GENEVA CYBER WEEK 2026

Programme overview

Geneva Cyber Week 2026

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Geneva Cyber Week 2026 took place from 4–8 May 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland, bringing together experts from governments, industry, academia and civil society to discuss the latest developments, challenges and opportunities in cybersecurity.

This document provides an overview of the full programme of the 2026 edition, organized by day.

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DAYS	EVENTS	ORGANIZERS	SPEAKERS

Programme themes

Shaping governance · Understanding risks · Building resilience

Monday 4 May	18 events
Tuesday 5 May	23 events
Wednesday 6 May	24 events
Thursday 7 May	19 events
Friday 8 May	13 events

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Monday 4 May

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Shaping governance

Geneva Cyber Week Opening Ceremony

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Cyberspace has become a critical domain underpinning international security, economic activity, development, and the delivery of essential services. At the same time, cyber risks are increasingly systemic, transboundary, and interconnected, cutting across political, technical, developmental, humanitarian, and economic...

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Shaping governance

Cyber Stability Conference 2026

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

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Shaping governance

Geneva Youth IGF

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: Youth IGF Global Movement

In 2025, we joined Geneva Cyber Week with the Pre-Swiss Youth IGF, a workshop gathering the voices of young people in Switzerland and exploring how to better support their needs in the cyber field. Their insights laid the groundwork for what is now becoming the Geneva Youth IGF. The Geneva Youth IGF is envisioned as a...

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Understanding risks

Cyber Economics: A Strategic Imperative for Global Resilience

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Centre for Cyber Economics (CCE), Global Cybersecurity Forum (GCF) and World Economic Forum (WEF)

As the global economy becomes increasingly interconnected and technology plays an ever more central role in economic activity, cybersecurity has evolved from a technical safeguard into a defining pillar of economic resilience and competitiveness.

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Shaping governance

Introducing a New Tool to Navigate the Cyberdiplomacy Landscape

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: DCAF, Cyber Policy Institute

Cybersecurity and digital policy are converging into an increasingly complex web spanning security, economic development, human rights, and geopolitical competition. Tracking the hundreds of organizations and agendas shaping this landscape has become nearly impossible for diplomats and policymakers. We're presenting a...

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Cybersecurity Fails at the Human Interface Workshop

Venue: Room 1, CICG
Organized by: Swiss Cyber Institute

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Shaping governance

IGF Best Practice Forum: Securing Access to the Internet and Protecting Core Internet Resources in Contexts of Conflict and Crises

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Internet Governance Forum Secretariat

The 2025 IGF Best Practice Forum on Securing Access to the Internet and Protecting Core Internet Resources has advanced a focused multistakeholder dialogue on a critical challenge in conflict and crisis settings: maintaining civilian connectivity and safeguarding the public core of the Internet. Building on...

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Shaping governance

A Framework for Responsible Industry Behavior for AI in the Military Domain

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft

Ahead of the 2026 state consultations mandated by the latest First Committee resolution, this RAISE session will pressure-test a minimal, usable framework for responsible industry behavior on AI in the military domain. Participants will vet concrete controls across risk-gating, testing and evaluation, data and model...

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Building cybersecurity ecosystems that protect children's rights

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: UNICEF, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Government of Luxembourg, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

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Building resilience

Advancing Regional Cybersecurity

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft, Kenya's NC4

Cyber capacity building—developing and strengthening the skills, resources, and infrastructure that organizations, governments, and communities need to effectively manage cybersecurity risks—empowers stakeholders to defend against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats, enhances resilience, and ensures the safe and...

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Shaping governance

Building Trust in Cyberspace: Risk-Informed Governance for Global Resilience

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Briska Info Tech Canada Inc

This session focuses on how better understanding cyber risks can support trust and cooperation at the international level. It looks at cybersecurity from three connected perspectives: risk analysis, governance, and practical implementation. The discussion will consider how technical risk assessments and shared...

