



GENEVA PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY

ACCELERATE 2030 DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

14-27 AUGUST 2026

CSEND GLP Programme



Briefing Event for the USR Network
Chiayi, 26th March 2026



Geneva Summer Programme on Global Leadership for Sustainable Development

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The Changing Landscape of Work



- AI tools and agents are transforming knowledge work
- Redefining human contribution in a rapidly automated and agent orchestrated workplace
- Need for a global perspective and resilience to adapt and to thrive
- The USR engagement offers great learning opportunity



Closing “The Capability Gap”



❑ USR as a learning platform is urgently needed to close the capability gap:

- ❖ Systems thinking
- ❖ Cross-cultural collaboration
- ❖ Ethical and sustainability judgment
- ❖ AI and digital literacy

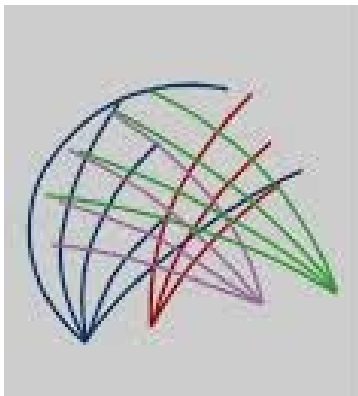
❑ **GLP complements** by bringing an action-oriented, system-based pedagogy in an international environment

GLP: A Partnership Opportunity



Alignment with SDGs and
Experiential Learning for
Personal Development





Diplomacy Dialogue



STAKEHOLDER



INVESTORS



SOCIETY



EMPLOYEES



REGULATORS



SUPPLIERS



CUSTOMERS



CREDITORS

Implementation of 17 SDGs, 169 Targets & 240 Indicators

- require dialogue and consensus-making
- at communities and subnational systems



CSEND Profile



- ❑ Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND) was founded in 1993.
- ❑ It received the **UN ECOSOC** accreditation as NGO with Special Consultative Status
- ❑ It is also accredited to the following UN agencies: **UNFCCC** (climate negotiations), **WIPO** (IP right), **WTO** (trade), **UNECE** (PPP), **UNEP** (Environment)
- ❑ CSEND belongs to different UN Working Groups on Human Rights & Development
- ❑ CSEND runs an annual Summer School on Global Leadership for A Sustainable Future

UN ECOSOC & UNDESA



- ❑ Member of Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Global Sustainable Development, 2013;
- ❑ member of EGM on agenda-setting for the HLPF of Post 2015 Development Agenda, 2014;
- ❑ Moderator, Second HLPF meeting under auspices of ECOSOC, 2015;
- ❑ Author of chapter on science-policy interface, member of EGM on the GSDR Report 2015, 2015;
- ❑ Drafter of Chapter 6 on countries with special focus on LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs,
- ❑ member of EGM for the Global Sustainable Development Report 2015,
- ❑ Speaker and Discussant of People First PPPs for UNECE 2016, keynote speaker at UN conference on financing of SDGs, Jamaica, 2017.

<http://www.csend.org/publications/agenda-2030>

SDG Based Capacity Building



UNOSD: 2019-2024



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Incheon, Republic of Korea



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2023
**Executive Training Course for Policymakers
on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

5 - 8 September 2023
Songdo Incheon, Republic of Korea

SUBSTANTIVE REPORT

**2024 Executive Training
Course for Policymakers
on the 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development**

Aligning the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement
- Integrating SDG Implementation and Climate Action

7 - 10 May, 2024, Incheon, Republic of Korea



<https://unosd.un.org/https%3A//unosd.un.org/events/2024ETC>

Learning Alliance: Global Leadership Programme



Geneva International

At a Glance (in 2025)



44

International Organizations
(IOs) in Switzerland,
including **38** in Geneva,
3 in the canton of Vaud,
2 in Bern and **1** in Basel



178

UN Member States
represented by more than

260

Permanent Missions,
Representations
and Delegations



420

International
Non-Governmental
Organizations (INGO)

UN Headquarters Geneva



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Geneva International



WHO



ICRC



ILO



WTO



UNEP



UNIDO



WMO



**UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER**

Geneva: city of standards

- **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** has been setting standards for radio and telecommunications worldwide

