

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Workshop on Implementing Efficiencies and Quality of Output
(Geneva, Switzerland, 27-29 September 2017)

INFORMATION NOTICE No.2

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The workshop on Implementing Efficiencies and Quality of Output will be held in Room V at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 27 to 29 September 2017. The meeting will start at 9:30 on Wednesday and is planned to finish on Friday by 12:30.

II. WEBSITE ADDRESS AND DOCUMENTATION

2. Papers and presentations for the workshop will be available at the following website:

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45445#/>

3. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them as no documents will be provided in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

III. RISK MANAGEMENT SESSION

4. All workshop participants are asked to fill in self-assessment questionnaire on Risk Management that will help to divide participants in the groups for the Risk Management Training Session that will be in the afternoon of 28 September. The questionnaire has 7 questions and will take you a few minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3395W25>

5. Looking forward to receiving your responses as soon as possible, and by **22 September** at the latest.

IV. SOCIAL EVENT

6. On Wednesday **27 September at 19.00** we would like to invite you to a subscription dinner at Café du Centre, located at Place du Molard 5 (<http://www.cafeduceentre.ch/home>) . Please refer to Annex 2 of this note for more details. The menu offers a choice of a fish, meat or vegetarian dish for the main course and a choice of dessert. Drinks include one glass of wine, water, coffee or tea. The price is CHF 45 per person.

7. **Registration is required for the dinner, and once you have registered, cancellation will only be possible up to 25 September. If you do not cancel your reservation in advance you will be charged the full price of the dinner.**

8. Please indicate your choice of the menu for dinner at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6CDYNFT>

9. Delegates who have special dietary requirements (vegan, gluten-free etc.) can indicate them in the comments box in the survey or by e-mail to the workshop organisers.
10. We will appreciate if you can register for dinner by Friday **22 September** at the latest.

V. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING – ATTENTION, NEW SECURITY MEASURES

11. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop “Appia”) (see maps). It is advisable to arrive **1 hour** 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 meters uphill from the other Nations Gate at the Place des Nations, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen.
12. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present it at the Security Office on the first day.
13. Once you have your badge, it will be possible to exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations area through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate, depending on what type of badge you have.
14. Please note the new security measures at the Palais. **Only three doors can now be used by delegates to enter and exit the building: C6, A17 or E40** (see maps). These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
15. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations. Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted in 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.

VI. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

16. Geneva International Airport 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.



17. Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The **train** is the most efficient way to travel to 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.

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

To the United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:

- Bus 5 (direction Thonex-Vallard) - stop “Nations”
- Bus 28 (direction Jardin Botanique) - stop “Appia”

To Geneva city centre:

- Bus 10 (direction Onex)

19. **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 35.

20. 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 - www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/

VII. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

21. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at the reception when you check into your hotel.

22. Geneva is a small city and it is easy to reach places by foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It takes another 10-15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

23. **Tram 15** goes from Cornavin train station to the Place des **Nations** (the main square outside the Palais 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.

24. **Buses 5, 8, 11, 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**”.

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

26. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 meters uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are available any time. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis cannot enter the UN compound - passengers will have to get off at the Pregny or Nations gates.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

27. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are many events taking place. Maps of Geneva, a list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following websites:

