

80 years after the adoption of the United Nations Charter, a new learning space is taking shape in Geneva



Welcome to the Portail des Nations

A new space to make multilateralism accessible to all

Despite today's challenging context, nations still come together every day in Geneva to moderate conflicts, tackle climate change, respond to health and economic crises, and navigate through the massive impact of technological change.

But how does this system-this thing called multilateralism-actually work? Who makes the decisions, and how do they affect our lives?

With this in mind the Fondation Portail des Nations has developed the Portail des Nations. A place of inspiration-open to everyone-to explore how international cooperation works, why it matters, and how it shapes our shared future.



A strong statement for UN Geneva, an invitation to learn and understand.

Right now, the Portail des Nations is under construction at the entrance of the Palais des Nations in Geneva—the European headquarters of the United Nations. From now on, you can follow the story online. And from March 2026, you will be able to experience it in person through an interactive, immersive journey.

No matter who you are, where you are from, what you do, or what you believe in, the Portail des Nations is for you. Step inside to explore how multilateralism works-its fundamentals, its history, its key players, its successes, its challenges—and most importantly, its impact on all of us.



Why does it matter?

Because whether we realize it or not, the decisions made in international meetings—or the failure to make them—affect every one of us.

They determine our right to clean air and safe water, to healthcare, to safety, to education, and to decent working conditions. They shape how we safeguard our individual rights, protect our communities and our biodiversity. They remain the pathway to peace.

If we want to be part of the conversations that define our future, we first need to understand how these systems work. Who is at the table. What is at stake. And how cooperation—even with all its imperfections—is still our best shot at solving global issues.

Understanding is the first step to how we move forward.

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80 years of the United Nations Charter

We, the people of the United Nations, resonate in today's context more powerfully than ever.

Eighty years ago, in the aftermath of war, countries came together around a simple but powerful idea: that dialogue, cooperation, and shared rules are better than conflict.

That's how the United Nations was born-and how the Charter still guides its mission today. Of course, the UN is not perfect—but it can improve. It is a reflection of ourselves: unique, complex, sometimes frustrating, yet indispensable. It mirrors the tensions, aspirations, and contradictions of humanity as a whole.

But it remains, with its 193 Member States, the most universal tool we have to work together across borders.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good

neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.



Be part of something bigger

Join us today. Sign up for our newsletter. Follow us on social media.

You will get behind-the-scenes insights, sneak peeks of the immersive experience, and stories about the people, and actions that make multilateralism work.

And from March 2026, come in Geneva experience it for yourself. Tickets will go on sale end of September 2025. Don't miss the chance to step through the Portail des Nations from day one.

Let's open together the Portail des Nations.

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