

Training, research and representation

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The Geneva cluster also includes training and research institutions. The University of Geneva offers specialised programmes in commodity trading, supported by the sector, which train professionals from all over the world.¹ The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement) studies questions of international trade, development and natural resources. Continuing education courses organised by the professional associations complete this offering.

Suisnégoce, the umbrella association, represents the sector before the authorities and the public. Its secretary general and its president take part in the public debate, in particular on competition from Dubai and on transparency efforts.² The association takes part in the Federal Council's work on commodity trading, in transparency initiatives and in discussions on regulation.

These institutions ensure the reproduction of the cluster: they train the traders, financiers, lawyers and compliance specialists the sector needs, they produce the knowledge that informs decisions, and they maintain the dialogue with society. They represent a long-term investment that the more recent competing centres have not yet made on the same scale.

1 Notes

1. Commodity Trading Alumni, "Education" (cta-association.com): Master in Commodity Trading of the University of Geneva launched in 2008 with trading professionals; Suisnégoce, "Master of Science (MSc) in Commodity Trading": programme established by the University of Geneva (GSEM) in collaboration with Suisnégoce, part-time internship in a trading or trade finance company, accredited sponsor companies, more than 1,200 alumni. ↩

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2. swissinfo.ch, 12 August 2025 and 4 June 2025, cited above. ↩

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