

Third edition of Geneva Science Diplomacy Week: a growing success!

For the third year running, the Geneva Science Diplomacy Week (GSDW), from June 10 to 14, will bring together some 30 people - out of a record number of applications - to immerse themselves in international Geneva and learn about science diplomacy through a series of conferences, seminars and workshops.

From the future governance of climate technologies, which participants will be invited to test by playing a simulation game, to a presentation the brand-new Open Quantum Institute (OQI), whose ambition is to make this technology of the future available to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, to a presentation on the current military and security implications of artificial intelligence, there will be plenty of topics for discussion.

The originality of this approach is to bring together people from different countries (25 in total this year) and from diverse backgrounds. They come from the worlds of academia, diplomacy, science, government, international organizations, industry and NGOs. Ultimately, it is hoped that the participants will develop a common culture of discussion that will help to overcome the obstacles traditionally encountered in multilateral politics.

Initiated by GESDA in 2022, the GSDW program offers a unique experience of immersion, learning and networking in Geneva's global governance hub. Through hands-on simulations, interactive case studies, field visits and high-level networking opportunities, participants will apply anticipatory science diplomacy strategies to ensure that cutting-edge scientific advances such as AI, neurotechnology's, quantum computing or climate technologies are deployed for the benefit of people, society and planet.

This year's program partners include CERN, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, the Geneva Science-Policy Interface, the International Network for Government Science Advice, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, ETH Zürich, the University of Geneva, the Swiss young Academy, foraus, the World Health Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross and UNITAR.