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Shaping governance

Governing AI: Power, Control, and Responsibility in Security Policy Competition

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Swiss Cyber Officers Association

AI is rapidly becoming a strategic power factor in security-relevant contexts. The critical question is no longer whether states will use these technologies, but whether they can afford not to. This brings a fundamental tension into focus: unrestricted access to the most capable AI systems versus the constraints...

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Founder Talk: Building Tech for a Safer World

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Trust Valley

As part of Geneva Cyber Week 2026, Trust Valley is hosting a founder panel showcasing four startups from its ecosystem. The session brings together builders working across cybersecurity, govtech, and digital trust, companies that are actively protecting organizations from threats, modernizing how institutions operate...

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Building resilience

Deep Dive into a Cyber Crisis: How to respond to a Cyber Attack

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Security Research Labs

The threat of cyberattacks is rising — and 100% security doesn't exist. That's why preparation and practice are everything. In this crisis simulation, a cyberattack on a fictional company unfolds in real time. The audience steps into the shoes of the targeted organization and must make rapid decisions under pressure...

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Building resilience

Beyond Cybersecurity: Trust, Hardware, and System Integrity in Contested Environments

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Ethicronics

This session explores how trust in critical systems relies on the interplay between software security and the integrity of underlying hardware and cyber-physical components.

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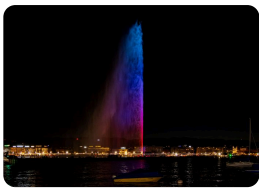
Geneva Cyber Week Across Geneva: Jet d’Eau Illumination

Venue: Geneva

Geneva Cyber Week 2026 will be marked by a special illumination of the Jet d’Eau on Monday, 4 May at 21:00. As one of Geneva’s most iconic landmarks, the Jet d’Eau will serve as a visible symbol of the city’s commitment to international cooperation, digital trust, and cyber resilience. There is no registration for...



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Shaping governance

Cybersecurity in low income economies

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Macmillan Keck, Attorneys & Solicitors, World Bank

The session will be an interactive exploration of a case study and lessons on the challenges and solutions for developing and implementing cybersecurity strategy in countries with limited financial, institutional and human resources, drawing on experience of the session leaders advising such countries. It will discuss...

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Building resilience

The African Cyber Frontier: Securing Africa's Digital Transformation panel discussion

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Smart Africa, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

As Africa undergoes an unprecedented digital shift, cybersecurity has moved to the forefront of the continent's strategic agenda. In an era where AI-driven threats and complex geopolitical shifts challenge national resilience, coordinated action is no longer optional—it is essential.

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Building resilience

Protecting Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in Emerging Economies: Cybersecurity, Trust, and Inclusion

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: West Africa ICT Action Network

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)—including digital ID systems, instant payment platforms, and public registries—is rapidly becoming foundational to service delivery, financial inclusion, and state capacity in emerging economies. Yet the accelerated deployment of DPI is often outpacing cybersecurity preparedness,...

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Building resilience

CyberDefendHERs-CTF: Technical Hands-On Cyber-Expertise for Women

Venue: Room 1, CICG, Room 2, CICG
Organized by: Security Research Labs, FIRST

This CTF-Style workshop will provide a space for women and people that identify as such to connect, learn and grow together and learn defensive cybersecurity skills with a focus on DFIR.

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World Economic Forum Annual Meeting on Cybersecurity

Organized by: World Economic Forum (WEF)

In an era of accelerating technological transformation, the cyber domain is both a driver of progress and a source of systemic risk. As attacks grow in speed and scale, traditional defenses are strained, making collective resilience not just a strategic priority, but an economic and societal necessity. Against this...

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Shaping governance

International Cooperation on Inclusive AI Governance: Proactive Design or Playing Catch-up?

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: DCAF, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

Inclusive AI governance is challenging because it requires coordination on an inherently fragmented subject. Cooperation involves multiple stakeholders globally, as AI is not a primarily country-specific matter. Fragmentation poses challenges to inclusive AI governance, as there is insufficiently consolidated...

