics-driven digital peacebuilding: How to promote the good use of technologies beyond "do no harm"	27
International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, Hedayah	Youth Innovates for digital peace	35

Rights, Inequalities and Peace: navigating tensions, finding opportunities

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
WHO- World Health Organisation, Interpeace, FAO - UN Food and Agriculture Organization, IOM - International Organization for Migration, ILO - International Labour Organization, The Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, UNFPA - UN Population Fund, UNICEF - UN Children's Fund	Sustaining peace in practice: Breaking down the silos between humanitarian, development and peace action	43

ILO- International Labour Organization, International Trade Union Confederation, International Organization of Employers, CCDP	Promoting labour rights and decent work for social justice and peace in conflict-affected countries	40
US Department of State	Moving beyond tokenism: Intersectionality of women in peace processes	52
GAAMAC, The Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes, ODIHR - The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, GCR2P - The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, CADHA - African Coordination of Human Rights for the Armed Forces, Geneva Call	Promoting human rights as an atrocity prevention mechanism: Engaging armed and security forces and non-state actors	28
Interpeace	From outside the box to around the table: Inclusion of youth in peacebuilding and peacemaking	48

Moving beyond securitization: Risk management and new horizons for peacebuilding

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
Small arms survey, UNDP Joint RBAS and RBA	Violent extremism threat assessment in selected regions of the Southern Libyan borderlands and North-Western Nigeria	26
GCERF- The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund, Atlantic Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Community Development Fund in Kosovo, Terre Des Hommes in Albania, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association in North Macedonia	A Western Balkans regional approach to sustainable rehabilitation, reintegration, and aftercare of returnees from Syria and Iraq	27
The Asia Foundation, FCDO - Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center, Rift Valley Institute	Local, people-focused policymaking: Addressing securitization in conflict zones in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia	21



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Online workshops

Online workshops ran in parallel to those onsite and were held on Zoom with the technical support of Virtual Assistants hired and trained by the GPP. Taking into account the workshop modalities participation was limited to no more than 100 attendees.

Cultivating cooperation: Environmental challenges and opportunities for peace in a new age of insecurity

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
Adelphi, United Nations University, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform	Weathering risk: Regional conflict prevention for climate insecurity in the Pacific	30
PAX for peace, UNEP - UN Environment Programme, Search for Common Ground, DHI	Nature-based solutions for peace and security: Examples, approaches and tools	50
FriEnt - Working Group on Peace and Development, SiLNoRF - Sierra Leone Network on the Right to Food, Quaker United Nations Office, Swedwatch	Moving beyond greening the economy: Linking conflict-sensitivity, climate change and human rights in the shift toward sustainable and just economic systems	35

Conservation International, Cetus Global	Strengthening conflict analysis for conservation that supports local peace: Examining the case of the WAP park complex in West Africa	10
Universalia, The World Bank, Environmental Law Institute	Crafting effective monitoring & evaluation frameworks: Lessons learned from environmental peacebuilding	25

Digital Peace: The Power and Limits of Innovation in Peacebuilding

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
UNDP- UN Development Programme, United Nations University	Using digital tools and behavioural insights (BI) to measure and design peacebuilding interventions in the online space: Lessons learned	60
NYU's Center on International Cooperation, Swisspeace, DreamSpace Academy, Omdena	Step-by-step guide on automated hate speech detection: Lessons for local peacebuilders	35
UN Mediation Support Unit, Swisspeace, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue	Social media and peace processes: Countering social media mis- and disinformation in conflict zones	40
CMI- Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, UN DPPA Mediation Support Unit, CyberPeace Institute	Peace mediation in safer spaces: Digital risk management and cybersecurity awareness for mediation practitioners and peacebuilders	25

Rights, Inequalities and Peace: navigating tensions, finding opportunities

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
TrustWorks Global, De Pury Pictet Turrettini	Investing for peace: How can investors and businesses contribute to peace in fragile and conflict-affected settings (FCS)?	40
Fight for Humanity, Berghof Foundation	Observe and act: What can participatory research tell us about the role of armed and political movements in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325?	60
DCAF, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, GANHRI - the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions	National human rights institutions in conflict-affected and fragile settings: Examining their contribution to SDG 16 and the sustaining peace agenda	82
FAO- UN World Food Programme, WFP - UN World Food Programme, Concern Worldwide, World Vision International, Norwegian Refugee Council	Food security for peace: Exploring pathways to build peace through food and agricultural interventions	40
Protecting Approaches, OHCHR - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Queering peace: LGBTI communities in armed conflict and mass atrocity	25
UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association, Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights	Intersectional approaches to prevention: Protecting the right to protest in conflict and crisis	16
Peace in our cities, Stanley Center for Peace and Security, Kroc Institute at the University of San Diego, Center on International Cooperation/Pathfinders at New York University	City-led investments for peace within a context of compounding crises	70

