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2023 - 2024

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## 1. GREYCELLS' PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KOFI ANNAN FOUNDATION'S CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAMME / PARTENARIAT DE GREYCELLS AVEC LE PROGRAMME CHANGEMAKERS DE LA FONDATION KOFI ANNAN.

The Kofi Annan Foundation (KAF) Changemakers Programme started in 2021 and in 2023 an MoU was signed between the Kofi Annan Foundation and Greycells to continue their collaboration. Greycells served as mentors of the twelve Changemakers. Our member Mohan Panicker coordinated once more the mentors' group and ensured smooth and intense communications with the KAF, particularly Ms Corinne Momal-Vanian and Linda Peterhans, on the management of the mentorship.

Corinne Momal-Vanian, Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation and Alejandro Bonilla García, President of Greycells; signed on 9 March 2023, an agreement to continue in 2023, the intergenerational collaboration on the prestigious KAF "Changemakers" initiative.

<https://greycells.ch/greycells-partner-of-the-kofi-annan-foundationchangemakers-initiative/>





Mohan Panicker serves as the focal point and overall coordinator for Greycells' mentors, as well as the focal point for the Kofi Annan Foundation's Changemakers' initiative.



## 2. ELECTIONS IN MEXICO – KOFI ANNAN FOUNDATION

Dr. Dong, member of Greycells since 2020, former UN staff expert in electoral assistance and one of our Greytalk speakers, residing in Mexico, asked Greycells to introduce him to the Kofi Annan Foundation for their eventual intervention in Mexico to support the integrity of the



electoral process, currently undermined by proposals from the President of Mexico to reform the Constitution and the Supreme Court, proposals which are strongly opposed by civil society. Alejandro organized a discussion between Dr. Dong and Corinne Momal Vanian, Executive Director of the Foundation, to explore ways to defuse tensions and strengthen democratic institutions, including by organizing an eventual mission of Corinne to Mexico. Manuela shared the experience of the weakening of electoral integrity in Venezuela as a background to the discussion and provided information on a Venezuelan independent researcher working on this matter since 2004.



### 3. GREYCELLS PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUKI 2022 COMPETITION / PARTICIPATION DE GREYCELLS AU CONCOURS EDUKI 2022

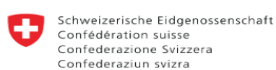
<https://greycells.ch/greycells-partner-of-the-eduki-foundation/>

As usual since many years, Greycells was invited to cooperate with EDUKI in the selection of the winners of its competition, that involves primary and secondary schools in Switzerland. In 2022, the topic was “My Futur, my ideas”. Gesche Karrenbrock was member of the Jury and participated actively in lecturing activities.



#### Partenaires du concours

Le Concours Eduki 2023/2024 ne pourrait avoir lieu sans le précieux soutien de nos partenaires, partenaires associés et de nos sponsors que nous remercions chaleureusement.



#### Partenaires associés





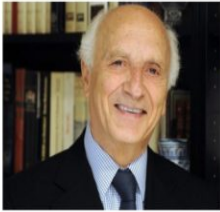
Les interventions de Madame Gesche Karrenbrock avec Eduki

27/6/2023	BZGS - Berufs- und Weiterbildungszentrum EAr Gesundheits- und Sozialberufe St. Gallen
21/09/2023	Gymnasium Lerbermatt
19/10/2023	Wirtschaftsgymnasium Basel
15/5/2024	Etablissement : Kantonsschule
5,15/2024	Kreuzlingen Kreisschule Thierstein West
24/6/2024	P.Tablissernent. Bezirksschule Wohlen AG

## 4. GREYTALKS

Over the course of the year, Greycells organized 13 Greytalks on various topics related to development, with several focused on supporting activities linked to the United Nations' "Summit of the Future." All Greytalks were edited and made available to interested parties on Greycells' own website as well as on their YouTube channel. Prior to each Greytalk, promotions were carried out on social media, within the Geneva community, and among Greycells members and their partners.

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development



**From Trump to Bolsonaro:**  
Are far-right movements becoming a systemic threat to democracies? Views from Brazil

**Rubens Ricupero**  
Greycells' Honorary President at Large  
UNCTAD's fifth Secretary-General from September 1995 to September 2004.