www.geneva-tourism.ch

www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html

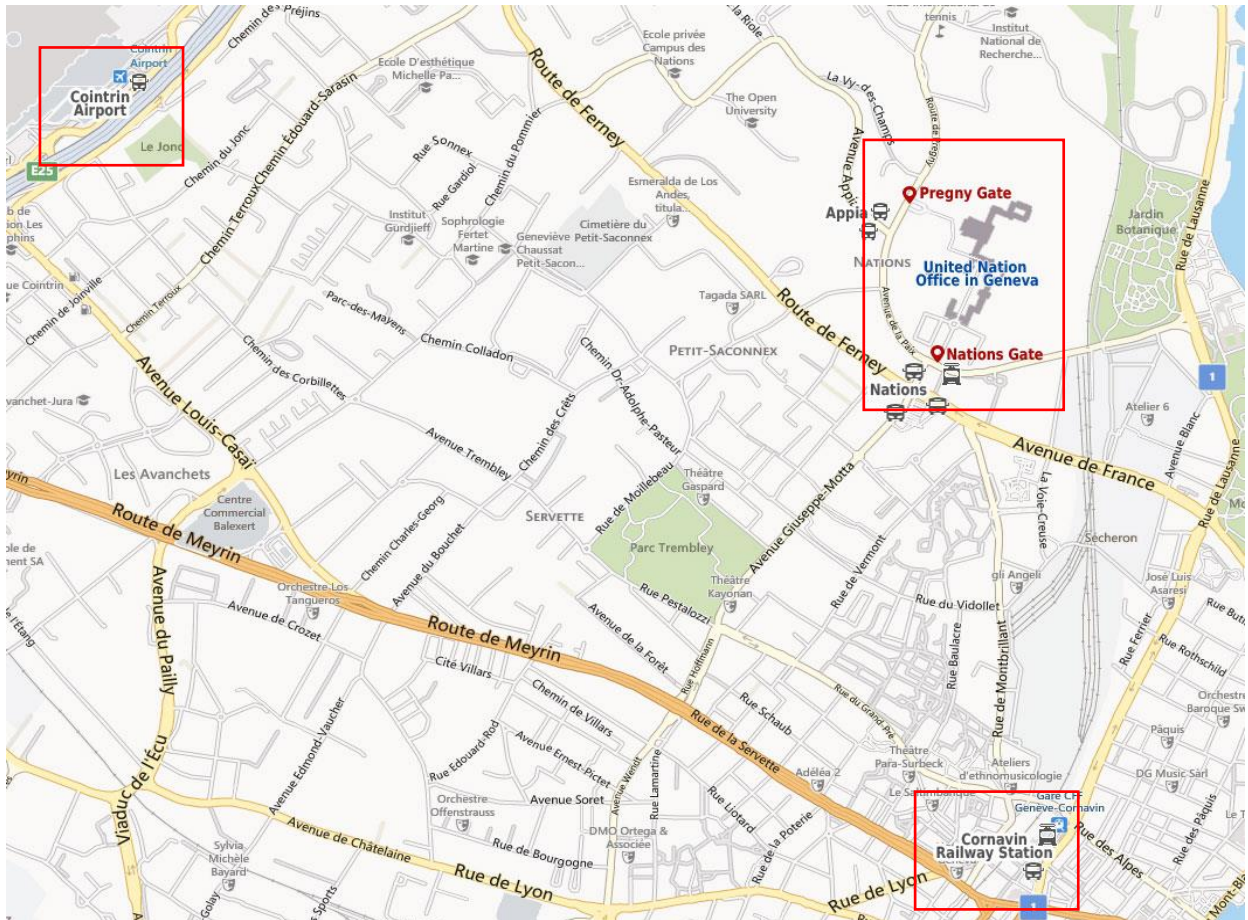
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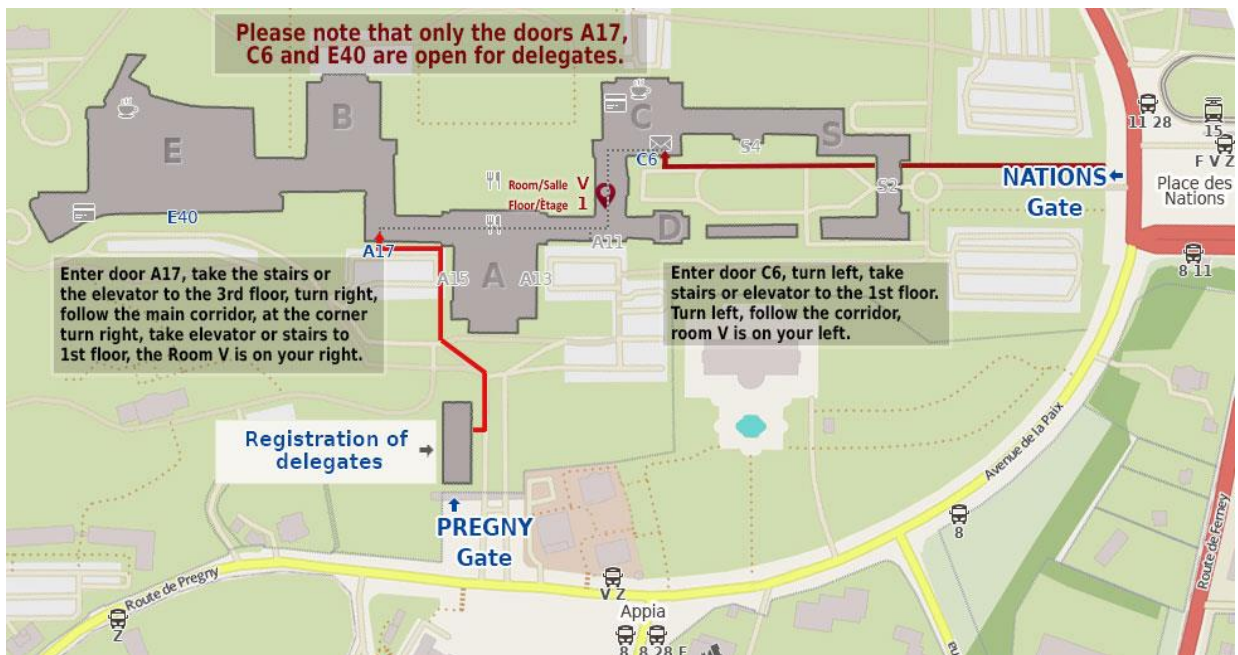
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ANNEX 1. MAPS

Location of the airport, railway station and the Palais des Nations



Location of Salle V (first floor)



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.

ANNEX 2: Menu for the subscription dinner and directions to the restaurant

GENEVA
CAFÉ DU CENTRE
SINCE 1933
PLACE DU MOLARD 5

<http://www.cafeducentre.ch/>

Main course

Roast char on a bed of orchard fruits lightly spiced with Java pepper

or

Mushroom risotto

or

Home-made hamburger with red onion chutney, grilled bacon and brie cheese

Dessert

Seasonal fruit tart

or

Round choux pastry filled with hazelnut cream

Mineral water

1 glass of wine (white, red or rosé)

Coffee or tea

CHF 45.00

How to get to the Café du Centre by public transport:

The restaurant can be reached from the Palais des Nations (UN) by taking:

- Bus № 8 to Métropole , followed by a 5 minute walk
- Bus № 5 to Bel-Air, followed by a 5 minute walk
- Bus № 5 or F, or tram № 15 to Gare Cornavin, followed by a 12 minute walk (see map below)
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