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GLOBAL DIALOGUE**



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FOREWORD

DR. FABRICE CREGUT **Executive Director of the Geneva Centre**

It is with a strong sense of responsibility that I take up my role as Executive Director of the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue. I do so at a time when the international landscape is undergoing profound change. Human rights, multilateralism, and dialogue—once widely accepted as shared foundations of global cooperation—are increasingly challenged by geopolitical tensions, polarisation, and declining trust between nations.

The liquidity crisis affecting the United Nations system is only one visible symptom of a deeper structural shift. More fundamentally, we are witnessing a growing divide between cultures, regions, and political visions, which weakens collective responses to global challenges. In this context, the role of civil society organisations is more critical than ever. Together with engaged stakeholders within Permanent Missions and international organisations, the Geneva Centre has a responsibility to keep the space for dialogue open, principled, and constructive, and to help strengthen links between nations at a time when fragmentation is accelerating.

For the Centre itself, 2025 was also a year of transition. The change in Executive Director offered an opportunity not only to ensure continuity, but also to reflect and prepare for the future. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, Dr Umesh Palwankar, for the dedication and leadership he demonstrated over six years of mandate. His work has contributed significantly to the Centre's credibility and impact, and I am thankful for his support during this handover. I wish him a peaceful and well-deserved retirement.

Over the past six months, the Centre has engaged in a process of internal consolidation and strategic review. Together with the team and the Board, we clarified our core values, revisited our priorities, and refined our strategic orientation with a clear objective: to strengthen our ability to make human rights more concrete, relevant, and inspiring. This reflection was essential to ensure that our work remains both grounded in principles and responsive to today's realities.

The activities presented in this Annual Report—from policy dialogue and research to Human Rights Council reporting, public events, and awareness-raising initiatives—reflect this ambition. They also reaffirm our conviction that dialogue, when rooted in rigor, inclusivity, and mutual respect, remains a powerful tool to advance human rights, even in complex and divided contexts.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be a year of renewal for the Geneva Centre. With a committed team, a strengthened strategic framework, and trusted partners, we will continue to explore innovative ways to foster dialogue, support evidence-based policymaking, and amplify the voices of the most vulnerable and marginalised. I warmly invite our readers and partners to remain engaged with us as we work collectively for greater peace, dignity, and prosperity among nations.

Dr. Fabrice Crégut
Executive Director

OUR REACH, IN FIGURES



+150 reports

produced on **Human Rights Council** sessions, including Interactive Dialogues, thematic Panels, General Debates, UPR outcomes, and Resolutions and amendments



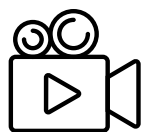
3 events organized

+30 external speakers



2 publications

1 newsletters



24 videos

produced to raise awareness on important human rights issues

PANEL EVENTS & MAJOR CONFERENCE

COUNTERING HATE SPEECH AT THE INTERSECTION OF RELIGION AND GENDER

17 JUNE 2025



On 17 June 2025, the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue, jointly with the **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)** had the pleasure of hosting a side event on the margins of the 59th session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) which offered the perfect platform to draw UNHRC stakeholders' attention to challenges and approaches to countering hate speech at the intersection of religion and gender. Given the increase in the latter, this event could have not been more timely to reflect on how to mobilise meaningful, inclusive, and gender-appropriate responses. Hosted at the United Nations in Geneva and co-chaired by **Mr. Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer OHCHR**, and Dr. Umesh Palwankar, Executive Director of the Geneva Centre, more than 100 attendants could benefit from the extensive and lived experiences of three distinguished female experts in the field.

Reflecting on a decade of sustained engagement in the human rights field, the Centre looked to the future with renewed determination. Building on its established track record, it will continue transforming dialogue into tangible action—supporting inclusive policymaking, elevating the voices of women and marginalized groups in global efforts to combat intolerance and discrimination, and proposing ways forward through analyses in its capacity as a human rights think-tank. In regard to this panel's statements and discussions, compelling illustrations were heard of how principled, multi-stakeholder engagement can turn the tide. The **Sovereign Order of Malta's** humanitarian diplomacy in Lebanon, Iraq, and Nigeria is protecting women and girls while building bridges across faith lines. The valuable contributions of **UN Women and the Baha'i International Community** enriched the panel discussion with perspectives on gender equality and inclusive faith-based engagement. Grass-roots narratives echoed this macro-level work.



