

Green Cross photo exhibit in Geneva sheds light on challenges facing humanity



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Geneva: Green Cross International and the City of Geneva will shed light on some of the world's most pressing challenges tomorrow, when they officially launch a major outdoor photographic exhibit depicting current-day threats facing the environment, peace and humanity.

The [Quai Wilson](#) photo exhibit, located on Geneva's prominent lake promenade, will be officially launched by President Mikhail Gorbachev, who founded Green Cross International in 1993, Mayor of Geneva Rémy Pagani, Green Cross International President Alexander Likhotal, and Philippe Matthey, Secretary-General of the Department of Interior, Transport and Environment of the State of Geneva.

Photographs provided by environmental photographers from around the world will be displayed within the 100 panel exhibit, titled Give Humanity a Chance, Give the Earth a Future, which will run for the month of September 2012.

Green Cross International President Alexander Likhotal said the organization was grateful for the opportunity provided by the City of Geneva to stage this photographic exhibit.

"Green Cross's mission is to respond to the inter-connected global challenges of security, poverty eradication and environmental degradation," said Dr. Likhotal. "We hope this exhibit can play a part in raising awareness on the need to confront these challenges."

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, welcomed the Green Cross exhibit and the focus it brings to the threats being faced by nature.

"We must make progress on addressing environmental challenges because sustainable development is not an abstract theory – it is about people," Mr Tokayev said. "It is about the well-being of individuals and communities across the world. Our partnerships at the international, national and community levels are crucial for achieving the future we want."

Mayor Pagani said: "The exhibit of Green Cross International fits perfectly with the spirit of Geneva and its tradition, which has turned this city into a platform for dialogue, meetings and exchanges, and which aims to put in place pragmatic projects and to find solutions to global challenges."

More than 10 photographers have provided images for the exhibit, including award-winning photographer, adventurer and environmental advocate Sebastian Copeland, Franck Vogel, Lionel Goujon and Gwenael Prié who collaborate on the Les voyageurs de l'eau initiative, Bruno Fert, Luc Hardy, Owen Kilgour, Gosia Wieruszewska, Alexander Ellinghausen, and Brendan McCarthy.

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