



Geneva Center for Multilateral Journalism (GCMJ)

Who we are

The Geneva Center for Multilateral Journalism (GCMJ) is an independent, nonprofit association based in Geneva, Switzerland. It is dedicated to strengthening the professional capacity, institutional literacy, and independence of journalism and research focused on the United Nations system and major international organizations.

Established under Swiss law, GCMJ operates as a public-interest organization committed to factual rigor, ethical standards, and informed scrutiny of global governance.

Why GCMJ exists

Multilateral institutions play a central role in addressing global challenges — from humanitarian crises and public health to climate governance and technological regulation. Yet these institutions are complex, procedurally layered, and often poorly understood outside specialist circles.

At the same time, the economic contraction of international journalism has reduced the number of reporters and researchers able to develop sustained expertise in multilateral systems. This gap has contributed to misunderstanding, oversimplification, and politicized narratives that weaken public accountability and democratic legitimacy.

GCMJ exists to address this structural problem by treating institutional literacy as a public good.

What we do

GCMJ supports independent journalism and research through:

- Capacity-building programs that deepen understanding of multilateral institutions, mandates, and decision-making processes
- Training and immersion initiatives focused on professional standards, verification, and ethical reporting in complex governance environments
- Knowledge transfer that preserves institutional memory and supports sustained beat development

- Collaboration with journalists, researchers, and communicators working across regions and media ecosystems

GCMJ does not engage in advocacy or institutional promotion. Its role is to strengthen the conditions for independent, critical, and informed scrutiny of multilateral systems — including both successes and failures.

Why Geneva

Geneva is a global hub of multilateral governance, hosting a dense concentration of international organizations, diplomatic missions, and technical bodies. This environment allows for firsthand observation of institutional processes, sustained professional engagement, and cross-institutional understanding that cannot be replicated remotely.

For GCMJ, Geneva is an operational necessity: it anchors credibility, depth, and accuracy.

Governance and independence

GCMJ is an independent association under Swiss law (Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code). It is politically and religiously neutral and does not pursue commercial activity.

The organization is governed by an independent board in accordance with its statutes. Any surplus is used exclusively to advance the association's public interest mission.

GCMJ maintains clear separation between its nonprofit activities and any commercial media entities operated by its founders or affiliates.

Founders

GCMJ was founded by journalists and editors with long-standing experience covering international organizations and multilateral diplomacy, including extensive reporting from Geneva and other global centers.

The founders bring decades of international reporting experience and a shared commitment to independence, factual rigor, and institutional accountability.

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