



**DIPLOMATIC CLUB
OF GENEVA**
FONDATION POUR GENÈVE



Activity Report
2022



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Message from the President



Dear Members,

The world has undergone a paradigm shift within a very short period, its geopolitical lines in a state of constant flux. The need for a bellwether is acute, and this is where Geneva comes into its own. Even if multilateralism is going through a deep crisis, International Geneva remains the undisputed world center, in terms of its concentration of international actors. Here, decisions are made daily that have a direct impact on the citizens of our planet. Amid global disorientation, this seat of worldwide governance points toward the directions to be taken, and in this regard, the Diplomatic Club of Geneva wishes to make a modest contribution.

Recognized as the official Club of International Geneva by the Swiss Confederation, the Republic and Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva and the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Diplomatic Club is cherished by decision-makers and opinion leaders who meet there to exchange ideas and discuss current issues, all while developing synergies between their respective institutions and cultivating a network of exclusive relationships.

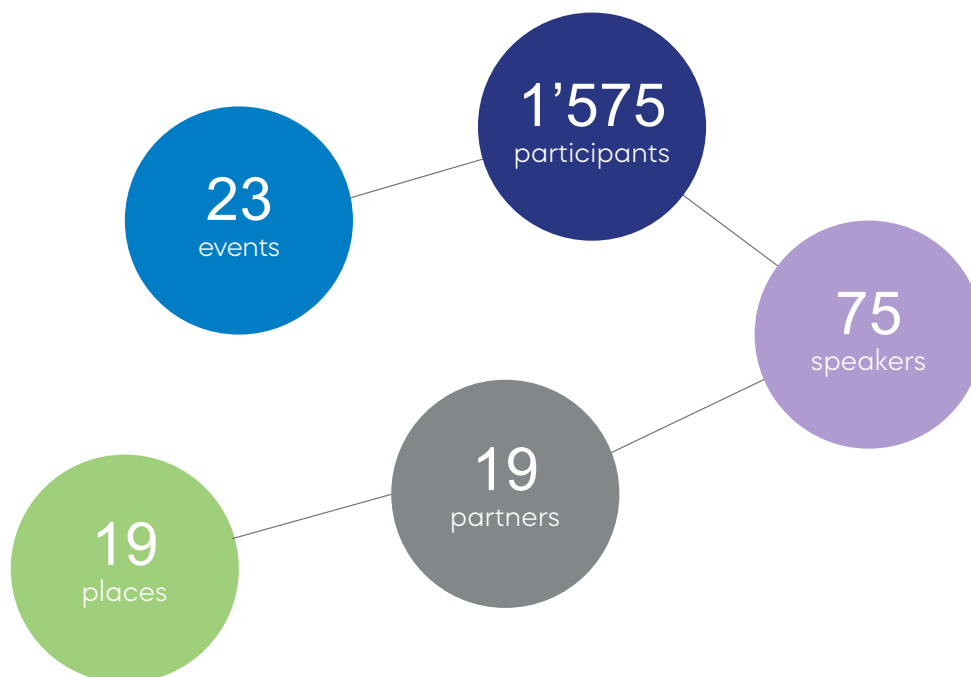
Thanks to the precious support of the Fondation pour Genève, the Club offers its members some twenty high-level events each year, highlighting the different facets of International Geneva, whose potential are never-ending to be explored. The Diplomatic Club means to be part of this dynamic and, numbering 850 members today, to assert itself as an essential place of reflection. The Club wants to be one of those links that holds the international and local community together in good and bad weather. I believe that in 2022 we have accomplished our mission.

The Committee extends its gratitude to all those who work tirelessly to ensure the quality and perfect organization of our events and meetings, especially to the operational team under the leadership of our energetic Secretary-General, Alizée Ehrnrooth, and our Project Officer Camille Fedrizzi.

