



**GREEN
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20th
anniversary

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Celebrating

Green Cross International's 20th anniversary
2-3 September 2013, Geneva



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Green Cross International (GCI) is a non-governmental organization, founded by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mikhail Gorbachev, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Launched in 1993, Green Cross International's network operates globally and has offices in around 30 countries, and will mark its 20th anniversary with major activities in Geneva during June and September 2013.

For the past two decades, GCI has been responding to the combined challenges of security, poverty and environmental degradation to ensure a sustainable and secure future, seeking solutions through dialogue, mediation and co-operation. Green Cross International hosts the **Climate Change Task Force**, an independent, non-governmental committee comprised of leading international climate change thinkers, scientists, Nobel Peace Laureates, as well as former Heads of State calling upon civil society and the public at large to urgently step up the global response to climate change.

Quai Wilson Photo Exhibition, Geneva (21 June-30 July 2013)



Green Cross International will stage a photo exhibit on the renowned Quai Wilson exhibit space by Lake Geneva from 21 June-30 July 2013. The exhibit, entitled Give Humanity a Chance, Give the Earth a Future, will feature the key issues and challenges facing the world today, including the water and energy crisis, environmental security and sustainability, climate change, proliferation and violence, environmental emergencies, and the social and medical consequences of environmental degradation.

Concert featuring world acclaimed pianist Andrei Gavrilov, Victoria Hall, Geneva (8pm, 2 September 2013)



Andrei Gavrilov, the world acclaimed Russian pianist, will perform a unique concert of Chopin and Prokofiev in honor of Green Cross at Geneva's 1,200-seat Victoria Hall on 2 September, 2013.

Gavrilov received international acclaim after winning the 1974 Tchaikovsky Competition at just 18. He has performed at leading venues such as the Royal Festival Hall and Carnegie Hall as well as at Geneva's Victoria Hall, on numerous occasions.

**Green Cross General Assembly, CIGG,
Geneva (2 September, 2013)**



The Green Cross General Assembly, the network's highest decision-making body, will be dedicated to the founders of our organization, who in response to the major challenges facing our world, joined forces 20 years ago to advocate for and work to achieve lasting change in how humanity responds to, and is protected from, the threats we face today. These leaders will be recognized during a high-level session that will use testimonials and video.

**Green Star Awards, CIGG,
Geneva (2 September, 2013)**

THE
GREEN STAR
AWARDS
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The Green Star Awards recognize individuals, organizations, governments and corporations who make remarkable efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to environmental emergencies around the world. The Awards are a joint initiative between the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Green Cross International and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). They aim to raise awareness of environmental emergencies, encourage increased international efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to such emergencies, emphasize the connection between environmental impacts of disasters and emergencies, and the consequences for affected populations and providers of humanitarian assistance. The Green Star Awards are presented every two years. More information at www.greenstarawards.net

**7th Earth Dialogues, Palais des Nations,
Geneva (3 September 2013)**

Earth Dialogues



Dialogues pour la Terre

The Earth Dialogues are a series of public forums bringing together civil society and the private and public sectors in the search for solutions to resolve the most pressing and interconnected challenges of insecurity, poverty and environmental degradation. Launched in 2002 by Mikhail Gorbachev and Maurice Strong, the Secretary-General of the 1992 Earth Summit and Chairman of the Earth Council, the Earth Dialogues represent an integrated strategy to develop and promote a more sustainable way of living. These 7th Earth Dialogues will bring together hundreds of people, including high-level speakers from around the world, and include 5 panels focusing on the challenges and opportunities of a world in transition (climate change, energy and resources, poverty, food and water, security and sustainability).

**“2050 - the Future We Want” Musical, Palais des Nations,
Geneva (3 September 2013)**



Green Cross is collaborating with Peace Child International to produce the inspirational musical, *2050 – The Future We Want*. The story of the musical, to be first performed on 3 September 2013, is set in the Year 2050 and revolves around young characters who confront, and overcome, the major ecological and related humanitarian challenges of today: climate change, unsustainable development, nuclear weapons proliferation, pollution, inequity, injustice and manmade environmental emergencies. An international cast, including youth drawn from the global Green Cross network, will perform the musical, which will include songs by legendary musician Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens).