



YSCOS Presentation

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➤ **Introduction**

My name is Yvan Sturm, Swiss National.

I'm engaged and committed as professional in Humanitarian and Social fields since 1985, of which 21 years (1994-2014 and 2022-2023) with [UNHCR](#) in numerous countries -conflict / unstable/complex environments-; with [UNRWA](#) in Lebanon, [I-NGOs](#) (1985- 1991) and several years as [consultant](#) (mothers-children / minors needs, detention, anti-human trafficking situations and projects, projects and program analysis / review, NGO management, etc.).

While I spent most of my working years abroad, I also worked in my own country with and for people suffering of severe addictions (one year in the 80th) as well 6 years (recently) for the [Hospice general / AMIG](#), the Geneva State Office in charge of Refugees and Migrants.

As I formally reach the “official retiring age” in 2024, I'm now operating as consultant.

Here, below, few basic and -hopefully - useful information as well as websites links:

The United Nations (UN) and the main humanitarian organizations

The United Nations (UN)

<https://www.un.org/en/>

Founded in 1945 –today composed by 193 Member States – The “Charter” founding document signed on 26.06.1945 in San Francisco /USA.

“Peace, dignity, and equality on a healthy planet”

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us-un-charter>

- Main bodies of the UN
 - [General assembly \(GA\)](#) – 193 Members States
 - [Security Council \(SC\)](#) – 5 permanent members (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and USA) and 10 non-permanent (change annually, five members elected according to geographical distribution to ensure fair representation for 2 year terms by the GA). The Presidency rotates and changes every month.



- [Trusteeship Council](#) – established in 1945 to provide international supervision of 11 Trust Territories placed under the administration of 7 Member States to ensure that all required steps to ensure their self-government and independence. By 1994 all Territories had attained these two goals. Since November 1994 the Trusteeship Council suspended operation and under a new adopted resolution agreed to meet on occasion required (by the decision of its President, the majority of the GA or the Security Council).
- [International Court of Justice](#) – ICJ based in the Hague (Netherlands).
- [Secretariat](#) – The Secretary-General – appointed by the GA for a 5 years mandate based on the recommendation of the SC.

The main functions of the Secretariat are:

- Planning and managing peace keeping (DPKO)
 - Mediating international disputes
 - Assisting with implementation of the SC sanctions
 - [Coordinating disaster relief across humanitarian agencies](#)
 - Promoting social and economic development
 - Publishing statistics and research
 - Setting the agenda for deliberating bodies of the UN
 - Facilitating discussion and meetings among UN member States
- Short presentation of the [“UN80 Initiative”](#)
It was launched by the Secretary-General in March 2025 marking the 80th anniversary. The resolution 79/318 adopted on 18.07.2025, the GA welcome the SG effort on how to transform the UN works by having a more agile, integrated and equipped agency to respond to today's complex challenges and tightening financial resources.
Key areas:
 - Efficiencies and improvements
 - Mandate implementation review
 - Potential structural changes and programme realignments

The main goals are to be more:

- efficient and cost-effective
- responsive to crises and countries' needs



- effective in delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>)
- accountable to the tax-payers and the people it serves

- supportive of UN staff and their mission-critical work

with an impact on global, regional and country level:

- Peace and security
- Humanitarian
- Sustainable development
- Human rights

<https://www.un.org/un80-initiative/en>

- United Nations (UN) organizations in Ukraine – <https://ukraine.un.org/en/about/un-entities-in-country>
- Main **UN Humanitarian** organizations
 - **IOM** -International Organization for Migration- <https://www.iom.int>
 - **OCHA** -Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - <https://www.unocha.org>
 - **UNHCR** - High Commissioner for Refugees - <https://www.unhcr.org>
 - **UNICEF** -United Nations Organization for Children- - <https://www.unicef.org>
 - **WHO** – Word Health Organization - <https://who.int>
 - **WFP** - World Food Program - <https://www.wfp.org>
 - **UNRWA** – United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees – [https:// www.unrwa.org](https://www.unrwa.org)

and some other main programmes and agencies:

- **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme), **UNFPA** (United Nations Population Fund), **UN Habitat**, **UN Women**, **FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization), **DPKO** (Department Peace Keeping Operations), **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), etc.

as well as important international organizations:



- ICRC -International Committee of the Red Cross- -
<https://www.icrc.org>

The Geneva Conventions (1949 after the Second WW2) are international humanitarian laws (4 treaties and 3 additional protocols) establishing international legal standards, dedicated to protect the rights of prisoners, civilians, humanitarian and medical staff, military personal (wounded, prisoners, etc.).

<https://www.icrc.org/rn/law-and-plicy/Geneva-convention-and-their-commentaries>

- IFRC (International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent) -
<https://www.ifrc.org>
- I-NGOs –International and National Non-Governmental Organizations and of course the Civil Society of each country-
- ICVA – International Council of Voluntary Agencies
<https://www.icvanetwork.org>

A short additional information, certainly more related to your scope of studies:

- **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). In Ukraine UNESCO has number of programs linked / focusing with education continuity, protecting cultural heritage, supporting media professionals, etc. A special attention is provided to support student and educators by providing psychosocial support. More information care available on internet
<https://www.unesco.org/en/ukraine-war>

Short proposed schedule for the intervention

➤ **Introduction**

After the introduction speech from the University Representative, few words to introduce myself

10 minutes

And then

➤ **05.2022 – 04.2023 Mission in Ukraine with UNHCR**

Few words about my mission and role in Ukraine while on mission for UNHCR.

My role and function were to ensure that pipeline, global and local stock management and delivery of needed goods were done in the most appropriated manner and delivered as quick as possible to the people in need of support in line with all protocols and in security.



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I wrote and developed all UNHCR internal as well as partners Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs), check and balance mechanisms in line with UNHCR overall standards and rules.

Finally, I supported by numerous field mission UNHCR field Offices as well Ukrainian NGO partners operating in the following regions (Kiev, Lviv, Uzhhorod, Chernivtsi, Vinnytsia, Dnipro, Odessa regions).

UNHCR partners during my time on mission:

- Crimea SOS [https:// www.krymsos.com](https://www.krymsos.com)
- Neeka [https:// www.neeka.org](https://www.neeka.org)
- Neemia [https:// www.nehemia-team.org](https://www.nehemia-team.org)
- Proliska [https:// www.proliska.org](https://www.proliska.org)
- Rokada [https:// www.rokada.org.ua](https://www.rokada.org.ua)
- TTA [https:// www.dk.od.ua](https://www.dk.od.ua)
- ACTED: [https:// www.acted.org](https://www.acted.org)
- R2P: [https:// www.r2p.ngo](https://www.r2p.ngo)
- Intersos [https:// www.intersos.org](https://www.intersos.org)

10 minutes

➤ Q & A

20 minutes

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