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CLIMATE INEQUALITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

21 NOVEMBER 2025

On 21 November 2025, the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue, together with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, convened an international conference on “**Climate Inequality, Human Rights and Sustainable Development**” at the Palais des Nations. The event was co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Bahamas, Chile, Jordan and Vanuatu, and brought together ambassadors, senior UN officials, legal experts, academics, and civil society actors committed to addressing the growing intersection between climate change and global inequality.



The high-level opening session featured interventions by **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; **H.E. Claudia Fuentes-Julio**, Permanent Representative of Chile; **H.E. Patricia Ann Hermanns**, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas; **H.E. Akram Sa’ud Harahsheh**, Permanent Representative of Jordan; **Mr. Richardo Colmar**, Deputy Permanent of

Vanuatu; **Mr. Dimiter Chalev**, Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR; **Mr. Livio Sarandrea**, Senior Adviser on Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights, UNDP; and **Ms. Chantelle Khan**, Commissioner, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission of Fiji.

Moderated by **Prof. Surya Deva**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, and **Dr. Umesh Palwankar**, Strategic Advisor at the Geneva Centre, the session underscored that climate change is not only an environmental emergency but also an inequality multiplier and human rights crisis. High-level speakers highlighted the stark reality that the countries and communities contributing least to global emissions are facing the gravest impacts while lacking adequate resources to respond. They called for increased climate finance, effective operationalization of the loss and damage fund, strengthened early-warning systems, and renewed commitment to international cooperation grounded in equity and shared responsibility.



Subsequent sessions expanded the discussion across several thematic areas, including:

- the socio-economic impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations,
- the gendered dimensions of climate inequality,
- the intersection between environmental degradation and the rights of minorities and marginalized groups, and
- the right to development as a unifying framework linking equity, climate action, and sustainable development.

In particular, **Dr Fabrice Cregut**, Executive Director at the Geneva Centre, moderated session 3 of the conference, namely, right to development as a pathway to overcome climate inequality.

Across all panels, experts underscored that climate policies must be inclusive, accountable, and firmly grounded in international human rights standards. The conference concluded with a shared understanding that addressing climate inequality requires systemic transformation, innovative and predictable financing mechanisms, and the meaningful participation of affected communities.

AI, Humanitarian Assistance and Human Rights: From Principles to Practice

10 DECEMBER 2025

On 10 December 2025, the Geneva Centre, jointly with Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy (AGDA), organized a panel event covering AI and human rights broadly, with a focused segment on AI in humanitarian assistance. This event was part of the reinforcement of existing relationship with the Institute.

Speakers focused on the following key questions:

- How can humanitarian actors apply human rights standards in AI deployment?
- How do we prevent exclusion caused by biased or incomplete data?
- What does meaningful consent look like for crisis-affected people?
- Who is accountable when AI-assisted decisions cause harm, and what redress is available?

The poster is for a panel discussion event. At the top, it says 'Invitation Panel Discussion'. The title is 'AI, Humanitarian Assistance and Human Rights: From Principles to Practice'. Below the title, it lists the panelists: H.E. Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Dhaheeri (Opening Remarks), Dr. Fabrice Crégut, Sajeda Shawa, and Dr. Rikard Jatkebro (Moderator). The poster also features the logos of the Geneva Centre and the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy.



ADDRESSING WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' RIGHT TO HEALTH IN HUMANITARIAN AND REFUGEE CONTEXTS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO ENSURE DATA-DRIVEN RESPONSES

16 DECEMBER 2025

On 16 December 2025, the Geneva Centre, jointly with the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Geneva, organized a side event on the margins of the the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review 2025, ICCG.

The panel event

- Explored barriers and opportunities for strengthening inclusive, gender-responsive health data in refugee and humanitarian contexts.
- Highlighted practical examples from national experiences that promote equitable access to health services for women and girls.
- Identified approaches to enhance evidence-based planning and cross-sectoral cooperation that improve outcomes for both refugee and host communities.
- Encouraged dialogue on possible joint commitments and initiatives that contribute to inclusive health systems.