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Shaping governance

Mission Possible: The New Rules Cyberespionage

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft

This panel will discuss the launch of a potential Global Principles Against Cyberespionage (which are currently being drafted and slated to roll out in early 2026), a landmark set of rules to be endorsed by states and stakeholders worldwide. We'll explore how these principles, grounded in necessity, proportionality,...

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Shaping governance

Building African Capacity through Cyber Intel Sharing without Strategic Leakage

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: Data Science Centre of Excellence, Faculty of Military Sciences, Netherlands Ministry of Defence

Recent cybersecurity incidents reveal that African countries experience significant increases in cyber-attacks and therefore urgently need cyber capacity building. Yet, Western adversaries maintain deep technological, economic, and intelligence ties across the continent, so sharing Western (threat) intelligence...

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Building resilience

Preventing Harm in Cyberspace: The Digital Emblem

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft, The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Global Cybersecurity Forum (GCF)

This event explores efforts to reduce harm in Cyberspace through the Digital Emblem and related protective frameworks, focusing on how digital safeguards can protect vulnerable users, critical services, and essential infrastructure while strengthening trust, accountability, and shared responsibility in the digital...

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Understanding risks

Collective Approaches to AI and Post-Quantum Cryptography Risks: Policy and Regulatory Considerations

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: National Cyber Security Agency of Thailand

This session warmly welcomes all interested participants, and we would be delighted to have attendees join us, including walk-in participants.

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Building resilience

Peak Incident Response

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: Swiss-CSIRT-Forum, FIRST

DNS serves as critical infrastructure for defenders and adversaries alike. Peak Incident Response convenes security professionals to explore DNS's role in detection, incident response, and resilience, along with its policy dimensions. This 1.5-day single-track event examines all facets of DNS in operational security,...

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Shaping governance

Diplo AI Apprenticeship: Upholding human agency and cyber literacy in the 21st century

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: DiploFoundation

The Diplo AI Apprenticeship represents a paradigm shift in AI education, applying the Swiss vocational "learning-by-doing" model to the governance of AI systems. By integrating theoretical frameworks with project-based applications, the program empowers professionals to reclaim human agency.

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AI Leadership and Innovation Strategies Workshop

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Preparing Digital Infrastructure for the Quantum Computing Era

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft

As quantum computing advances, the urgency to transition global digital infrastructure to quantum-safe cryptography has never been greater. Microsoft's recently announced Quantum Safe Program Strategy exemplifies a security-first approach, aiming for early adoption of quantum-safe capabilities by 2029 and a full...

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Shaping governance

Sandboxes & Cyber

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Datasphere Initiative Foundation

This event will explore how emerging governance tools like Sandboxes can strengthen cyber diplomacy and cyber security. The multi dimensional nature of cyber requires new approaches and collaboration between diverse stakeholders.

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Fast-track to quantum-resilient and agile networks - mitigating HNDL

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: ID Quantique, IonQ

The advancement of quantum computing threatens classical cryptographic systems, urging organisations and enterprises to migrate their infrastructure proactively to quantum-safe security before the "Harvest Now, Decrypt Later" threat materializes.

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Shaping governance

Closing the Risk Gap: Stakeholders and Emerging Threats in the UN Global Mechanism

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: EU CyberDirect - EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

The conclusion of the UN OEWG marks a critical transition from negotiation to implementation under the new Global Mechanism on ICT security and responsible State behaviour. This shift is taking place amid a dynamic threat landscape shaped by emerging and disruptive technologies, which are changing the speed, scale,...

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The Future of Sustainable Cyber Capacity Building

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: CyberPeace Institute

Format: Roundtable (hybrid) Over the past decade, the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) has played a central role in shaping the global cyber capacity building ecosystem. Its strength has lain not only in its institutional form, but in the practical functions it enabled: trusted multistakeholder coordination,...

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Protect.NGO'26

Venue: Offsite – FER Geneve
Organized by: CyberPeace Institute

Join foundations, nonprofits, cities, corporations and volunteers to learn why cyber protecting nonprofits matters and what we can do about it together: https://www.protect.ngo/

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Cybersecurity Community Building and Zero-Day Conference 2026 Highlights

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: Zero Day Conference

Building a cybersecurity community brick by brick is a long an complex process. There is no magic recipe behind. We began with simple gatherings - sharing a drink and talking about cybersecurity - and this gradually evolved into establishing a strong group of experts and hosting an annual, one-and-a-half-day...