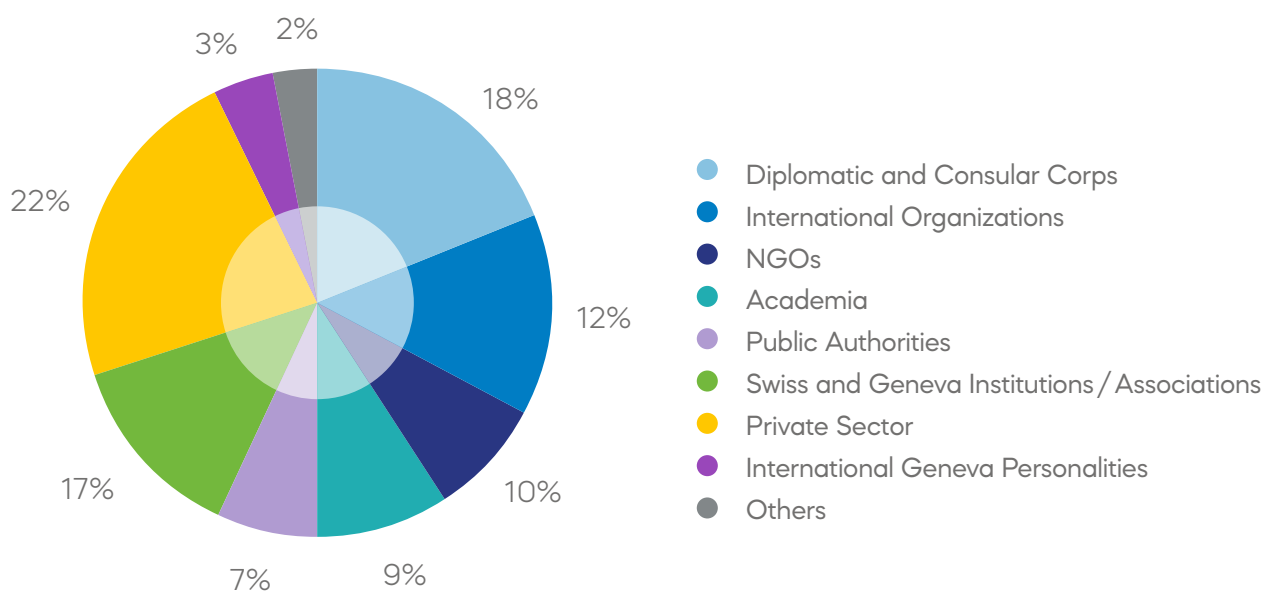
To all of you, thank you for your loyalty and your enthusiasm to support the dynamic development of our Club and thus contribute to the influence of this International Geneva that is so dear to our hearts.

Raymond Loretan

2022 at a glance



> 876 members



Highlights 2022



Diplomatic New Year

25 January 2022

Traditional diplomatic New Year's reception to celebrate the new year with the actors of International Geneva. An opportunity for the Club's partners, the Swiss and Geneva authorities, the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Fondation pour Genève and the FER Genève, to send their best wishes and to discuss future priorities.

Inauguration of the Global Survivors Fund

10 March 2022

Inauguration evening of the NGO Global Survivors Fund in the presence of its co-founders and laureates of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege, at the Restaurant Vieux-Bois. In partnership with the Global Survivors Fund.



Round table at the World Economic Forum

9 June 2022

Round table on "History at a Turning Point - a Report from Davos 2022" with Prof. Klaus Schwab, Gim Huay Neo, Director of the Center for Nature and Climate, and Saadia Zahidi, Director of the Center for the New Economy and Society, followed by a cocktail reception, at the World Economic Forum headquarters in Cologne. In partnership with the SMLH Suisse.

Opening night of the Science Diplomacy Week

16 May 2022

Round table on "Anticipatory Science Diplomacy: Use the future to build the present" with Ambassador Alexandre Fasel (Swiss Confederation), Daria Robinson, Marga Gual Soler and Olivier Dessibourg (GESDA), followed by a cocktail reception, at the InterContinental. In partnership with GESDA.



Evening in honor of Peter Maurer

15 September 2022

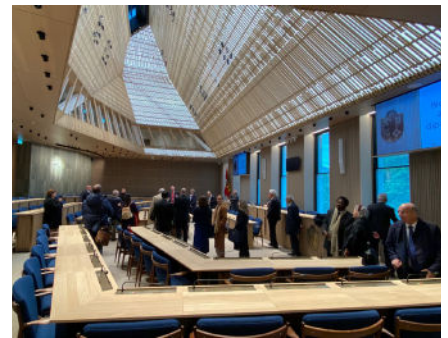
General Assembly followed by an evening in honor of Peter Maurer to thank him for having worked with courage and determination for the respect of international humanitarian law during his presidency of the ICRC. The speeches of the authorities and partners were followed by a speech of the guest and a dinner, at the Domaine de Collex. With the support of the Swiss and Geneva authorities.

Climate emergency: what role for International Geneva?

31 October 2022

In the run-up to COP27, round table with Béatrice Ferrari (State of Geneva), Michel Jarraud (WMO), Abdalah Mokssit (IPCC) and Jean-Pierre Reymond (2050Today), followed by a cocktail reception, at the InterContinental. In partnership with the Fondation pour Genève.