Tuesday 14 February 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development



**Le temps de la paix**  
Séminaire d'un siècle de justice internationale

**Philippe Sands**  
Académicien & Writer, Professor of Law and Director of the Centre on International Courts and Tribunals at University College London

**We live in times of War Crimes:**  
What progress after Nuremberg?

Réflexions on the book  
**Le temps de la Paix**  
Innovations 2022

Thursday 9 March 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**The Case for a Revision of the UN Charter: War, Peace and the Lessons of History**



**Dr. Georgios Koutalos**  
Executive Director, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)

**Dr. Augusto López-Claro**  
Executive Director and Chair  
Global Governance Forum

**Maja Gröf, Esq.**  
Co-winner of the 2022 New Stage Prize, Co-author  
"Global Governance and the Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21st century", 2020

Tuesday 28 March 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Hybrid format : La Pastorale (Maison rose, 2e étage) Rte de Ferney 106, 1202 Genève  
& Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**"The future of the WTO"**



**Dr. Craig VanGrasstek**  
Lecturer, Harvard Kennedy School

**Dr. Rubens Ricupero**  
Greycells' Honorary President at Large  
UNCTAD's fifth Secretary-General

Thursday 11 May 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**Myanmar's Growing Crisis:**  
What Can the International Community Do?



**Nyein Chan May**  
German Solidarity with Myanmar Democracy

**Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun**  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations  
Representative of the former democratic Government.

**Dr Kerstin Duell**  
Scientist  
Goethe University Frankfurt

Thursday 25 May 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**An SDG-Based Assessment of the Impact of Russia's Aggression on Ukraine:**  
Unveiling Two Nations' Fate



**Lina Zadorozhnia, PhD.**  
Analyst at the Kyiv School of Economics

**Nelya Rakhimova, Ph.D.**  
Chair of Coalition for Sustainable Development of Russia (CSDR)

Monday 26 June 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Registration Required: <https://bit.ly/RegistrationGreytalk2023> or at QR: 

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development



**Dr. Prof. Franz Baumann**  
Former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General  
President-elect of the Academic Council on the United Nations System

**That Plan from Rio:**  
The Promise and Limits of  
Multilateral Climate Governance

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**"A refugee Odyssey"**



**Mohammad SHEHADAT**  
Founder of Youth for Peace Initiative in Jordan  
Rafiq Awanaq Changemaker  
Global Youth Community member (UNESCO GYC)

**Anja KLUG**  
Representative of Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Wednesday 12 October 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development



**COVID-19: The Encore.**  
Why Vaccination Still Matters

**Dr. Daniel Lopez-Acuna**  
Public Health Physician specialized in Health Systems,  
Migrant's and Refugee's  
Health and Humanitarian Health Action.

Monday 23 October 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

**FINANCING THE SDGs:**  
The global financial architecture and development financing in need of reform



**Agi Veres**  
Director, UNDP Geneva

**Karen E. Wilson**  
Founder, Global Ventures Partners

Monday 6 November 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Register for Limited In-Person Attendance at La Maison Rose, La Pastorale, 106, Route de Ferney, 1202, Geneva. <https://greycells.ch/greytalk-registration/>  
Online Attendance: Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)



**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

Reflexions: "Social Justice and the World of Work: Possible Global Futures"



**Anne Trebilcock**  
Former ILO Legal Adviser

**Brian Langille**  
Professor of Law, University of Toronto

Tuesday 14 November 2023, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Geneva)  
Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** MA Milan Internationalist Association

L'AUTRE GENEVE INTERNATIONALE:  
La contribution des étrangers à l'histoire de Genève



**YUDIT KISS**  
Écrivaine

21 mars 2024, 17:30 (CET)  
Hybride en personne et en ligne

Rue des Savoises 15, 1205 Genève & Zoom: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING)

**GREYCELLS GREYTALK** Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development

Satire in International Relations: The Heritage of Derso & Kelen, 1922-1950



**Stefan Slater**  
Author

**Moderator: Isabelle Falconnier**  
Director  
Swiss Press Club

**David Macfadyen**  
Author

Thursday 1 February 2024, 5:30 – 6:30 PM (Geneva)  
The authors will be available to sell and personally sign copies of their book during the reception that will follow their Greytalk presentation

## 5. UNTODAY

In 2023, the collaboration with UNToday continued. Two articles were published in the "UN Memories" section by Esther Guluma and by Ute Kollies and Dimitra Zapri. In the "Global Affairs" section, an article related to the intergenerational dialogue scheduled for 2024 by Manuela Tortora was published, along with an interview about the importance of conducting intergenerational dialogues by Alejandro Bonilla García. All articles were also published on the Greycells website, including a piece by our Honorary President Michael Moller titled "Why I founded the International Gender Champions."



