

**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION and
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UNECE Workshop on Developing Data Dissemination Systems – Salle VIII

(12 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland)

UNECE Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication – Salle V

(13-15 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland)

UNECE Workshop on Communication and Dissemination of Census Results – Salle XVI

(16 May 2008, Geneva, Switzerland)

INFORMATION NOTICE No.2

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS IN GENEVA

I. MEETING AND WORKSHOP VENUE

1. The above meetings, taking place on 12, 13-15 and 16 May, will all be held at the United Nations, Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8, Geneva. The meeting room numbers are:

- Workshop on Developing Data Dissemination Systems, 12 May 2008: **Salle VIII**
- Work Session on Statistical Dissemination and Communication, 13-15 May 2008: **Salle V**
- Workshop on Communication and Dissemination of Census Results, 16 May 2008: **Salle XVI**

2. Please note that Monday 12 May 2008 is a public holiday in Geneva, so public transport will be running on Sunday/Public Holiday timetables and shops and businesses may not be open.

II. ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

3. Before entering the Palais des Nations, delegates must collect their security badge from the **Security Identification Unit**, located at the visitors' entrance: **Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix**. It is advisable to arrive here at least 30 minutes before the meeting is due to start in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny gate is opposite the Red Cross ("CICR") building, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations gate, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen (refer to the map at appendix A).

4. The following documents should be presented to the Security Office:

- Original of the registration form
- Photo ID (e.g. passport)

5. Only delegates who previously sent their registration forms to the UNECE Statistical Division will be able to obtain their entry passes.

6. Once you have your entry pass it will be possible to re-enter the Palais des Nations from either the Nations gate, or the Pregny gate.

III. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

7. Geneva International Airport now offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus, boat) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



8. When checking-in at your hotel you should receive a free [Geneva Transport Card](#), enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay.

Getting from the Airport into Geneva

9. The Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The train is the most efficient way to get into the city centre. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva-Cornavin station. The journey takes six minutes. Instructions for getting to the meeting venue from the city centre are in section IV below.

10. In addition to the train, there are buses from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

- United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:
[bus 5](#) - stop Nations
[bus 28](#) - stop Appia
- Geneva city centre - Onex: [bus 10](#)
- Meyrin: [bus 28](#)
- Le Lignon - Lancy - Plan-les-Ouates: [bus 23](#)

11. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

12. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva's free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/>
- Free Geneva Transport Card - <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417>

IV. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

13. Geneva is a small and walkable city. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It will take another 5-10 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

14. There are two **trams** that go from the front (lake side) of the central Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). The trams are numbered 13 or 15 and should be taken in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop where you should get out.

15. **Buses** 5, 8, 14, 28, F, V, and Z serve the Place des Nations, and stop close to the Nations gate. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z also stop near the Pregny Gate at the stop named Appia.

16. The closest **train station** to the Palais des Nations is called Secheron, which is one stop from the Cornavin station on the line to Coppet. Secheron is located near the Botanic Gardens and is not as convenient to the Palais des Nations entrances as the bus and tram stops (around 300 metres walk up to the Nations gate).

17. Further information such as itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (<http://www.tpg.ch/>). A map of public transport routes is available at http://www.tpg.ch/cartographie/plans/decembre2007/tpg_plan_centre_ville.pdf.

18. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 metres uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are usually available around the clock. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis may not enter the UN compound - passengers will have to disembark at the Pregny or Nations gate.

V. ACCOMMODATION

19. It is the responsibility of delegates to make their own accommodation arrangements. Given the wide variety of hotels around the city, the secretariat has not made any reservations or recommendations. There is a list of hotels that provide a preferential rate for participants in United Nations meetings available at http://www.unece.org/meetings/Hotels_pref.pdf.

20. It is imperative that hotel reservations are made as early as possible as Geneva is a busy conference venue and hotels can get booked out.