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Building an Inclusive Cyber Workforce is a Global Security Imperative

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Global Cybersecurity Forum (GCF)

The Global Cybersecurity Forum (GCF) will host the “Building an Inclusive Cyber Workforce Is a Global Security Imperative” event during the 2026 Geneva Cyber Week on May 6, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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World Economic Forum Annual Meeting on Cybersecurity

Organized by: World Economic Forum (WEF)

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Shaping governance

From norms to practice: Implementing human rights in cyberspace

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: Permanent Mission of Netherlands to the UN in Geneva

The Global Mechanism aspires to be an action-oriented platform that advances an open, free, secure and stable cyberspace. The effective implementation of the UN-agreed normative framework will be essential to its success and to strengthening stability and security in cyberspace.

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Building resilience

Closing the Scam Prevention Gap: Multi-Stakeholder Intelligence Sharing in Practice

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Oxford Information Labs (OXIL)

Cybercrime is inherently transnational, requiring cross-sector intelligence sharing and cross-jurisdictional coordination. Counter-cybercrime efforts, however, remain asymmetrical to the threat—and scams exemplify this gap.

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Shaping governance

Beyond the maths - encryption as a feminist issue

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Chayn

As we talk about cyber security, it is important not to lose sight of who the recipients are. Chayn is a global feminist organisation that supports survivors of gender-based violence, working at the intersection of technology, safety, and justice. For many years, Chayn has advocated for the protection of strong...

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Shaping governance

Pre-Launch Event: Compendium of Good Practices on Gender Mainstreaming in Cybersecurity

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

UNIDIR and the Stimson Center are pre-launching their Compendium of Good Practices on Gender Mainstreaming in Cybersecurity through the publication of a summary of recommendations for States and other stakeholders, featuring some of the main takeaways from the Compendium.

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Shaping governance

Know your cyber incidents – a scenario-based exercise on national cyber incident classification system

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: DCAF, Virtual Routes

When a cyber crisis strikes, who decides how serious it is — and how? This session tackles cyber incident classification not just as a technical challenge, but as a tool to understand risks and threats to enable effective response by states. Through a practical scenario exercise, participants will explore what it...

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Understanding risks

Agentic Security and Diplomacy: Bridging AI, Cyber Operations, and International Law

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Emerging AI-driven systems are reshaping the cyber domain, introducing new forms of operations and amplifying risks in armed conflict contexts.

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Building resilience

Tabletop Exercise (TTX) on "Black Box Decisions: AI-Driven Crisis Leadership Simulation"

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC)

This high-impact tabletop exercise immerses senior cybersecurity leaders and technical responders in a fast-moving, intelligence-driven crisis. Participants face ambiguous information, time pressure, and AI-generated signals whose reliability is intentionally uncertain. The exercise challenges teams to collaborate...

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Shaping governance

Regulatory Interoperability: Strengthening Trusted Global Supply Chains

Venue: Offsite – WEF HQ
Organized by: World Economic Forum (WEF), National Cybersecurity Centre (NCSC) Switzerland

Geopolitical tensions, digital risks and fragmented regulations are putting global supply chains under strain. Policymakers and industry leaders face a shared challenge: strengthening security and resilience without undermining the cross-border flow of data and goods. This session convenes regulators, policymakers and...

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Building resilience

Strengthening global cyber resilience in the age of AI: Insights from ITU's work with developing countries

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Artificial intelligence is reshaping both the performance and the vulnerability of critical infrastructure systems and sectors worldwide. As AI accelerates threat capabilities it raises questions about rapidly adapting approaches to cybersecurity resilience and cyber capacity building.