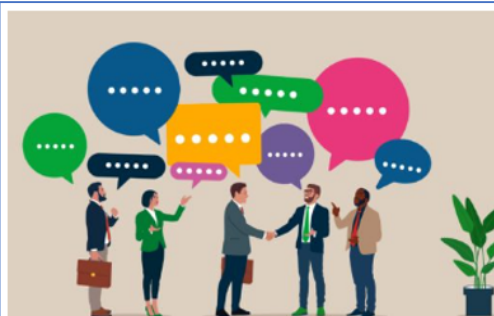
### My work helping child soldiers return to their families

The tragic case of Liberian child soldiers When it comes to human rights violations witnessed by UN staff members, few are as blatant as those committed against children. The Liberian Civil War, which began in 1989, was a particularly horrific example of this, as...

**When it comes to human rights violations, few are as egregious as those committed against children**

By Esther Guluma\*

1 Jun 2023



### The significance of intergenerational dialogue in the global landscape

In an interview with UN Today, Alejandro Bonilla Garcia, on behalf of Greycells, Peace Child International and the Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS) to discuss the platform that unites people of all ages.

By Alejandro Bonilla García\*

7 Jun 2023



# The role of International Geneva 2.0

Amidst global tensions, Geneva stands as a beacon of hope for a reinvigorated United Nations

Manuela Tortora \*



## Teaching peace

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The recent 2023 Global Peace Index (GPI) reveals a disturbing trend of declining peace worldwide, prompting the need for a systemic overhaul in how we address conflict, especially within our schools and universities. This article delves into the multifaceted concept...

In an era marred by escalating conflicts and diminishing peacefulness, the question of education's role in peacebuilding has never been more urgent

By Ute Kollias and Dimitra Zapri\*

1 Feb 2024



Michael Møller, during the official launch of the Geneva Gender Champions network on 1 July 2018

## UN Memories: Why I founded the International Gender Champions

As gender equality remains a distant reality, engaging international decision-makers is essential to set us on the right path

Michael Møller \*

## 6. GENDER CHAMPIONS

Alejandro Bonilla García continued to participate in events organized by the International Gender Champions and made commitments related to the intergenerational dialogue of 2024 and the UN Summit of the Future.

### Alejandro Bonilla García

President, Greycells, Association of Former International Civil Servants for Development



“Do not only practice gender equality consciously until you get it right, practice it until unconsciously you cannot get it wrong.”

## Personal Commitments

Advocate for Gender Consideration at the UN Summit of the Future, 22-23 September 2024 in New York

Contribute to a Gender-Responsive Dialogue at United Nations Civil Society Conference, 9-11 May in Nairobi, Kenya.



## 7. PLATEFORME DU RESEAU SENIORS DE GENÈVE

Esther Guluma and Alejandro Bonilla García participated in various events hosted by the Platform, promoting the 2023 intergenerational dialogue and networking to secure panelists.

### plateforme du réseau seniors Genève



**Dominique Roulin**  
Présidente



**Irina A. Ionita**  
Secrétaire générale



**Esther Guluma. Membre du Comité Exécutif de Greycells, ancienne de l'UNICEF / Member of Greycells' Executive Committee, Ex-UNICEF.**

