

Opening Plenary Part-1



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## Closing Address

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear Peter,

Dear friends,

For more than a century, International Geneva has greatly contributed to the search for solutions to the major challenges we are facing.

Today, the GESDA Science Breakthrough Radar® has the potential to help shape the future of modern multilateralism and transform International Geneva.

Science diplomacy is the future! There is no doubt that science and technology will play an increasingly important role in determining the future of humanity.

But as we just heard, science needs to change. It needs to involve the communities. Science needs to be broader and more inclusive. By bringing together different communities and identifying the scientific breakthroughs, we can accelerate the implementation of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and contribute to a fairer, more secure and harmonious world.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work of the numerous scientists and diplomats who developed and realized the GESDA Science Breakthrough Radar®. I also would like to highlight the strong commitment of Geneva's private sector, which helped this ambitious project become reality.

The Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator, created by the Swiss Confederation and the Canton of Geneva, and supported by the City of Geneva, is yet another illustration of a successful public-private partnership fostering a dynamic and forward-looking ecosystem in Geneva.

The Fondation pour Genève, celebrating this year its 45th anniversary, is proud to support GESDA, this bold undertaking. Over the next few months, we will be launching a series of publications and roundtables aiming at communicating with the public, the local community, on this new instrument.

These will be directed by Professor Michel Mayor, Nobel Prize in Physics 2019 and scientific advisor of our Foundation to GESDA.

Ladies and gentlemen, International Geneva belongs to all of us: scientists, diplomats, business leaders, civil society, public and private sectors. It is only by uniting our forces and networks that we will make it happen.

Thank you.