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Architecting Africa's Digital Strategic Autonomy - From Policy to Post-Quantum Implementation

Venue: Offsite – WEF HQ
Organized by: Real Tyme

This session is invitation only. In a geopolitical landscape where "Data Decolonization" has become a national security imperative, African nations are moving beyond theoretical frameworks to reclaim their digital borders. This session showcases an African Government Blueprint—a validated, implementation-ready model...

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Understanding risks

Attribution and Responsive Action: Can Accountability be brought to Cyberspace

Venue: Room 7, CICG
Organized by: The Cyber Policy Group, The Stimson Center

Though the United Nations' norms set an admirable goal for responsible State behavior in cyberspace, malicious state actions that transgress the norms have continued unabated. Attributing the source of cyber-attacks is critical for increasing accountability, providing the basis for better defense and further...

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Cyber Risk as a Systemic Governance Challenge: Leadership, Talent, and Accountability in the AI Era

Venue: Room 1, CICG
Organized by: Fortinet, World Economic Forum (WEF)

Cyber risk has evolved from an enterprise-level technology concern into a systemic governance challenge with global economic, operational, and societal implications. As cyber incidents increasingly cascade across borders, sectors, and critical infrastructure, they represent not only organizational risk but also a...

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Shaping governance

Making Sense of the Open-Ended Working Group on ICT and International Security Legacy - Forthcoming Study Briefing

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Between 2021 and 2025, the United Nations Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) operated under an extended mandate and delivered outcomes that will shape how the international community addresses ICT issues in the context of international...

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Building resilience

We are all in this together – strengthening CERT-decision maker collaboration in the event of a major cyber/ICT security incident

Venue: Room 1, CICG, Room 2, CICG
Organized by: Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST)

Complex, sustained and high-impact cyber incidents are unlikely to cause systemic collapse on their own, but they can exacerbate negative societal trends, delay provision of key services, damage or compromise vast troves of sensitive data and cause political upheaval. As such, both the technical and...

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Understanding risks

Don't get Hacked in your Head or Online - Mentalist X Cyber Security

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Swiss Aware

We are all vulnerable — not just to cyberattacks, but to the invisible manipulations that shape our decisions and trust every day. A mentalist and an ethical hacker will demonstrate live, using the audience as witnesses, how the same mechanisms — cognitive bias, misplaced trust, illusion of control — are exploited...

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Pay or not Pay? A Ransomware Tabletop Exercise for the Digital International Geneva

Venue: Room 1, CICG, Room 2, CICG
Organized by: Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

What happens when your organization's systems are suddenly encrypted, and an unknown attacker demands a ransom? This tabletop exercise puts participants in the middle of an unfolding ransomware crisis, based on a real-world incident.

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UNIDIR Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics: Information Session

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

UNIDIR's Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics 2026 (#AISE26) will bring together a wide range of stakeholders – including diplomats, policymakers, academia, civil society, industry and research laboratories – to examine the implications of artificial intelligence (AI) for international peace and security.

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Cyberspace Operations: Assessing Risks and Strategic Responses

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: GCSP

Cyberspace now carries a substantial share of global economic activity and grows at a pace that outstrips the wider economy. That growth has drawn a corresponding rise in state-sponsored operations, where a small number of actors account for the majority of attributed activity, and where government, private sector,...

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Understanding risks

Steering through Cyber Turbulence

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: World Economic Forum (WEF)

Cyber threats are outpacing defences, critical infrastructure is increasingly exposed, and AI is reshaping the risk landscape. How should leaders interpret the shifts unfolding in cyberspace today, and what concrete actions will prepare them for the disruptions and opportunities ahead?

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Building resilience

Reinforcing cybersecurity through International Standards: From risk to resilience

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: ISO

As cybersecurity risks continue to evolve in scale and complexity, the focus is increasingly shifting towards effective implementation.