Plateforme Plénières juin 2006 – juin 2024

2023 / 02	N° 66	Débat avec les candidat·e·s au Conseil d'Etat 2023 « Quelle vision politique cantonale pour les seniors à Genève ? »	Jérémy Seydoux (modérateur) et candidat·e·s : - Michael ANDERSEN (UDC) - Luc BARTHASSAT (CIVIS) - Fabienne FISCHER (Les Verts genevois) - Anne HILTPOLD (PLR) - Carole-Anne KAST (PS) - Xavier MAGNIN (Le Centre) - Pierre MAUDET (Libertés et Justice sociale) - Philippe MOREL (MCG) - Françoise NYFFELER (Ensemble à Gauche) - Marie-Claude SAWERSCHEL (Vert'libéraux)
2023 / 06	N° 67	« Rester en bonne santé mentale avec l'avancée en âge »	Marie Torres et Marie Reynard (minds), Marie Israël (SantéPsy), Anne-Claude Juillerat Van der Linden (VIVA)
2023 / 09	N° 68	« Enjeux climatiques : une affaire intergénérationnelle Quel(s) rôle(s) pour notre réseau ? »	Claudio Testori et Pierre Orelli (modérateurs), Anne Mahrer (Aînées pour la protection du climat), Jacqueline Lecocq (Les Grands-Parents pour le Climat – Genève), Marion Lanci (Grève du Climat Genève), Léo Michoud (journaliste), Damien Gumy (Direction de la durabilité et du climat)
2023 / 11	N° 69	« La lutte contre l'isolement social, un enjeu global aux réponses locales : présentation du projet <i>Tissons la toile</i> »	Irina Ionita (SG Plateforme), Stéphane Birchmeier (Ville de Genève), équipe HES-SO santé – travail social (Ulrike Armbruster-Elatifi, Dara Kalbermatter, Frédérique Debbiche, Elisabeth Schobinger, Séréna Spanu)
2024 / 02	N° 70	« Pour une politique coordonnée de la vieillesse à Genève : Perspectives 2024-2025 »	Thierry Apothéloz (CE, DCS), Marko Bandler (DCS), Laurent Mauler (DCS, SeSPA)
2024 / 06	N° 71	« Vieilles et encore visibles ? »	Geneviève Bordry (Réseau femmes*, La Collective), Mélody Pralong (HES-SO Valais)



#### Assemblée générale du 29 avril 2024

Ordre du jour AG 2024 248Ko  
Procès-verbal AG 2024 2Mo  
Présentation Plateforme 1Mo  
Présentation Délia Danesin-Démarest (psychomotricité)3Mo  
Rapport d'activité 2023 435Ko  
Rapport financier 2023 3Mo



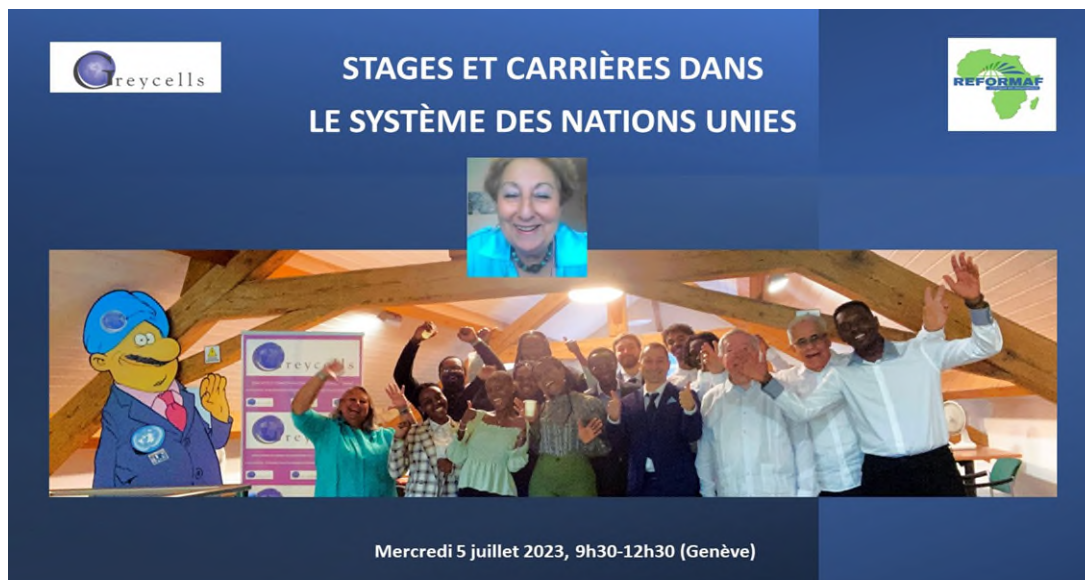
#### Assemblée générale du 8 mai 2023

Ordre du jour AG 2023 291Ko  
Procès-verbal AG 2023 82Ko  
Présentation 805Ko  
Rapport d'activité 2022 1Mo  
Rapport financier 2022 1Mo



## 8. INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS IN THE UN SYSTEM: REFORMAF

Greycells organized a session for a group of 15 African students visiting Geneva on July 5th: Virginia participated via Zoom, and other Greycells members shared their experiences. Manuela Tortora, Enrique Sierra and Alejandro Bonilla Garcia participated in person. The session was lively and interesting, and Greycells and Reformaf agreed to repeat the exercise once a year in the future.