Ms. Reem Alsalem
United Nations Special
Rapporteur on violence
against women and girls,
its causes and
consequences



Ms. Audrey Midavaine
Health Coordinator
Rapid Deployment Standing
Team
Surge Division, ICRC



Ms. Sofia Calltorp,
Director Geneva Office
and Chief of Humanitarian
Action,
UN Women



Dr. Alia El-Yassir, Director
Gender, Equity, Diversity,
and Rights for Health,
WHO



Ms. Amal Ireifij
Director General,
Royal Health Awareness
Society


The event was moderated by **Dr Umesh Palwankar**, Strategic Advisor at the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue. The panel brought together the **UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls**, senior representatives from **UN Women, WHO and ICRC** as well as **civil society** actors committed to advancing women's and girls' right to health in humanitarian and refugee settings.

The Permanent Representative of Jordan delivered the introductory allocution, followed by statements from the panellists. The speakers observed that in contexts of humanitarian crises and forced displacement, the continuity, accessibility, and quality of health services for women and girls depend on effective coordination, adequate resources, and ensuring safe environments that upholds their dignity and well-being, including education. Across all settings, women and girls continue to face disproportionate barriers to the full realization of their right to health. Expanding access to legal documentation, livelihoods, and inclusive spaces for health and psychosocial support is essential to enabling women and girls to fulfil their potential and contribute to the resilience of their communities.

The event was attended with strong interest by several Permanent Missions, including Oman, Tunisia, Sierra Leone, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Qatar, the State of Palestine, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, and Greece. During the lively Q&A session, civil society organizations present in the room provided pertinent and critical observations. In particular, questions were raised regarding the role of artificial intelligence in data collection and its potential to address persistent data gaps, highlighting the intersectional nature of the challenges discussed.

Furthermore, participants underscored the urgent need for increased investment in women-led organizations, recognizing their central role in delivering context-sensitive, trusted, and effective responses on the ground. Greater investment was also called for in national and disaggregated data systems, as well as in data collection and analysis capacities, to ensure that policies and interventions are informed by reliable evidence and adequately reflect the lived realities of women and girls in humanitarian and refugee settings. Particular emphasis was placed on the importance of country-specific approaches, acknowledging that health needs, barriers, and solutions vary significantly across contexts and must be addressed accordingly.



 [Read more here.](#)



HUMAN RIGHTS RECOGNITION AWARDS 2025: EXPANDING HORIZONS FROM INDIVIDUALS TO INSTITUTIONS

13 DECEMBER 2025

The 2025 HRRA Ceremony honoured two outstanding awardees whose work shows creativity, courage, and strong commitment to human rights. To connect with this year's Human Rights Awareness Week focus on **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Rights**, the ceremony opened with a short panel discussion on the HRRA 2025 theme, looking at how AI can be used responsibly to support and protect human rights.

The theme was **"Human Rights in the Digital Age: Accountability, Freedom, Respect."** The edition focused on human rights challenges arising from digital technologies. The ceremony was held in Geneva, at the Warwick hotel, on the 13th of December 2025.



HUMAN RIGHTS
RECOGNITION
AWARDS



Two individual awards were accepted:

Ms. Daniela Camberos (Mexico) received the Individual Award for Ethical AI and Human Rights Protection in recognition of her work through Ramona, an ethical AI initiative designed to address algorithmic bias, labour discrimination, and human trafficking risks.

Ms. Sonal Badruddin Karim (Pakistan) received the Individual Award for Defending Freedom of Expression Online for her leadership in strengthening digital safety and freedom of expression for women, youth, and marginalised communities through civil society initiatives. She is the Founder and CEO, Parindey Wellbeing and Development Foundation.

The ceremony opened with remarks by **Dr. Fabrice Crégut, Executive Director**, who set the tone for the ceremony by underlining the relevance of recognising concrete action in the field of human rights, particularly in the digital context. This was followed by a segment on the origins and purpose of the HRRA, delivered by **Ms Alia Farès**, Head of MENA Programmes and Research and by **Rt Hon Alistair Burt**, Chairperson of the Geneva Centre's Board of Trustees.



A one-hour panel discussion titled “Defending Human Rights in the Digital Era” followed the opening remarks and was led by **Dr Milena Costas Trascasas**, a leading human rights expert with over 20 years of experience and a former member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (2016–2025).