Events 2022



Visit of the Observatory with Michel Mayor

8 February 2022

Private visit of the Geneva Observatory and presentation by Michel Mayor, 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics, followed by a drink of friendship. In partnership with the UNIGE.

Luncheon-debate with Alain Déléroz

22 February 2022

Luncheon-debate with Alain Déléroz, Director-General of Geneva Call, on the theme “Armed non-State actors as a growing phenomenon in the zones of conflict of the 21st century. Is it worth talking with them?“, at the Terrasse de la paix.

Visit of the artgenève exhibition

3 March 2022

Guided tour of the 10th edition of the modern and contemporary art fair artgenève and presentation by its Director Thomas Hug, at Palexpo.

Breakfast Debrief on the War in Ukraine

17 March 2022

Breakfast debrief on the War in Ukraine with Ambassadors Thomas Greminger and Yves Rossier, moderated by journalist Isabelle Kumar. In partnership with the GCSP.

L'art du tact et l'art du texte : poésie et diplomatie

28 March 2022

Evening as part of the Printemps de la Francophonie with guest of honor Indran Amirthanayagam, American poet and diplomat, at the Palais des Nations (room XX). In partnership with the OIF and the Printemps de la poésie.

Perception Change Project Award Ceremony

13 April 2022

1st edition of the Perception Change Project Award Ceremony with Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the UNOG, in Nyon. In partnership with the PCP and Visions du Réel.

Visit of the Geneva Parliament Chamber

25 April 2022

Private visit of the newly renovated Geneva Parliament Chamber and discussion with its President Diego Esteban, followed by a reception in the Salle des Pas Perdus. In partnership with the State of Geneva.

Conference in the Science Diplomacy Week

18 May 2022

Round table on the theme “Red Sea corals: when science and diplomacy converge to address climate change and regional stability“, at the Maison de la Paix. In partnership with the Geneva Graduate Institute and the EPFL.

Paix et sécurité au Sahel

7 June 2022

Speech by Daouda Diallo, 2022 Martin Ennals Award winner, followed by a round table discussion and a cocktail with music, at the HD Centre. In partnership with the Martin Ennals Foundation.

Events 2022



Geneva Welcome Day 3rd edition

6 September 2022

Meeting with the Host State authorities and the welcome services of the International Geneva, at the Palais Eynard. In partnership with the CAGI and with the support of the Swiss and Geneva authorities, and the Fondation pour Genève. Event for recently arrived Permanent Representatives and Heads of International Organizations.



Visit of the Swiss Center for Affective Sciences

20 October 2022

Guided tour of the Center and presentation on “Emotional skills in negotiation” by its Director Prof. David Sanders and Prof. Didier Grandjean, followed by a cocktail reception. In partnership with the UNIGE.



How to protect humanitarian organizations in the digital space?

16 November 2022

Round table with Stuart Campo (OCHA), Katharina Frey (Swiss Confederation), Charlotte Lindsey (CyberPeace Institute), Balthasar Staehelin (ICRC) and Achim Wennmann (Geneva Graduate Institute), at the Maison de la Paix. In partnership with the Geneva Graduate Institute and the CyberPeace Institute.

Visit of the International Olympic Committee

5 October 2022

Visit of the Olympic Museum followed by a discussion at the Olympic House with its Director-General Christophe De Kepper, and a reception.

Visit of the Geneva International Film Festival

7 November 2022

Private visit of the Geneva International Film Festival’ virtual territories and discussion with Anaïs Emery, General and Artistic Director.

Exclusive dialogue with Jérôme Bonnafont

7 December 2022

Discussion with Ambassador Jérôme Bonnafont (France/UNOG) on his book “Diplomate, pour quoi faire ?”, followed by a book signing and a cocktail reception, at the Restaurant Vieux-Bois. In partnership with the SMLH Suisse.