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## 9. PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY AIX MARSEILLE

A group of Master students in international law visited Geneva lead by professor Gilles Charbonnier. On April 3, Gesche took them to visit UNHCR, including a meeting on UNHCR current operations and functioning with some senior staff members. On April 4 in the morning, they visited the UNOG Library and archives, and attended a conference on the 100-year anniversary of the Nansen passport. During lunch with Greycells members they discussed inter alia careers at the UN and did a guided tour of the Palais des Nations in the afternoon. The same year 2023 a second group was received by Greycells.





## 10. Partnership with FOGGS:

FOGGS (the Forum on global governance and sustainability, Brussels-based) has introduced Greycells to C4UN, and as a result Manuela and Alejandro moderated two virtual events organized in Geneva as a civil society contribution to the Summit of the Future (the recordings are available on our website). Georgios Kostakos, the President of FOGGS, participated in a meeting of the Global Futures Forum organized by C4UN in New York on March 20 and 21, and reported on its outcomes, including discussions held with several permanent representations involved in the preparation of the Summit of the Future. It was agreed that similar meetings should be organized by Greycells and FOGGS with permanent representations based in Geneva.



## 11. City of Geneva. Launch of the call for projects "Making society together".

At the invitation of Ms. Kitsos, Administrative Councillor in charge of the department of social cohesion and solidarity of the City of Geneva, participated in a brainstorming meeting on 10 May at the Palais Eynard linked to a City of Geneva event that took place in July 2023



## 12. MAISON INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS – CAGI

At the invitation of CAGI and the Home of International Associations, Greycells participated in a « Show & Tell Session » on the possible avenues of collaboration with Greycells. Around 30 NGO's participated and several partnerships were developed.



### 13. NAFAS

A general agreement of collaboration was signed between NAFAS – The Negotiating Hub ( <https://nafas.tn/> ) and Greycells, based on reciprocity. The two associations will share links to their respective websites, Greycells will become a member the NAFAS Board and will advise on activities related to capacity development for youth participants at COP 28.



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### 14. ORANGE THE WORLD.

At the invitation of the Director General of UNOG, Mrs Valovaya, Greycells participate at the manifestation on “No to violence against women” at the Palis des nations.





## 15. UNECE side events:

Greycells participated in and co-moderated two side events organized by C4UN as a regional input to the Global Futures Forum, which brings together the contributions of civil society to the preparation of the Summit of the Future. Recording of both events is available at the home page of our website: <https://www.greycells.ch/>



**REGIONAL FORUM**  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

**Side Event: The UN We Need - Regional Messages from Global Futures Forum 2023**

The side event aims at informing UNECE region governments and civil society stakeholders about key UN reform proposals emerging from the civil society consultations coordinated by the Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN) and aiming at a "People's Pact for the Future", as a major global civil society input to the Summit of the Future (SOTF) outcome ("Pact for the Future") due in 2024. In the meantime, the side event hopes to inform the intergovernmental consultations at the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and to influence the negotiations on the outcomes of the SDG Summit and the SOTF Ministerial, in September 2023, before the actual SOTF in 2024.

**30 MARCH 2023**      **30 MARCH 2023**

**08:00hrs**    **09:45hrs**

Virtual



**EUROPE REGIONAL FUTURES FORUM**

WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

**COALITION for the UN WE NEED**



## 16. WHO DECADE ON HEALTHY AGEING

Alejandro Bonilla Garcia was invited to share the session organized by WHO to launch the report on advance on the Decade of Healthy Ageing.



## 17. IO-TALENT

Greycells renewed his collaboration with IO-Talent and received a group of students from China. David Dros, Esther Guluma and Viurginia Humud-Guerreo participated online and Manuela Tortora and Alejandro Bonilla Garcia in person. Diplomas of participation were distributed. were



## 18. GREYCELLS AT THE PROMOTION SENIORS 2022

Like every year, a great Senior Promotion evening where Greycells was present. Congratulations to the City of Geneva ! /

<https://www.geneve.ch/fr/actualites/promotions-seniors-fetent-nouvelles-retraite>



## 19. GREYCELLS AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF CoNGO

The Conference of NGO in Consultative Status with the United Nations (CoNGO), invited Alejandro Bonilla Garcia to participate in the commemoration of their anniversary addressing the issue of the rights of older people.