The discussion examined the growing tension between technological advancement and human rights protection, addressing whether the digital transformation is adequately regulated and how emerging technologies can both enable and undermine fundamental rights.

Drawing on concrete examples and policy-oriented questions, the panel explored issues such as algorithmic accountability, pressures to adopt new technologies, and the need to distinguish between innovation that serves the public good and practices that create new forms of harm.

“Freedom of expression online is not about technology. It is about power, who gets to speak without fear, who is believed, and whose stories are erased.”
Sonal Badruddin Karim

“Technology is never neutral. Every system reflects the values of those who create it. The question was never whether AI would affect human rights, but whether we would design it to protect them.”
Daniela Camberos

SCIENTIFIC CAFÉ INITIATIVE

INTERVIEWS

Since 2021, the Geneva Centre is hosting the **Scientific Café initiative**, short interviews with academic experts and field practitioners on issues linked to human rights.

The theme for the 2025 edition is “**The Role of Education in the Promotion of Climate Protection and Environmental Rights**”. The series highlighted the interlinkages between education, climate protection, environmental rights, and human rights. Education plays a pivotal role in advancing climate action and fostering respect for environmental rights. The education sector is integral to efforts in climate change adaptation and mitigation. Climate change education aims to improve knowledge; raise awareness; build capacity; change attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors to cope with extreme weather conditions; and shape innovative adaptation and mitigation solutions. Further, the education system allows youth to express their concerns and priorities, participate in local and national decision-making, and take action on climate change.

The Geneva Centre interviewed the following experts:

- Petra Heusser, Executive Director, Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies
- Paul Howard Jones, professor of Neuroscience and Education, University of Bristol
- Justin Dillon, professor of science and environmental education in the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Education at University College London
- Arizza Nocum, Co-Founder and President of KRIS for Peace
- Kamal Kapadia, Co-founder and the Chief Learning Officer at Terra.do
- Sanae Okamoto, PhD, is a senior researcher at United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT).
- Christopher Henderson, Education in Emergencies Specialist at the Geneva Graduate Institute's NORRAG Global Education Center
- Ana María Suárez Franco, Secretary General, FIAN International
- David Wilgenbu, Executive Director, Officer for Climate Education
- Hélène Benveniste, Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Social Sciences at the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability
- Sergio Venegas Marin, Economist in the World Bank's Education Global Practice
- Won Jung Byun, team leader on Greening Education Partnership in the Section of Education for Sustainable Development at UNESCO Headquarters

The questions asked to the experts:



1. What is the role of education in influencing climate actions?
2. How can education be better included in climate action and adaptation efforts?
3. How can countries be prompted to enshrine the role of education in promoting climate protection and environmental rights?
4. What roles can intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, businesses (especially multinationals), and the media play in this effort?
5. Do you have any recommendations on ensuring the right to education in promoting climate protection and environmental rights?
6. How can education and environmental rights positively reinforce one another?

*The goal for **2026** is to expand the series by conducting more interviews on a human rights topic of broad interest, using professional means and converting videos into podcast.*

Access all the videos of the Scientific Café series [here](#).



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL REPORTING INITIATIVE

Through its unique monitoring initiative, the Geneva Centre introduced a Brand-New Monitoring and Reporting Initiative, providing reports on key meetings during the **58th, 59th, and 60th regular sessions of the Human Rights Council**, with **150 reports** produced on both **country-specific** and **thematic topics**, as well as on several **panel discussions, urgent debates, and general debates**. The Geneva Centre also covered the **48th and 49th sessions of the Universal Periodic Review**, reporting on the review of Türkiye, Kuwait, Egypt, Iraq, and Iran (Islamic Republic of). These timely reports set a new standard in Human Rights Council Reporting. The real-time availability of these documents significantly aids Permanent Missions and other institutions in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the discussions and results.

- Access all our HRC58 reports [here](#).
- Access all our HRC59 reports [here](#).
- Access all our HRC60 reports [here](#).

“Our responsibility is not just to debate or adopt resolutions. It is to make tangible, positive impact on people’s lives”

- H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER, President of the United Nations Human Rights Council

+800
professionals
subscribed to our
Mailing list



including Permanent Missions, NGOs,
International organizations,
Academic institutions, and members
of the media.