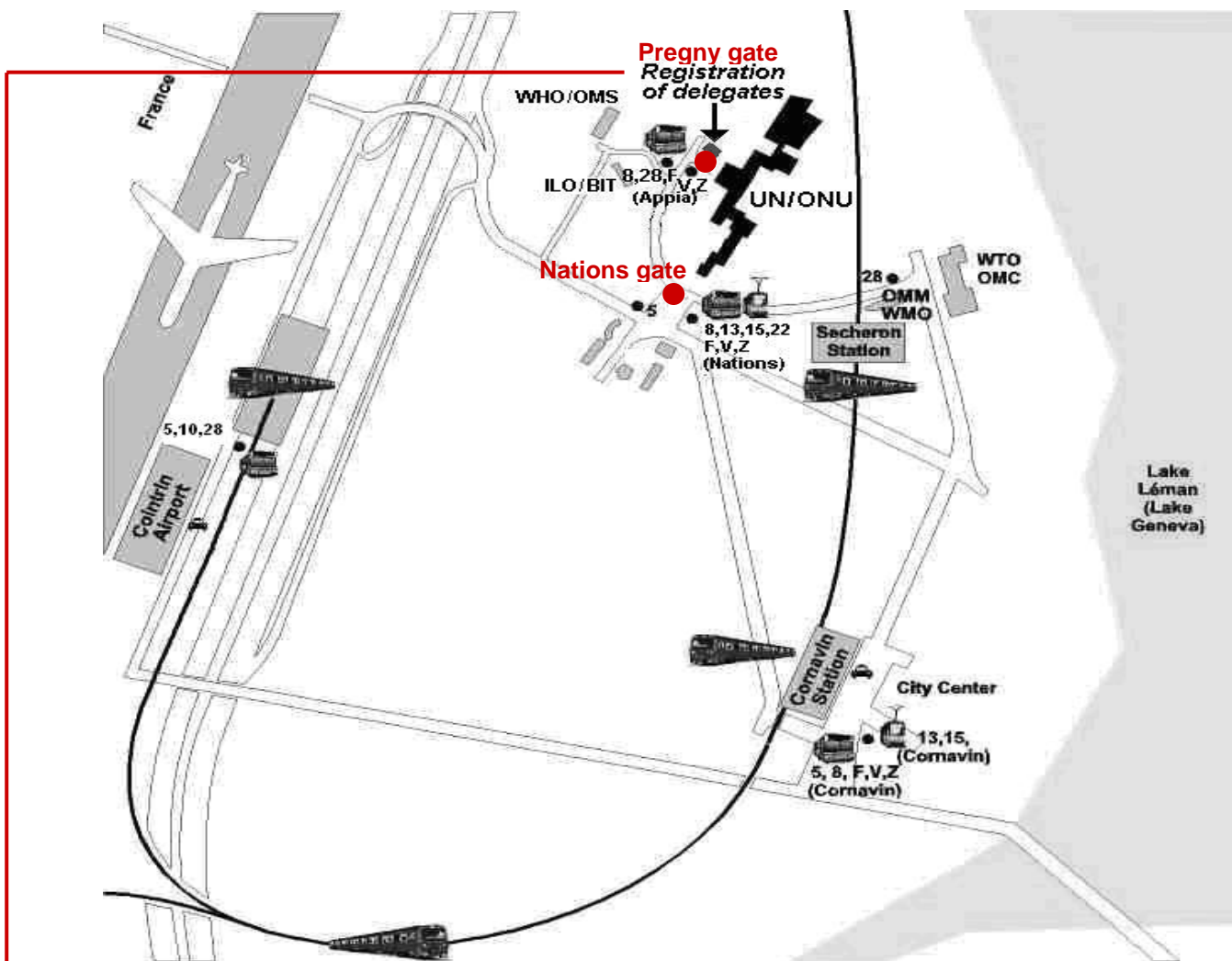
VI. GENERAL INFORMATION

21. For more information about Geneva, the United Nations Office of Geneva, accommodation and public transport, please refer to the websites listed at <http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>.

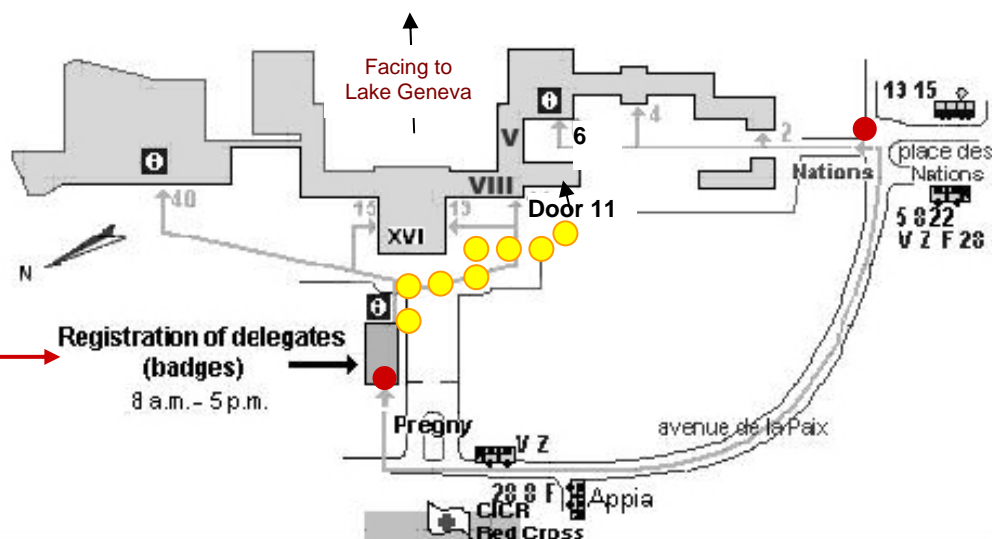
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How to find the UN building in Geneva:



Where to obtain the entry pass (Security Office, Pregny Gate, 14 avenue de la Paix):



Entry for delegates with valid ground pass: Nations gate and Pregny gate (●)

Note: a valid photo ID is needed to obtain the ground pass and to gain the entry to the UN premises
 After collecting your badge at security follow the path indicated (● approx. 150 metres) to enter through **Door 11**. Once inside there will be signs to guide you to the meeting rooms.