## 20. YVES BEIGBEDER

On the occasion of the passing of our beloved Yves Bigbeder, a collection of his works and details about his fascinating life have been assembled on our website. In tribute, we have also shared our homage on social media, and condolences from all members have been sent to his family.



## 21. WSIS+29

Alejandro Bonilla Garcia was invited by CSED to participate on the session on multi-generational cooperation with generative AI ; he was requested to address specifically the issue of intergenerational issues on social security schemes.

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THURSDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 16:00-16:45 CET

RAYMOND SANER  
Prof. em.  
Basel University

Vitalija Gaucaite  
UNECE Population  
(Ret.)

Bettina Borisch  
World Federation  
of Public Health  
Association

Alejandro Bonilla-Garcia, President,  
Greycells

Lichia Saner-Yiu  
President  
CSEND

Multi-Generational Cooperation with Generative AI  
(Session 297)  
Hybrid  
Room K1, ITC and Virtual

REGISTRATION: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Registration>

WSIS+20 FORUM  
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT  
27-31 May 2024  
Geneva, Switzerland

## 22. PLAQUE COMMEMORATIVE D'ERIC DRUMMOND

The efforts to contact and request permission from the authorities in the City of Geneva to install a commemorative plaque on the house where Eric Drummond lived were continued. After numerous exchanges, in June 2014, the City of Geneva informed us that they did not have jurisdiction over the matter and that authorization should be sought from the homeowners.



## 23. COLLABORATION WITH THE NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING / COLLABORATION AVEC LE COMITÉ DES ONG SUR LE VIEILLISSEMENT.

**NGO Committee on Ageing**  
GENEVA

Greycells was present at meetings convened by the Committee and contributed to and supported joint statements at the various UN fora in Geneva and New York.

## 24. COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE / COLLABORATION AVEC LA COMMISSION ÉCONOMIQUE POUR L'EUROPE DES NATIONS UNIES

 **Dipartimento  
per le politiche della famiglia**  
Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri



Greycells participated at the UNECE Joint Forum and the Ministerial Conference on Ageing that took place in Rome on June 15th, 16th and 17th. All expenses were covered by the Italian Government through its Department for Family Policies of the Presidency of Council of Ministers.

## 25. COLLABORATION AVEC L'ASSOCIATION HORIZONS FRANCO SUISSES



## 26. COLLABORATION WITH THE SWISS DIPLOMACY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Alejandro Bonilal Garcia participated in a "Speed-Dating" session with university students aspiring to pursue international careers.



## 27. INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE DECEMBER 2023. OLDER PEOPLE RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS.



This intergenerational dialogue offered a dynamic exchange platform that highlighted the policies of the City of Geneva regarding the elderly, while juxtaposing them with the international standards and principles that have been recently discussed or adopted. As Geneva stands out for its advancement in the field, the rapidly evolving demographic reality calls for constant and forward-looking reflection. The session allowed participants to explore how Geneva compares to international initiatives, notably the project of an International Convention on the Rights of Older Persons initiated in 2013.

Within this demographic dynamic, the role of the elderly in our societies is growing in importance. They are not only valuable actors in our families, offering wisdom and experience, but also active and committed members of our communities. However, are their perspectives well understood by other generations? How do the young perceive the elderly, and how do the latter see themselves in this constantly evolving society? In this dialogue, we will seek to weave these intergenerational threads, to understand and to value the contributions and experiences of everyone. In this quest for mutual understanding, we aspire to build a society that recognizes and cherishes the richness brought by each generation.

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## 28. THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA IN THE UN 2.0



**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  
In person: Swiss Press Club / Château de Penthes / Chem. de l'impératrice 18, 1292. Pregny-Chambésy, Geneva.  
Online: [https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS\\_MEETING](https://bit.ly/GREYCELLS_MEETING) Zoom meeting number: 4617638394

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.

