

Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts

Palais des Nations, Meeting room to be confirmed
22 - 25 May 2018

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1. How to enter the Palais des Nations / United Nations Building

The meeting will take place at Palais des Nations - the UN premises in Geneva. In order to enter the Palais des Nations all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you have to enter into the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see map on last page) and present to the Security Office:

- **Photo ID (passport or identification card)**

Once you have your badge it will be possible to leave from and re-enter the Palais des Nations through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate at Place des Nations, where the flags of the UN member countries can be seen. It is advisable to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins in order to allow for sufficient time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Security Office at Pregny Gate is open Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 16.30.

Due to security procedures we advise participants not to bring large luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted into the building, and there is only limited storage space for it at the Pregny Gate. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and hand bags.

2. Meeting room

Starting from 1 February 2017, access to the Palais is possible only through four doors (C-6, A-15, A-17 and E-40). Please see [map of UNOG Open Access](#).

The meeting room number will be specified in the Information Note n°2.

3. Documents for the meeting

Participants are expected to bring their own paper copies of meeting documents. All documents will be uploaded on the meeting website (<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47422>) as soon as they become available.

Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

4. Local transport in Geneva

4.1 Getting from the Airport to Geneva

Geneva International Airport (Cointrin) 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.



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.

Buses from the airport go to various parts of Geneva:

- Palais des Nations / United Nations: bus 5 - stop Nations, bus 28 - stop Appia
- Direction Geneva city centre: trolleybus 10 (Aéroport – Rive), bus 5 (Aéroport - Thônex-Vallard)

Taxis are available at the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport to the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

4.2 Transport to and from the Palais des Nations

Geneva is a small city and easy to explore on foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from Cornavin, the Central 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.

Alternatively, you can use public transport to move around the city. 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.

Tram No. 15 goes from Cornavin to Place des Nations. From Cornavin take the tram in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop where you should get off.

Buses 5, 8, 22, 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 bus stop named **Appia**.

Further information such as itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (www.tpg.ch/).

Taxis are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located just in front of the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14. Taxis are usually available around the clock. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: +44 (0)22 331 41 33, website <http://www.taxi-phone.ch/>.

5. Accommodation in Geneva

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. You may wish to refer to the Geneva Tourism website for a list of hotels: www.geneva-tourism.ch.

The following information is also available:

- Cornavin, Suisse, Les Nations are four-star hotels and within 7-10 minutes to the Palais des Nations by buses 8, 5, 28, F, V, Z and tram 15.
- There are several three-star and four-star hotels near Cornavin, the main train station. These hotels are 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations. Examples include: Eden, Manotel, Mon Repos, des Alpes, International and Terminus, Montana, Savoy, Suisse, Windsor and Ibis Genève Centre Nations.

Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are large conferences or other events.

6. Registration / Visa requirements for Switzerland

Participants are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the meeting. If necessary, the UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa.

All participants are required to register by **23 April 2018** by completing the on-line registration available from the meeting's website.

Please contact Ms. Alice Kovarikova (E-mail: alice.kovarikova@unece.org) if you experience problems to register or you need a visa invitation letter.

7. Contact information for the meeting

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8. Maps

Obtain your ID badge at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14. Delegates with a valid ID badge can enter from Pregny Gate or Nations Gate.

