



2026 GLP Preliminary Timetable (14th to 27th August 2026)

(arrive on the 13th August 2026 and depart on the 28th August, 2026)

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Geneva Programme on Global Leadership:

Accelerating 2030 Development Agenda and Sustainable Future

Days	Morning	Noon	Afternoon	Evening
	9.00-12.15	12.30	14.30-17.00	19.00
13/8 Thursday,	(Inform the reception)	Lunch	Arrival* Check-in Settling in and preparing for the beginning of the course, including shopping for daily provisions if desired.	
14/8 Friday, (Day 1 of Class)	9.00-10.30 Opening Session (Lichia Saner-Yiu, Raymond Saner, Tutors, and invited faculty/Guest) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (House rules) • Goals and objectives of the course • Programme Overview Cultural Context of Geneva Humanitarianism (Raymond Saner) 11.00-12.00 Team Formation: Study Groups	Lunch & Bus Trip	14.30-16.30 Visit the Museum of the International Red Cross & Dialogue 14.30-15.30 Guided Tour (Audio) (R025000130-1) 16.00-17.00 Romain ZAPPELLA Head of Private Partnerships and Philanthropy International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) +41 79 914 81 39 16.45- Photo Opportunity at the Broken Chair	
15/8 Saturday	Sightseeing tour: Self-Organised			
16/8 Sunday	Sightseeing tour: Self-Organised			

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17/8 Monday, (Day 2)	<p>9.00-9.15 Introduction to the Simulation Role Play: SDG Major Groups Joint Statement on The Pact for the Future (Prof Raymond, EM. Basel University; Director of Diplomacy Dialogue)</p> <p>9.15-10.15 CSO Consultation & Joint Declaration</p> <p>Break</p> <p>10.30-11.00 Review: Challenges & Learning</p> <p>11.00-11.45 What is Leadership in a globally connected world? Why does it matter? Lichia Saner-Yiu, President, CSEND and Director of the Geneva Leadership Programme</p> <p>11:45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Lunch	<p>14.00-15.00 Delivering on the SDGs in Uncertain Times & Ways Forward Cécile Molinier, Retired Senior Official of the UNDP; Mentor of GLP Programme</p> <p>Break</p> <p>15.30-16.30 Synergistic Actions of 2030 Development Agenda & Paris Agreement Lichia Saner-Yiu, President, CSEND and Director of the Geneva Leadership Programme.</p> <p>Break (5')</p> <p>16.35-17.00 Nominal Group Technique & Home Assignment Lichia Saner-Yiu</p>	<p>19.00-20.00 Study Group Meetings-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “What will be our way of learning together?” – <u>An Output: Learning Contract</u> (1 Page) • “What economic, social and environmental phenomenon that we as a group interested in learning more about?” – <u>Output: A problem statement</u>
18/8 Tuesday, (Day 3)*	<p>9.00-10.00 Citizen Science and the 2030 Agenda Implementation Rosy Mondardini, Director Research and Development, Citizen Lab UNIZH</p> <p>10.30-11.30 Public Trust as A Driver for Societal Wellbeing & Key Indicators (SDG 16 & SDG 3) Milad ZARIN-NEJADAN Professor Emeritus of Economics, Head of the Executive Program in Public Economics and Finance, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Neuchâtel</p> <p>11.45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Lunch	<p>Policy Analysis Session #1 14.00-15.30 Presentation of Team Research Problems (Lichia Saner-Yiu, Raymond Saner, Cécile Molinier, Yu-Chia Ko and Manuela Totorá)</p> <p>Rationale, Methods, Reporting (Faculty)</p> <p>16.00-17.30 Team Presentation (10') 1) Domain of research 2) Problem Definition</p> <p>Develop a Research Plan, Timetable, Milestones and Assigning Team Roles</p>	<p>19.00-20.00 Study Group Meetings</p> <p>Finalise the team's Research Plan, Timetable, Milestones and Assign Team Roles</p>