Luncheon-debate with Jürgen Stock

7 October 2022

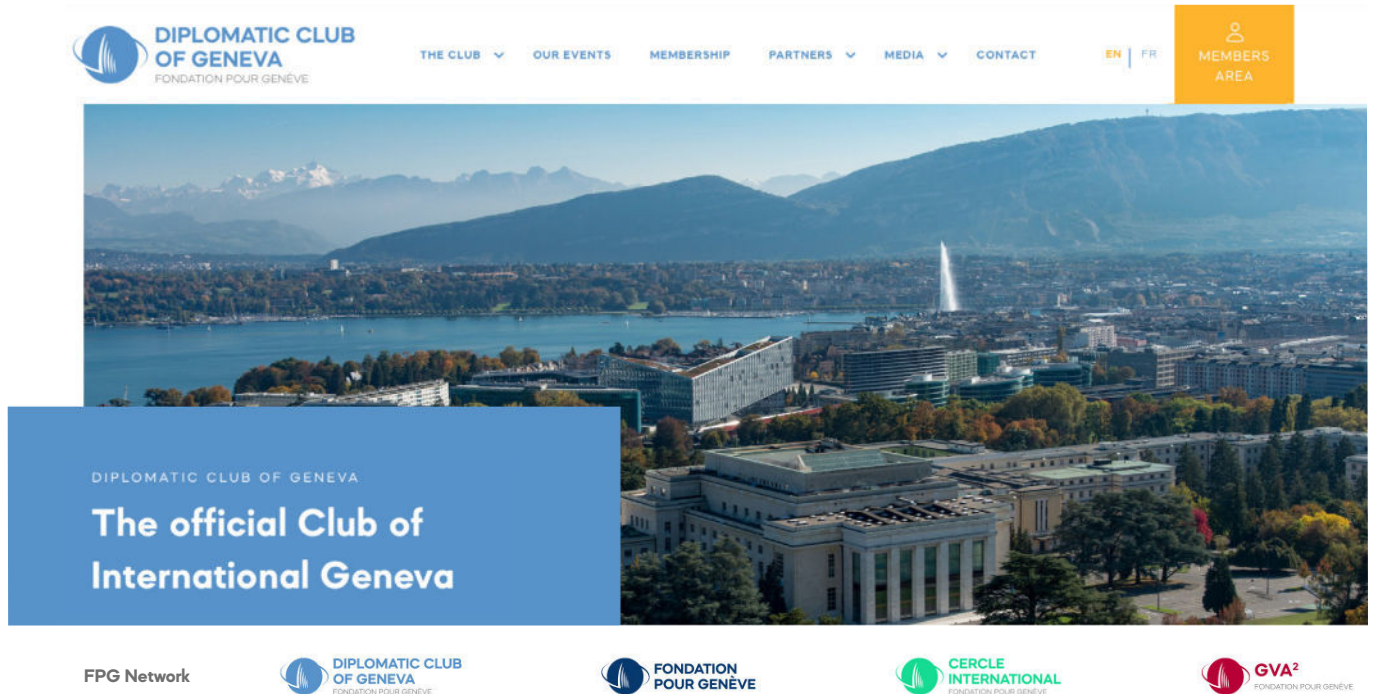
Luncheon-debate with Jürgen Stock, Secretary-General of Interpol, on “Interpol: a century of making the world a safer place”, at the Terrasse de la paix. In partnership with the SMLH Suisse.

Exclusive dialogue with Elisabeth Decrey Warner

8 November 2022

Discussion with Elisabeth Decrey Warner on her book “Une femme sur les terres des rebelles” followed by a book signing and a cocktail reception,

Visual identity and website



Visual identity

With the intention of strengthening synergies with the Fondation pour Genève and its network (International Circle and GVA2), a joint project to redesign the visual identities was initiated in the fall of 2021. Four new logos, distinguished by an identical symbol and a color specific to each organization, were created in early 2022.

Website

As an extension of the new visual identity, the Diplomatic Club, the Fondation pour Genève, the International Circle and GVA2, have undertaken the development of new websites to modernize their communication tools. The four new sites, with a common graphic line, went online on 1st June 2022.

Members area

In parallel to the new website, the Diplomatic Club has created a members' area with the objective of offering several services: registering online for events, consulting the members' directory, benefiting from advantages with partners and finding useful links on International Geneva.

Initiatives



International Gender Champions

Since January 2020, the Diplomatic Club has been a member of the International Gender Champion initiative, which brings together decision-makers committed to making gender equality a reality in their sphere of influence. Through its event, the Club strives to achieve balanced representation. In 2022, the gender balance in the panels is 40/60.

Find out [our commitments](#).

2050Today

Since May 2021, the Diplomatic Club has been a member of the 2050Today initiative and is committed along with the actors of International Geneva to reach the objective of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Club works daily to act responsibly and concretely towards the planet, giving priority to local actors and short circuits.

Find out [our carbon footprint](#).

COTE Magazine

Since September 2022, the Diplomatic Club has been collaborating with COTE Magazine to produce a series of articles entitled “Inside International Geneva”, whose objective is to highlight personalities who are working to build International Geneva, and to make it shine in Switzerland and abroad.

Find out [our interviews](#).

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