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Shaping governance

Digital International Geneva: Building Trust, Resilience, and Cooperation in Cyberspace — A Strategic Fireside Chat with the Swiss FDFA State Secretary

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

This high-level fireside chat will explore how Digital International Geneva can help translate global cooperation on digital issues into practical action. Building on the themes of Geneva Cyber Week 2026, the discussion will examine how trust, resilience, and coordinated responses can be strengthened in an…

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Building resilience

Public Interest Research in AI Safety and Cybersecurity: Invest Now, Secure Tomorrow

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: CyberPeace Institute, Paris Peace Forum, CESIA

Context and Rationale The rapid diffusion of AI capabilities is fundamentally reshaping the cyber threat landscape. Threat intelligence from major AI developers confirms that the adversarial diversion of general-purpose models is no longer theoretical — it is happening in real-world settings. AI proficiency in…

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Shaping governance

Cyber Mediation in Practice: Addressing Digital Conflicts Through Dialogue

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

In addressing digital conflicts, cyber mediation offers a vital path to de-escalation and trust building. This interactive workshop introduces policymakers and practitioners to what digital conflicts are, what cyber mediation entails and how it works in practice, through a case study.

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Building resilience

Scaling Cyber Capacity for All: What Works?

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft – UNIO Geneva (CELA), Microsoft, CyberPeace Institute, Graduate Institute, together with permanent missions and UN organisations in International Geneva who form part of the CyberPeace Conversations (an informal dialogue on cyber security and cyber safety).

This closed-door, peer-to-peer roundtable convenes participants from ongoing cybersecurity conversations with Member States, alongside academics and private-sector experts, to examine what works in scaling cyber capacity across diverse national contexts. Building on global evidence of rising cyber threats and uneven...

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Women4Cyber Switzerland Mentoring Coffee

Venue: Room 15, CICG
Organized by: Women4Cyber Switzerland

Join us for a welcoming Mentoring Coffee dedicated to inspiring and supporting diverse talent in cybersecurity. This informal event brings together experienced professionals and newcomers for open conversations, career guidance, and knowledge sharing in a relaxed setting. Participants will have the chance to connect...

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Shaping governance

Geneva Cyber Week National Cybersecurity Strategy and Governance Tabletop Exercise

Venue: Room 1, CICG, Room 2, CICG
Organized by: International Telecommunication Union (ITU), United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

By invitation only. Participants are invited to take part in a high-level, policy-focused tabletop exercise exploring national cybersecurity governance, prioritization, and strategic decision-making.

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Understanding risks

Tackling Disinformation in the Age of AI

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (UN ODET)

The inaugural UN Global Risk Report 2024-2025 identified mis- and disinformation as a critical vulnerability in multilateral cooperation and action. While AI is opening immense opportunities to expand access to knowledge, it may also enable the reproduction and spread of disinformation at unprecedented scale....

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Building resilience

How do nations need to adapt their national cybersecurity capabilities to the changing landscape of AI?

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, University of Oxford

It is clear that the rapid adoption of AI across governments, economies and societies is having a significant effect on the nature of the cybersecurity risks facing nations. It is also clear that AI offers opportunities to improve the national cybersecurity response.

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In Search of Credible Cyber Deterrence: Norms, Costs, and Accountability

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: The Stimson Center

There has been a long-standing debate about the feasibility of applying traditional concepts of deterrence to the cyber domain. The prevailing wisdom has been that a better framework for understanding the cyber domain is “persistent engagement” in an “agreed competition.” As such, governments have tended to shift…

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Building resilience

Cybersecurity as an Enabler of Economic Growth and Strategic Resilience

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Digi Americas Alliance

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Swiss AWARE Round Table: Becoming a citizen in the age of algorithms

Venue: MS 150, the Geneva University

Objective The objective of this event is to give students at the University of Geneva a clear understanding of the

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Geneva Cyber Week Across Geneva: Flags on Mont Blanc Bridge

As part of Geneva Cyber Week, branded flags will be displayed on Mont Blanc Bridge, enhancing the event's visibility across the city and reinforcing its public presence in Geneva.

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Building resilience

Yes we can! Successfully managing and mitigating cyber incidents

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

A multi-day exercise focusing on international communication and cooperation to manage and mitigate cyber incidents. It will test some of the "cyber norms", explore aspects of international law, and aims at testing the UN Points-of-Contact directory. The exercise will last Tuesday- Friday during Cyber Week. Meetings...

