



**INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE 2024**  
**The role of International Geneva in the UN 2.0**

**Le rôle de la Genève internationale dans l'ONU 2.0**

**25 April, 2024, at 17:30 CET**  
Swiss Press Club / Château de Penthes / Chem. de l'impératrice 18, 1292. Pregny-Chambésy, Geneva.  
Access the program and essential details for attending the event, either in-person or online, starting from March 25, 2024.  
All information can be found at: <https://greycells.ch/dialogue-intergeneracionnel-2024/>

## Multilateralism at a Crossroads: The UN Faces Unprecedented Threats

Multilateralism, and more specifically the role of the UN, is under threat. The crisis is not confined to the security and political dimensions. Far beyond the paralysis of the Security Council, it also concerns all other domains of international values, rules, goals and cooperation, from health to human rights, trade to environment, internet governance to social policies. New York diplomacy is deeply affected and makes the headlines very often, heavily focused on the paralysis of the Security Council and the political debates at the General Assembly.

The "International Geneva" is also affected but it is less visible in the news, often forgotten or underestimated. Inevitably, a process of adjustment and adaptation of multilateralism to new political, military, economic, social, and environmental forces will start – is already starting, insofar as we are already in a sort of new Cold War. The risk of resorting to improvised solutions, fragmented reactions and short-sighted decisions is high: future agreements and new mechanisms should be grounded on analysis and in-depth debates and cannot ignore the role of civil society that is paramount for legitimacy and sustainability.

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## The ecosystem of International Geneva: what it is and why it matters?

The agenda of multilateral issues addressed by the International Geneva is very broad, complex and essential for any « UN 2.0 » that humankind can envisage if it survives. It should not be seen as a « collateral » piece attached to the political agenda but rather as located **at the core of the multilateral system**. The ecosystem of the International Geneva encompasses 40 international organisations (including five UN specialised agencies and several UN entities), 180 Permanent Missions, 400 NGOs. Almost all the “non-military threats” and the “roots of current multifaceted crises” are addressed in Geneva. This ecosystem is highly «technical», complicated, and diverse, covering more than the 17 SDGs. It matters, in particular, because of three main features: (i) its **normative and regulatory work** in many economic, social, environmental and human rights areas; (ii) its **impact at the country level** by transforming the research and rules into concrete world-wide technical assistance; (iii) it is **a puzzle**: it is the main multilateral crossroads of intersectoral, multidisciplinary issues characterising today’s increasingly complex globalisation and crises. (Please refer to the **Reference Note on the role of International Geneva**, that sets the background of this Dialogue).

## Main features of this Intergenerational Dialogue:

The overarching goal is to highlight **the specificities of the multilateral work done by the International Geneva** in the context of the preparations of the UN Summit of the Future and beyond. This Dialogue is genuinely **intergenerational**, involving young and less young experts and non-experts in multilateral affairs, and it provides a **civil society perspective** through non-governmental entities based in Geneva, New York and other capitals around the world.

The **main target audiences** are diplomats, decision-makers, academics, journalists, students, civil society and the general public, particularly in New York and in Geneva. The Dialogue is not an academic exercise: it is meant to complement rather than competing with other initiatives related to the Summit.

The debate that will take place at the Dialogue will be inspired by **an anonymous online survey** among the targeted audiences encompassing the networks of all Greycells’ partners. This survey will be launched in early February 2024.

## Expected Outputs:

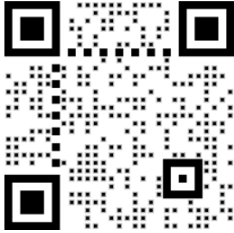

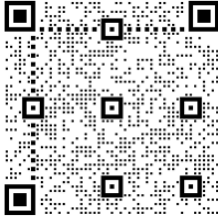

- The main output should be a **Communiqué summarising the issues discussed at the Dialogue and the results of its online survey**. This Communiqué aims at sending concrete proposals to the Nairobi UN Civil Society Conference to be held on 9-10 May 2024, to New York negotiators and to other global or regional civil society consultations on the Summit (such as the *People’s Pact for the Future* being prepared by the Coalition for the UN We Need, of which Greycells is a member).
- Launching of a Youth Contest for our young Partners: **The Greycells International Geneva Prize** will award multimedia and written articles on the role of International Geneva.

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**Thank you for reaching out!**

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## GREYCELLS INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE 2024 : "THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA IN THE UN 2.0". ANONYMOUS SURVEY

This **anonymous** online survey aims to gather information on perceptions, knowledge, awareness, and concerns of a diverse audience across the globe on the role of the International Geneva ecosystem. The results of the survey will provide inputs to the panellists and the Moderator of the Dialogue which will take place on 25 April 2024 in Geneva. They will be also conveyed to the UN Civil Society Conference on the Summit of the Future to be held in Nairobi on May 9 and 10, 2024 and other relevant fora.

**The survey is being launched on February 1st, 2024, on the social networks of all Greycells' partners. The closing date for replies is March 25, 2024, at 00.00 AM Geneva time.** The questionnaire includes a general set of questions for all audiences, and specific questions for diplomats and staff of international organisations, journalists, experts and academics, and students or young professionals under 32 years old.

Thank you for your participation!

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