Moving beyond securitization: Risk management and new horizons for peacebuilding

Organisers	Workshop	Attendance
Swisspeace, World Vision, Oxfam, House of Peace, PeaceNexus	Triple Nexus in practice	35
Inclusive Peace, The Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy, German Federal Foreign Office / Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Mexican Foreign Ministry / Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN in Geneva	Increasing militarisation and feminist foreign policy: Compatible or worlds apart?	100

d. Digital Series

The 2022 Digital Series features 21 contributions, in which organisers developed their peacebuilding expertise, research, and stories into short, educational and digital formats (videos, podcasts, and other media). The Digital Series format was adapted for the GPW22 edition to bring focus on information-sharing that is concise, but in-depth, with the goal of educating online audiences on peacebuilding topics related to GPW22. The Digital Series contributions are broadcasted on the GPW website and major streaming platforms (including [YouTube](#) and [Spotify](#) etc.). The Series offers an opportunity for contributions to continue beyond Geneva Peace Week, across geographical, cultural and temporal borders. As of 11 January 2023, the Digital Series generated more than 1900 streams.

2 online sessions called “Selected Digital Series” were organised during GPW22, designed to give GPW attendees the opportunity to meet and interact with organisations that contributed to the series, with an average of 30 attendees per session.

e. Side events

Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address

The Kofi Annan Foundation, the Geneva Graduate Institute and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform organised the second edition of the Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address, a high-level lecture on peace held every year as part of Geneva Peace Week.

This Address was delivered by **Elena Zhemkova**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Russian human rights organisation Memorial, recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2022. The event was the most successful of the whole GPW22 with more than 300 attendees. The video is available [here](#).



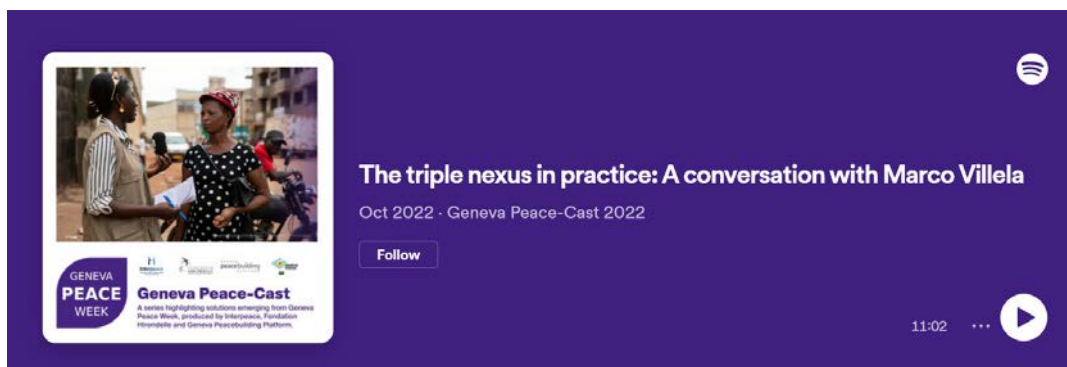
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Geneva Peace Week Radio Corner

Listen to the recordings from the official Geneva Peace Week Radio Corner, live interviews at the Opening Day, brought by Fondation Hironnelle, Interpeace, and RTS/GenèveVision [here](#).

Geneva Peace Cast

The Geneva Peace Cast is a collaboration between Interpeace, Fondation Hironnelle, and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, on the production of a podcast series during the GPW22 to amplify the discussions happening throughout Geneva Peace Week. A total of 7 episodes were produced for this second edition of the Geneva Peace Cast and are available on [Spotify](#). Each episode covers a topic discussed during GPW22 and features GPW22 guest speakers, including peacebuilders, researchers, diplomats, journalists, from all continents.



Career fair

Organised by the Career Service of IHEID, this two-day career event offered students an exciting opportunity to speak with the leading peacebuilding and peace promotion organisations and to learn about careers in the sector. The following 11 organisations were present at the career fair:

- Adelphi
- Berghof Foundation
- Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development for Peace (CD4Peace)
- CyberPeace Institute
- Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)
- Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF)
- Inclusive Peace
- Kofi Annan Foundation
- Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
- Small Arms Survey
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP)



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Peace fair

Some partner organizations, such as Alliance for Peacebuilding and ICT4Peace Foundation, had the opportunity to present their work during the Peace Fair that took place on the morning of Friday 4 November 2022. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the individuals behind the organizations, as well as to hear presentations on specific and novel projects such as the "White Paper on the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding: A stocktaking conversation".



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