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)



www.itu.int

- Formation : 1865
- Mission : To promote, facilitate and foster affordable and universal access to telecommunication/ information and communication technology networks, services and applications and their use for social, economic and environmentally sustainable growth and development
- Secretary-General: Houlin Zhao (China)
- Staff: ~ 680 (2019)
- Permanent Staff in Geneva: 615 (2019)
- Budget: 167'478'000 CHF (2020)
- Top contributors: United States (9,5 million CHF) and Japan (9,5 million CHF)
- Contribution of Switzerland: 3,2 million CHF





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Learning Opportunities



- ❑ Geneva Summer School on Global Leadership in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs (since 2015)
- ❑ Focusing on global literacy on trade, labour, climate, human rights, partnerships, social-economic theory
- ❑ Ten learning days in August/September



Geneva Programme on Global
Leadership:
*Human Rights Dimension in
International Affairs*

27/8-8/9 2015, Geneva, Switzerland



Objectives

O1:

To nurture global leadership talents in tackling global issues in the local context (glocalisation)

O2:

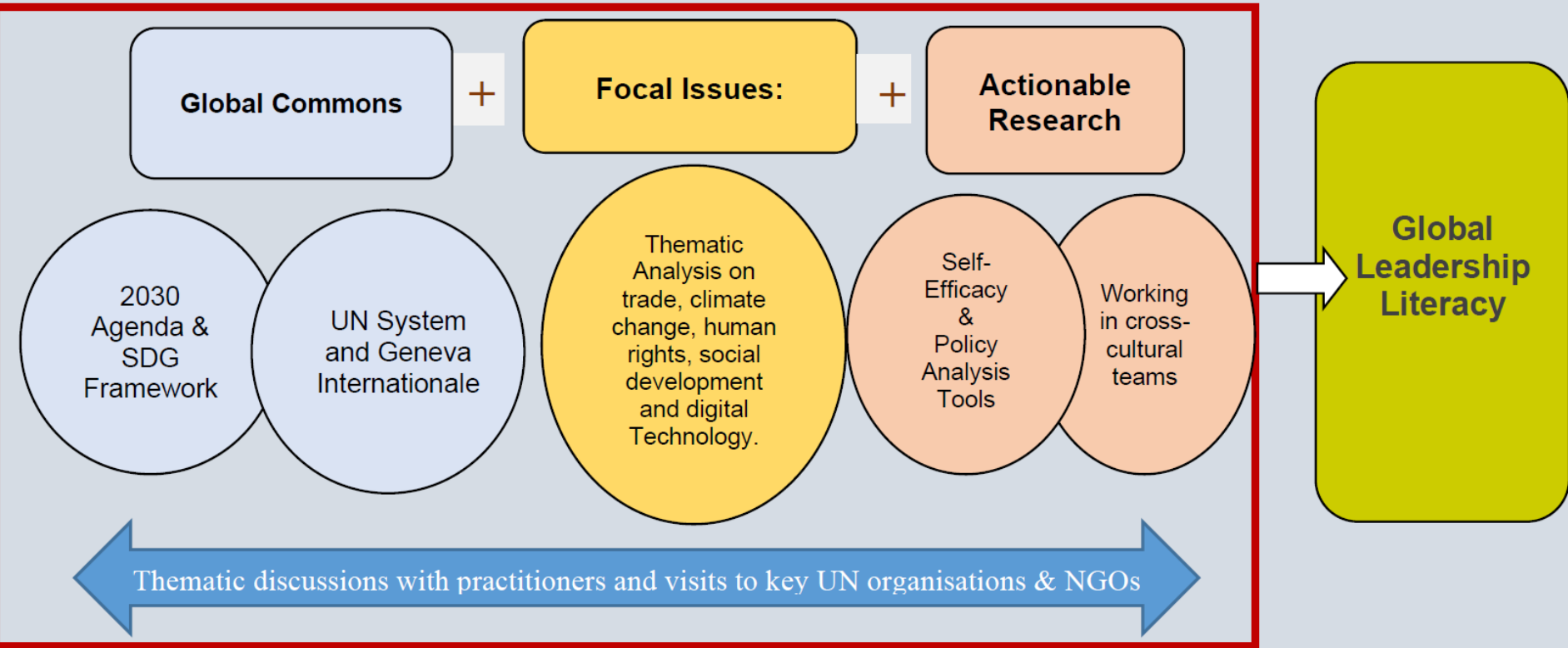
To foster individual capacity to engage and communicate with diverse partners and contribute to the effort of USR in Taiwan

