

ETH and the United Nations: A partnership for a better world

Technology-driven social innovation for global challenges

The partnership between the United Nations (UN) and ETH Zurich, launched in 2023, is designed to foster research and technological innovation to address some of the most pressing global challenges. At the core of this collaboration lie global peace and security, humanitarian aid, and sustainable development – aligned with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Science for a sustainable future

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Our goal

At the heart of the partnership are targeted initiatives that transform scientific progress into real-world solutions. These include:

- research projects addressing specific challenges, such as AI-driven analytical tools for forecasting outbreaks of violence in conflict regions.
- scholarships for participants from low- and middle-income countries to enroll in the two-year Master of Advanced Studies ETH Mediation in Peace Processes (MAS ETH MPP), a programme that equips future mediators with the tools needed to help resolve violent political conflicts.
- exchange programmes that offer ETH students the opportunity to intern with UN organizations, while also inviting UN professionals to teach at ETH Zurich as “Professors of Practice”.

Your support enables

- the translation of scientific research into tangible solutions that tackle global issues through technology;
- direct exchange between ETH Zurich researchers and UN policy-makers;
- scholarships for the MAS ETH MPP, helping to build the foundations for peace in regions affected by violent conflict.

Part of the ETH School of Public Policy

This partnership is anchored in the new ETH School of Public Policy (ESPP), which provides evidence-based insights to inform policy decisions. Close collaboration with the UN enables ETH Zurich to ensure its research has direct societal impact – particularly where it is most urgently needed, such as in the Global South.

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