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19/8 Wednesday, (Day 4)	<p>9.00-10.00 "Financing for Development: Solutions for Africa's Persistent External Debt Problem"</p> <p>10.00-11.00 (10.30-11.30 TBC) "STI Partnerships in a Polarising World: Implications on realising SDG 17.6-17.8" Bernhard Fuhrer, Director, Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)</p> <p>11.30-11.45 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Bus Trip & Lunch (at the ILO R2 Gate: 12.45)	<p>14.00-15.30 Decent Work Agenda: Legal Basis and Gaps</p> <p>"Productive Ecosystems for Decent Work" Productive Ecosystems for Decent Work, ILO</p>	
20/8 Thursday, (Day 5)	<p>9.00-10.00 The growing politisation of the international trading system: will the WTO survive Manuela Totora, retired senior official of the UNCTAD; GLP Mentor</p> <p>1. How does trade contribute to national development? What policy options should the governments consider that could lead to long-term development outcomes?</p> <p>2. Current state of the global trade: Winners and Losers:</p> <p>10.30-11.30 The role and contributions of SMEs Trade toward Sustainable Development International Trade Centre - What is the significance of SMEs in international trade? - What contributions can SMEs make in realising the 2030 Sustainability Agenda and advancing national development?</p> <p>11.45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Lunch	<p>14.15-16.00 14:15 – 14:55 CEST Geneva a Global Hub for Environmental Governance NEP 022-719 8222 visits.gen@un.org (Contact)</p> <p>15:00 – 15:40 CEST International Institute of Sustainable Development Paulina RESICH Senior Communications Manager IISD</p> <p>15:55 – 16:35 CEST Climate Finance UNEP Financial Initiative</p>	<p>19.00-20.00 Study Group Meetings with Mentors -Finalising the Research Plan</p> <p>Location: (tbc)</p>

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21/8 Friday (Day 6)	<p>9.00-10.00 Financing social entrepreneurship & impact: Necessity, Benefits and Challenges</p> <p>10.30-11.30 Special Theme 2026</p> <p>11.45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	<p>Bus Trip & Lunch at WMO</p>	<p>14.00-15.30 World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Role of WMO in promoting Environmental Rejuvenation and A Sustainable Planet</p> <p>-What is the current state of climate change? -What impact has the weather change already made on SIDS and other vulnerable countries? -How to use WMO data for disaster risk reduction?</p> <p>16.00-17.00 Geneva Water Hub Water Conflict in Times of Climate Warming (SDG 6) Contact: Monica Nunez</p>	
22/8 Saturday,	Sightseeing tour: Self-Organised			
23/8 Sunday,	Sightseeing tour: Self-Organised			
24/8 Monday, (Day 7)	<p>9:00 -10.00 Beyond GDP: New measures for sustainable development Sustainable Development Section, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Wellbeing Economics</p> <p>10:30-11.45 PPP & Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in a Global Context</p> <p>11.45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Study Projects 14.00-16.00</p> <p>Stakeholder Mapping & Force Field Analysis</p> <p>Raymond Saner</p> <p>Applications Cecile Molinier, Lichia Saner-Yiu, Manuela Totoro, Yu-Chia Ko, Raymond Saner</p>	<p>19.00-20.00 Study Group Meetings</p>

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25/8 Tuesday, (Day 8)	<p>09.00-10.00 War and Peace: A case Study</p> <p>10.30 – 11.30 Digital Economy – working towards more inclusive and sustainable trade and development outcomes Scarlett Fondeur Gil, Economic Affairs Officer - Digital Economy Policy Research Section, UNCTAD</p> <p>11.45-12:15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Lunch At WHO	<p>14.30-15.30 WHO's Wellbeing Society Initiative</p> <p>16.00-17.00 Strengthening biomedical research and innovation ecosystems with a focus on intellectual property rights</p>	<p>19.00-20.00 (time to be finalised with respective group mentor)</p> <p>Study Group Meetings with Mentors</p>
26/8 Wednesday, (Day 9)	<p>9.00-10.00 Intergeneration Collaboration for A Sustainable Future for All</p> <p>10.30-11.30 Role and Function of civil society and NGOs in enforcing the alignment between Human Rights and Environmental sustainability</p> <p>11.45-12.15 Check-In & Review (Lichia Saner & Amy Chen)</p>	Lunch @WTO	<p>14.00-17.00 Visit to World Trade Organisation (WTO)_ Liz Uptan 078 871 3286</p> <p>14.00-16.00 Trade as a driver for implementing SDGs & ESG changes</p> <p>16.00-16.30 A guided tour of the WTO facilities</p> <p>16.30-17.30 Team Work on Group Project</p>	