O3:

To work in teams with diverse cultural orientations and age groups, a reality of real life work situation



Learning Map



2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)



Key Domains of Learning



- ✓ **Theme 1: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development & Inclusive society (“Leaving No One Behind”)**
- ✓ **Theme 2: Financing for Development and Trade**
- ✓ **Theme 3: Environmental Sustainability and Planetary Boundaries**
- ✓ **Theme 4: Resilient and Sustainable Cities**
- ✓ **Theme 5: Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships**
- ✓ **Theme 6: Policy Research Methodology - Analytic and Solution Generation tools**



A Different Learning Model

□ GLP as a USR **capacity-building** platform

1. **Immersion** in Real Governance Ecosystems

- Geneva = global policy laboratory
- Direct exposure to UN agencies (ILO, WTO, UNHCR, etc.)

2. **Interdisciplinary + Systems** Approach

- ❖ Trade, climate, human rights, and digital transformation integrated (“Real-world problems don’t come labelled by discipline.”)

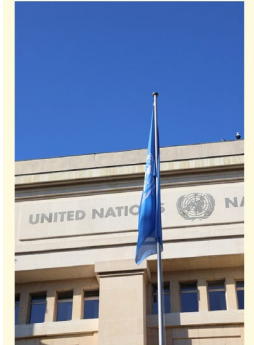
3. **Learning by Doing** (Action-Oriented)

- Team-based policy research
- • Capstone presentations
- • Engagement with practitioners

Learning Methods: Interactive and Experiential

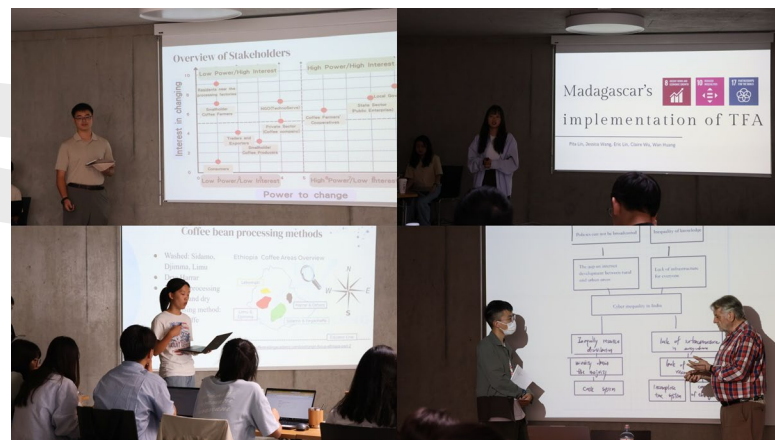


1. Mini lectures
2. Site Visits and issue-based discussions
3. Policy research and solution generations
4. Capstone team presentations & conference



Thematic Areas for Research

- Climate change issues
- Trade and development issues
- Social inclusion and human dignity issues
- Urban development issues
- Stakeholder engagement and partnerships (governance) issues





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- Global Leadership Perspective (GLP) – Global mindset and systems orientation
- SDG Intelligence (SQ) – Interdependency over SDG goals and targets
- System Thinking Intelligence (AQ) – Policy Analysis and Eco-system Mapping
- Public Speaking & Communication Literacy (PSCL) – Public diplomacy and networking skills in English

Who Should Apply



1. English proficiency (Listening comprehension, speaking and reading)
2. Interest in global public affairs & diplomacy
3. Good academic standing
4. Adaptability and intellectual curiosity
5. Eager to grow!

John Knox International Centre

<https://johnknox.ch/#>



Financial Aspects



- Tuition CHF 1,500.00 payable to CSEND
- Double in a Twin Room @ CHF 975 per person (15 nights)
- Double Room in an apartment @ CHF 960 per person (15 nights)
- Possible to have half a pension, i.e., 1 hot meal a day for CHF 19. Discount available.
- It is possible to cook one's own meal.



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MORE INFORMATION

Programme
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Preliminary
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LOCATION

Conference Room FLORY, John Knox International Centre
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