150
reports
produced in
2025



Call for Inputs to UN mechanisms

1 on Combating Intolerance Against Persons Based On Religion Or Belief
The GC reaffirms its commitment to combating religious intolerance and fostering interfaith harmony. Recognizing the urgent need for concrete action, the Centre urges states, civil society, and international stakeholders to uphold the principles outlined in Resolution 79/180 and implement policies that safeguard religious diversity as a cornerstone of human rights and dignity.

In 2025, the Centre submitted the renewal for the ECOSOC Status.



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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS



Publications issued by the Geneva Centre

1 Conference Publication

The Conference Publication will capture the key conclusions and recommendations from the Geneva Centre's Conference on Climate Inequality, Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

1 Research Paper



1 Panel Publication



1 Annual Report



1 Newsletters

Our publications offer insightful and in-depth perspectives on pressing human rights challenges, addressing a wide range of topics with a focus on fostering **understanding**, **dialogue**, and **actionable solutions**. Each publication aims to contribute meaningfully to ongoing discussions and advocacy efforts in the field of human rights.



Access all our publications [here](#).

RESEARCH PROJECT AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

As a result of a fruitful partnership between the Graduate Institute and the Geneva Centre, the **Applied Research Project** examined the issue of women's economic empowerment in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Given the region's vastness and diversity, the Applied Research Project focused on the analysis of **three case studies** - Iraq, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia - to better grasp diversity within the MENA region.



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The Research Project intended to provide an in-depth **analysis of legal and policy developments** from 2017 onward, aligning with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and state reviews carried out by the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee). This allows for the review to remain timely and relevant while considering previous publications for valuable insights.

»» RESEARCH QUESTION & FINDINGS

The Research Project aimed to understand the factors that prevent women's economic empowerment in Iraq, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia, focusing on UN Women's definition of women's economic empowerment. The research focused on the core factors to economic empowerment measures for women in these countries, the factors being reported and monitored through international reporting mechanisms such as the CEDAW and the UPR, and the reforms recommended for future efforts to improve women's economic empowerment in these countries.

The final research report adopted the UN Women's definition of women's economic empowerment, emphasizing structural change in societies necessary for advancing women's economic empowerment. However, the reliance on quantitative metrics and the prevalence of women's labor force participation raised questions about how this framework is operationalized and invited broader consideration of women's economic empowerment as a system of context-specific, interacting, and interlocking factors.



The research also identified areas more accessible and resistant to change based on international reporting mechanisms' ability to influence measures taken by countries in the MENA region. Financial inclusion appears to be the most accessible area to change, suggesting additional scrutiny and recommendations for financial inclusion at CEDAW and UPR sessions. Inheritance is one of the more resistant areas to change due to Sharia law and longstanding norms around women's economic empowerment.

This finding ties women's economic empowerment in the MENA region to broader feminist campaigns to dismantle legal and sociocultural barriers and ensure women's meaningful participation in economies around the world. Have a look at the final report to discover this extensive analytical work and the specific recommendations addressed to Iraq, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.



➤➤➤ Read the publication [here](#).



In 2025, the Geneva Centre's **internship program** fostered dynamic partnerships with international and national academic institutions, including the Graduate Institute Geneva and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

The program's global appeal was evident, with **over 200 internship applications** received during 2025 from candidates spanning all continents, reflecting the Centre's growing reputation as a hub for nurturing future human rights advocates.

MID-TERM STRATEGIC REVIEW

WORKSHOP

The Geneva Centre introduced a new approach to discuss administrative & human resources updates through a series of one-day workshops. In total, from September to December, the team met 5 times. These sessions aimed at **strengthening planning and coordination**, as well as at **reviewing in depth** the 2023-2027 strategy and the 2026 action plan, which will be finalised in the detail in the coming weeks.



On 10 September, the session provided an opportunity for the GC staff to engage in an in-depth assessment of current **priorities, progress, and areas requiring adjustment to strengthen** the implementation of the strategy in the coming years. The Team worked extensively on **capitalisation and the SWOT analysis** as rapid internal evaluation methods.



