

Dear colleagues,

Each year, as part of the outreach programmes undertaken by the United Nations, the United Nations Information Service at Geneva organizes a two-week Graduate Study Programme at the Palais des Nations for a group of qualified post-graduate students from all over the world.

The 55th Geneva Graduate Study Programme will take place from **3 to 14 July 2017** on the theme: **“Climate change, migration, violent extremism: the United Nations’ role in preventing conflicts spurred by the challenges of our time”**

The Programme provides an opportunity for outstanding postgraduate students to deepen their understanding of the principles, purposes and activities of the United Nations in relation with this theme.

Senior officials and experts of the United Nations and of the Geneva-based specialized agencies will give a series of lectures followed by panel discussions. Participants will also work in groups to produce outcome related to the work of those agencies.

As in the past, we would be most grateful for your assistance in bringing this programme to the attention of government authorities, universities and institutes of higher education in your country and region.

The application form and detailed information are available on our website www.unog.ch.

Relevant information on the Graduate Study Programme is also being sent to government authorities through the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

It is important to inform candidates that the United Nations does not provide assistance towards the travel and living expenses of participants.

Please also note that this programme will be conducted in English and French without interpretation, therefore candidates must be fluent in both languages.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Graduate Study Programme is **Wednesday 1st March 2017**. Selected candidates will be notified of their selection by **mid-April 2017**.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and best regards.

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