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27/8 Thursday (Day 10)	9.00-09.30 Group Project Final Preparation & Consultation with Mentors 09.30-12.15 Group Presentations (5 Tracks) Guests Participation 09.30-10.30 Theme 1 (30' presentations, 15' Q&A, 15' Comments) 10.45-11.45 Theme 2 (30' presentations, 15' Q&A, 15' Comments) 12.00-13.00 Theme 3 (30' presentations, 15' Q&A, 15' Comments)	Lunch at JKC	Group Presentations (Continued) 14.00-16.15 14.00-15.00 Theme 4 (30' presentations, 15' Q&A, 15' Comments) 15.15-16.15 Theme 5 (30' presentations, 15' Q&A, 15' Comments) Break 16.30-16.45 Team Discussion on Final Submission 16.45-17.30 Programme Review & Closure	19.00- 21.00 Goodbye party Cook out at Patio of the John Knox Centre
29/8 Friday	Checking Out Departure			

Thematic Areas of Student GLP Research

Discussion with and approved by the partnering institutions.

- Trade and Financing for Development (mentor: Prof Manuela Totorá, PhD)**
 Financing for Development & Trade at national and international levels as a research theme explores mechanisms and policies for mobilizing financial resources to support sustainable development and trade. It examines investment strategies, economic policies, and international cooperation to promote economic growth, reduce poverty, and enhance global trade relations in specific national or international context.
- Social Inclusion and Human Dignity: Decent Work & Economic Rights (mentor: Prof. Lichia Saner-Yiu, EdD.)**
 The research theme "Decent Work and Economic Rights at Enterprise, National, and International Levels" examines policies and practices designed to ensure fair wages, safe working conditions, and workers' participatory rights. It investigates the implementation and impact of the Decent Work Agenda and related economic rights across various scales, fostering social justice, economic inclusion, and equitable workforce opportunities. Contributions in the form of case studies focusing on specific aggregated levels (e.g., company, country, or region) are particularly welcomed.
- Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition (mentor: to be finalised)**
 The research theme "Environmental Sustainability" investigates practices and principles aimed at preserving natural resources and ecosystems within planetary boundaries for future generations. It explores the equilibrium among ecological integrity, economic development, and social well-being, with the objective of achieving an economy that simultaneously supports environmental conservation and human progress. Case studies examining these dimensions at specific aggregated levels (e.g., company, country, or region) are encouraged.

4. **Resilient and Sustainable Cities (mentor: Prof Raymond Saner, PhD)**

The research theme "Resilient and Sustainable Cities," inclusive of cybersecurity considerations, explores strategies and technologies that enable urban areas to effectively manage increasing population growth and rising demands for public services, essential infrastructure, and employment opportunities. Future cities must also be capable of withstanding and recovering from cyber threats and associated vulnerabilities. Cybersecurity, as a crucial element of contemporary urban life, focuses on safeguarding critical infrastructure, ensuring data protection, and maintaining uninterrupted public services amidst growing digital risks and cyber-attacks, thereby enhancing overall urban resilience in the digital era.

5. **Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership (mentor: Prof Cecile Molinier)**

The research theme "Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership for Inclusive and Sustainable Development" explores collaborative processes involving diverse actors—including communities, businesses, civil society, and governments—in decision-making and implementation efforts toward sustainable outcomes. It investigates effective mechanisms and strategies for meaningful stakeholder participation, emphasising inclusive governance, transparency, and accountability. Research under this theme aims to identify best practices and partnership models that drive equitable, inclusive, and lasting development impacts aligned with sustainability goals.

Upon successful completion of the GLP coursework and submission of the final group project report, participants will receive a certificate issued by CSEND.