A Workshop Animation Planning Session took place on 1 October 2025 to organise the design and facilitation of upcoming training activities. Within the workshop, the Team defined the **values** of the Centre with the board to be able to communicate better on who we are and what we do. The **Geneva Centre's Theory of Change** has been created to align the Centre's actions with its goals.

This was followed by a Mid-Term Strategic Workshop on 10 October 2025, dedicated to reviewing progress, assessing priorities, and aligning ongoing projects with the Centre's strategic objectives and values.

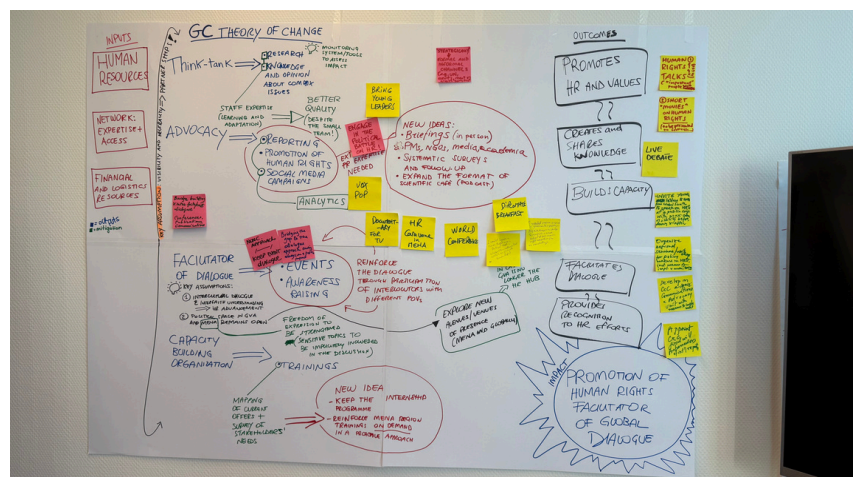




During one of the workshops, the team received basic knowledge and information regarding the timely and critical topic of *AI for social good*. With interactive exercises, the team considered risks, and opportunities in applying AI tools and support to daily life activities. This helped to structure the discussion on the GC's Theory of Change.

To consolidate these efforts, a Strategic Planning Workshop was convened on 29 and 30 October 2025 to refine the outcomes of the mid-term discussions, with the active participation of the **Chairman, Rt Hon Alistair Burt**.

The sessions continued the review of the Centre's activities and progress under the 2023-2027 strategy, advancing several key areas of organizational development. They included the exploration of ways to integrate AI tools into the Centre's daily work; the draft of the organization's Theory of Change; and a context analysis to deepen the understanding of GC's partners and networks in both the MENA region and Geneva. The team also engaged in a strategic axes review, the refinement of objectives and priorities, and a creative exchange dedicated to new and out-of-the-box ideas to further enhance the Centre's future work and impact. The team questioned the most impacted and added value activities.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In April 2025, the Board of the Geneva Centre elected three new Board members, including a new Board Chairperson. This was followed by the appointment of a new Executive Director, Dr. Fabrice Crégut, succeeding Dr. Umesh Palwankar, who continued to serve the Centre as Strategic Advisor.

➤➤➤ New board members

- **The Right Honourable Alistair Burt** (United Kingdom), Chairmain of the Geneva Centre's Board, has been Pro-Chancellor of Lancaster University, and Chair of Council since 2020. He is further serving as the UK's Commissioner on the International Commission on Missing Persons, a treaty based organisation situated in The Hague, since 2013.
- **Mr. Markos Kyprianou** (Cyprus), Board Member, pursued his legal studies at the Law School of the University of Athens, followed by graduate studies at Trinity College, Cambridge (LLM in International and Tax Law) and Harvard Law School (LLM in Business Law and Taxation). Early in his career, Mr. Kyprianou worked as a trainee at the Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe and conducted research in international law at the University of Cambridge.
- **Mr. Miroslav Lajčák** (Slovakia), Board Member, is a diplomat with more than 30 years' experience in foreign policy, having represented both the Slovak Republic and the international community. In his national capacity, Dr. Lajčák served as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic for four mandates, a position he first held from 2009 to 2010. From 2012 to 2016, he served as both Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia. Currently, he serves as National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of Slovakia.