### **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.

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## Related Videos -Podcasts – Interviews – Articles



Video Interview: 7 minutes with  
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Podcast Interview: Alejandro Bonilla Garcia



The role of International Geneva 2.0.  
Amidst global tensions, Geneva stands as a beacon  
of hope for a reinvigorated United Nations  
By [Manuela Tortora\\*](#)



Multilateralism at a Crossroad: The Promise of a UN  
Summit of the Future at a time of global peril.  
12 March 2024



**GREYCELLS INTERNATIONAL GENEVA PRIZE / PRIX GREYCELLS DE LA GENÈVE  
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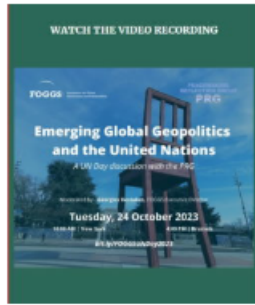


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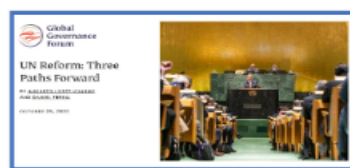
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COMMUNIQUE OF THE INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA IN THE UN 2.0

25 APRIL 2024, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.



COMMUNIQUÉ DU DIALOGUE INTERGÉNÉRATIONNEL SUR LE RÔLE DE LA GENEVE INTERNATIONALE DANS L'ONU 2.0

26 AVRIL 2024, GENEVE, SUISSE



COMUNICADO DEL DIALOGO INTERGENERACIONAL SOBRE EL ROL DE LA GINEBRA INTERNACIONAL EN LA ONU 2.0

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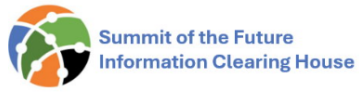
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Bulletins: declaration on future generations

## Workshops List

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Summit of the Future  
Information Clearing House

ICH Special Bulletins for the UN Civil Society  
Conference 2024



Bulletins: global digital  
compact

## ImPACT Coalitions Programme

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Bulletins: pact for the future



Bulletins: SOTF ministerial  
and scope & elements







## OFFICIAL RECORDINGS ON UN-TV

 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 01-48:03</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>(Opening Session) 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference</b></p>	<p>The United Nations Civil Society Conference is the premier event on the civil society calendar at the United Nations. The Conference offers civil society organizations an opportunity to put a global perspective on a specific issue and brings together senior UN System officials, prominent international civil society organizations, youth changemakers, academia, public opinion makers, and international media to discuss issues of global concern.</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 02-22:53</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Civil Society Recommendations on the 5 Chapters of the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations, and Global Digital Compact</b></p>	<p>Civil society plays a fundamental role in shaping a future that, today more than ever, needs multilateral approaches to ensure an inclusive, sustainable, and safe society for all. Since 1947, sixty-eight UN supported civil society conferences have resulted in successful outcomes. As a result of previous interactions with civil society organizations, we now look forward to the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Support of the Summit of the Future to be held in Nairobi on 9-10 May.</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 02-35:29</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Interactive Dialogue on the 5 Chapters of the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations, Global Digital Compact, and cross-cutting issues</b></p>	<p>Civil society plays a fundamental role in shaping a future that, today more than ever, needs multilateral approaches to ensure an inclusive, sustainable, and safe society for all. Since 1947, sixty-eight UN supported civil society conferences have resulted in successful outcomes. As a result of previous interactions with civil society organizations, we now look forward to the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Support of the Summit of the Future to be held in Nairobi on 9-10 May.</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 02-33:31</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Interactive Dialogue: Looking ahead to the Summit and beyond</b></p>	<p>The United Nations Civil Society Conference is the premier event on the civil society calendar at the United Nations. The Conference offers civil society organizations an opportunity to put a global perspective on a specific issue and brings together senior UN System officials, prominent international civil society organizations, youth changemakers, academia, public opinion makers, and international media to discuss issues of global concern.</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 04-28:54</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>ImPACT Coalition Sessions</b></p>	<p>The Summit of the Future will take place 22-23 September in UNHQ New York, and is seen as an important moment to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation can effectively tackle current challenges as well as those that have emerged in recent years or may be yet over the horizon. It aims to accelerate efforts to meet existing international commitments and take concrete steps to respond to emerging and opportunities.</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 03-34:32</p>	<p><b>PRESS CONFERENCES</b></p> <p><b>António Guterres (UN Secretary-General) Press Conference (UNON)</b></p>	<p>Remarks by H.E. António Guterres ( United Nations Secretary General) on the Civil Society Conference 2024 at The United Nations Office at Nairobi</p>
 <p>2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 02-28:47</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>(Closing Session) 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference</b></p>	<p>The United Nations Civil Society Conference is the premier event on the civil society calendar at the United Nations. The Conference offers civil society organizations an opportunity to put a global perspective on a specific issue and brings together senior UN System officials, prominent international civil society organizations, youth changemakers, academia, public opinion makers, and international media to discuss issues of global concern.</p>





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