

GenSouth returns in 2026: a new generation of Global South voices at the heart of International Geneva

Geneva, 19 January 2026 - Building on the success of its first edition, GenSouth returns in 2026 with a new cohort of young researchers from Global South think tanks, invited to Geneva - capital of multilateralism. Organised by foraus - Swiss Forum on Foreign Policy, and supported by the Canton and City of Geneva as well as the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, this unique programme offers a direct exchange platform between emerging Global South voices and key multilateral actors.

This delegation brings together 15 participants aged between 20 and 33, coming from 13 different countries: South Africa, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Brazil, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal and Pakistan. Over the course of four days, the group will take part in workshops, discussions and meetings with Geneva-based experts and international organisations, thereby reinforcing Geneva's role as a global hub for diplomacy.

Following their stay in Geneva, the 15 researchers will continue the programme by jointly drafting a Project Brief containing concrete recommendations for a more inclusive and effective multilateral system. The document will address key thematic areas such as the reform of the international financial architecture, climate justice, reform of the United Nations Security Council, and public systems through international cooperation. Its publication is scheduled for April 2026.

In a global context marked by rising tensions and increasingly complex multilateral challenges, GenSouth 2026 aims to strengthen the inclusion of Global South perspectives in international debates, where they remain under-represented.

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