New executive director

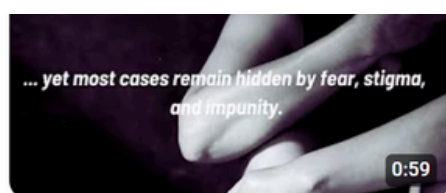
- **Dr. Fabrice Crégut** (France) was appointed Executive Director of the Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue in July 2025. He brings to the role over 17 years of international experience in human rights, justice reform, and child protection across more than 40 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific. Dr. Crégut has worked extensively with the United Nations system, including as a child justice expert for UNICEF and UNDP in Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tunisia, and the broader MENA and Pacific regions. His work focused on legislative reform, the development of national child protection strategies, and police and justice training programmes aligned with international standards.

RAISING AWARENESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PRODUCING VIDEOS AND POSTS

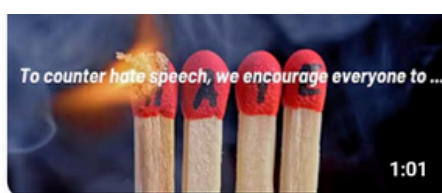
In 2025, the Geneva Centre continued to produce **short videos and posts** to raise awareness on a wide range of topics linked to human rights, such as **women's rights, children's rights**, UN international days, as well as a summary of important conferences such as the Human Rights Council.

**From January to December 2025, the Geneva Centre produced
21 videos related to human rights**



2025 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in...

2.3k views • 5 months ago



2025 International Day for Countering Hate Speech

39 views • 5 months ago



2025 World Day Against Child Labour

68 views • 5 months ago



2025 World Environment Day

11 views • 5 months ago



2025 World Day for Cultural Diversity

92 views • 6 months ago

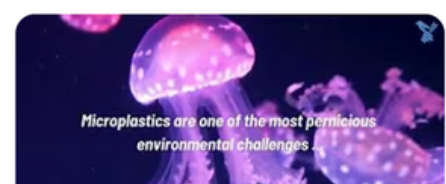


2025 International Day of Living Together in Peace



2025 International Labour Day

39 views • 6 months ago



Microplastics are one of the most pernicious environmental challenges.

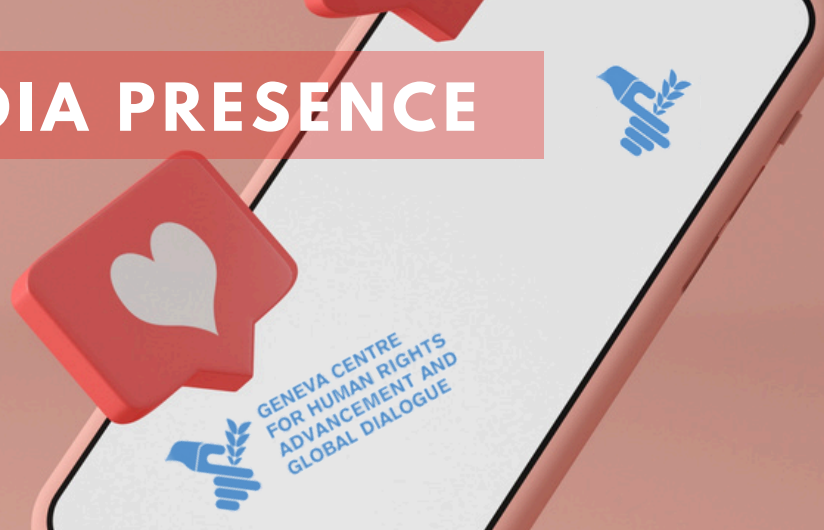
“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Access our videos [here](#).



SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



The Geneva Centre uses social media to **raise awareness about human rights** and to **give visibility to its work**. We share news, create visual content, and exchange with our partners to achieve these goals. The main social media are **X**, **LinkedIn**, **Facebook**, **YouTube**, **Instagram**, and **TikTok**!

Here are the Centre's latest social media figures:



3,642 Following
4,450 Followers



4,149 followers
4,000 Members reached
20,744 post impressions in 2025



11k followers
17,107 views in 2025



32 videos produced in 2025
13,542 views in 2025
1.02k Subscribes



Re-launched in October 2024
121 followers



Launched in October 2024
12k views





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