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Building resilience

Artificial Intelligence, Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence: Risks, Opportunities, and Global Cooperation

Venue: Amphitheater D, CICG
Organized by: Council of Europe

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping cybercrime and criminal justice by both enabling new forms of offending and facilitating existing crimes, while also becoming increasingly instrumental in criminal investigations, the collection and analysis of electronic evidence, and the strengthening of international...

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The Diplomacy of Outer Space and ICT Security: Intersections, Interdependence and Shared Vulnerabilities

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Multiple strategic dialogues address space security and ICT security concerns, without necessarily converging. Yet, space technologies embed ICT and face related threats, exploiting vulnerabilities to disrupt missions conducted in outer space. While parallel multilateral processes are held, respectively on the...

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The Glass Room Misinformation Edition Exhibition

Venue: 1st Floor, CICG
Organized by: Tactical Tech

We hear a lot about misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories these days. But what makes a piece of information reliable or unreliable? What role do new technologies and social media platforms play in how misinformation spreads? And how does misinformation impact our society?

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Understanding risks

Cyber Stability Under Pressure: A reality Check for Cyber Norms in an Era of AI-driven Cyber Risks

Venue: Room 16, CICG
Organized by: Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), DiploFoundation and co-partners in the Geneva Dialogue for Responsible Behaviour in Cyberspace

The cybersecurity landscape is increasingly influenced by the integration of artificial intelligence into cyber operations, affecting the scale, speed, and sophistication of cyber threats. These developments raise important questions about how existing voluntary cyber norms are understood, applied, and operationalised...

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Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure" including OT utilising NIST CSF 2.0, NIST SP 800-82, NIST SP 800-53, MITRE, IEC 62443

Venue: Room 15, CICG
Organized by: Asim Khwaja

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Cybersecurity Regulatory Alignment- Insights and Future Directions

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Microsoft

Improving the alignment of cybersecurity regulations has emerged as a critical priority to strengthen operational defenses and build global resilience against evolving cyber threats.

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Governing Emerging Technologies Without Eroding Sovereignty: Aligning AI and Cyber Policy with International Norms

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Cyber Institute

As AI and cyber capabilities are increasingly embedded in national security, critical infrastructure, and government decision-making, gaps between international norms and sovereign implementation are no longer theoretical. In 2026, these gaps carry direct implications for escalation dynamics, civilian protection, and...

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Centering Victims in Global Cyber Norms Implementation: Embedding the harms methodology in the UN Regular Institutional Dialogue

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: CyberPeace Institute

This session will examine how implementation of the UN framework for responsible state behaviour in cyberspace can be strengthened by embedding a victim centric approach, particularly through the Global Mechanism and its Dedicated Thematic Groups.

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Building resilience

What are the benefits for states of strengthening their capacity in cybercrime prevention?

Venue: Room 9, CICG
Organized by: Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, University of Oxford, World Bank

Cybercrime represents a major and growing global challenge with wide-ranging economic, social and psychological impacts. Existing research and policy initiatives have largely focused on quantifying the negative consequences of cybercrime, such as financial losses and systemic risks. This leaves a gap in the evidence...

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The Peaceful Settlement of Inter-state Cyber Disputes

Venue: Room 3, CICG
Organized by: Nicholas Tsagourias

This panel examines the international law dimensions of the settlement of inter-state cyber disputes. As cyberspace increasingly emerges as a domain of inter-state conflict and confrontation, it raises significant challenges for international law, particularly regarding the obligation to settle disputes peacefully.

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Understanding risks

Cyber Ethics in Practice: A Systems-Based Framework for Global Cyber Policy and Diplomacy

Venue: Room 4, CICG
Organized by: Systems Ethics Advisory LLC, Professor Zhanna L. Shank, JD

Global cooperation in cyberspace increasingly depends on decisions made under ethical uncertainty, balancing security and rights, innovation and restraint, and sovereignty and interdependence. Yet many cyber policy discussions lack a shared framework for navigating these trade-offs.

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