

**4th Session of the Group of Experts on Gas
27 and 28 March 2017 *starting at 10.00 hours*
Salle XI, UNECE, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

The meeting will be held in Salle XI starting at 10.00 hours on Monday 27 March. A draft programme for the session will be posted to http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43277# and copies of the final version will be provided outside meeting room XI.

Directions to Salle XI

UN entrance badges are obtained at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the **Pregny Gate¹**, 14, Avenue de la Paix, opposite the Red Cross Building. Please present your **national passport** in order to obtain your entrance badge. You do not need to present the registration form (new instruction). **Please refer to the “4th session of the Group of Experts on Gas” when asking for your badge.**

Once you have passed the Security Office, follow the path straight ahead, walk down a short flight of steps and then to right and enter through **DOOR A17**. When through **DOOR A17** (which is on the second floor), take the lift or stairs up to the **third floor**. On exiting the lift, turn right. Salle XI is the first meeting room immediately on your right.

Please allow approximately 40 minutes to obtain your UN Entrance Badge and reach the meeting room. The Security Office opens at 08.00 hours and closes at 17.00 hours.

PLEASE NOTE: due to new security measures at the Palais des Nations, conference participants can now only enter through four doors: A15, A17, C6 and E40.

Documentation:

Documentation for the meeting is posted to http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43277#. Participants are encouraged to bring copies of all documents with them. Limited number of copies of official documentation (except informal room documents) will be available in the meeting room in English, French and Russian.

Presentations:

If you are delivering a presentation, you are kindly requested to send it to the Secretariat by cob Thursday 24 March 2017 so that copies can be made for the interpreters.

Timing of UN Meetings

UN meetings run from 10.00–13.00 hours and from 15.00–18.00 hours.

Reception, 27 March 2017

A cocktail reception, kindly sponsored by the **Gas Exporting Countries Forum**, will be held at 18.15 hours on 27 March. All participants and their spouses are invited to attend. The reception will be held in the Restaurant des Délégués, on the 8th floor (take any lift in the central hall).

Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués & Sponsored Coffee Breaks

In order to facilitate networking, coffee breaks will be held outside the meeting room on both days. The coffee breaks are kindly sponsored by John Crane/Smiths Group plc and by Polish Oil and Gas Company (PGNiG SA).

Coffee and beverages can also be purchased in the Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués. The entrance to the Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués is located on the third floor just after Salles VII and VI. Please note that only water can be consumed in meeting rooms.

¹ The entrance gate located at the Place des Nations (with the large chair and fountains) is the **Nations Gate**.

Other useful information:

Restaurants and Bars

A cafeteria, a restaurant and several bars are available in the Palais des Nations:

Cafeteria:

- Building A, Ground Floor
- Opening hours: 08.15 – 17.00 hrs (meals served from 11.30 hrs)
- Self-service, pasta, pizza, grill, daily specials, salad buffet, desserts buffet etc

Delegates' Restaurant:

- Building A, 8th floor
- Opening hours: midday – 14.30 hrs
- Reservation recommended phone +41 22 917 3588

Press Bar:

- Building C, Ground Floor (near Door C23)
- Opening hours: 08.00 hrs – 18.30 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Coffee Lounge/Delegates' Bar:

- Building A, 3rd Floor
- Opening hours: 08.30 hrs – 17.00 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, snacks

Serpent Bar:

- Building E, 1st Floor
- Opening hours: 09.00 hrs – 17.15 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, pasta bar, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Other Services

Door 6 – Building C – Ground floor

- Bank – UBS
- Post office (only accepts mail stamped with United Nations stamps)
- Newspaper stand
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency
- Ticket Centre

Door 40 – (E) Building – 2nd floor

- Bank – UBS
- Newspaper stand
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency
- UN Bookshop

SAFI Shop

A small supermarket, selling food and non-food items (perfume, make-up, jewellery, watches, luggage, clothes etc), is located in the basement of building S and can be accessed through door S1. SAFI is open from Monday to Friday, noon to 18.30 hours.

Practical Information for Delegates

Practical information for delegates, including transportation in Geneva is posted to the UNECE website: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>

A free ticket for Geneva public transportation (train & bus) is available for all arriving passengers and can be obtained in the baggage area of the International Airport (before exiting customs). The ticket is valid on any bus or train in Geneva for 80 minutes for all passengers carrying a valid plane ticket.

Map of the Palais des Nations:

[http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/%28httpAssets%29/88FFDD768F055AECC1256F2A0052A3CC/\\$file/Palais%20des%20Nations%20map.pdf](http://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/%28httpAssets%29/88FFDD768F055AECC1256F2A0052A3CC/$file/Palais%20des%20Nations%20map.pdf)

Delegates are encouraged to download this map as it highlights the location of the meeting rooms, the UN cafeteria, coffee lounges and bars, as well as the bus numbers that stop at the Pregny Gate and the bus and tram numbers that stop at the Nations Gate (Place des Nations). The Pregny Gate is a short walk up the hill (Avenue de la Paix) from the Nations Gate.

Delegates are requested to make their own hotel arrangements. A list of hotels close to the UN is available on request from the Secretariat.

How to find the UN Palais des Nations premises?

Public transport by tram and bus

The Palais des Nations is served by several tram and bus lines: Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z serve Pregny Gate (Appia stop) where the Security/Registration office is located.

Tram 15, as well as buses 5, 8, 11, 22, 28, V, F and Z, serve the Place des Nations. Place des Nations, where the Nations Gate is located, is some 500 metres away from the Pregny Gate. Buses 5 and 28 serve Geneva Airport from the Place des Nations. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. is available at the site of the **Transports publics genevois**: <http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international>

Taxis

A taxi stand is located on Route de Pregny, approximately 25 metres from the Pregny Gate, in the direction of Place des Nations. Taxis are usually available around the clock. The direct telephone number is: +41 22 331 41 33.

Emergencies

In case of medical or other emergency, the number 112 should be dialled from any internal telephone.

For medical services, UNOG has a Medical Service (door 1) that is available during normal working hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Outside of these hours, please dial 112 for any medical assistance.

Outside the Palais des Nations, you can call **the following emergency numbers for assistance**:

- Police: Tel.: 117
- Fire brigade: Tel.: 118
- Ambulance: Tel.: 144

Missions in Geneva

Details of Missions in Geneva can be found at the following link:

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600582E34/\(httpHomepages\)/\\$first?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600582E34/(httpHomepages)/$first?OpenDocument)

Geneva Tourist Information**Cultural Corner**

The Cultural Corner delivers information about Geneva in general, and sells tickets for cultural activities in the region, such as festivals, concerts, theatre plays, exhibits, etc. It is open from 09.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs and located near door 6.

Additional tourist information about Geneva can be found at:

<http://www.ville-geneve.ch/welcome-geneva/>

Important reminder

The secretariat would like to draw participants' attention to the need to remain vigilant at the main transportation hubs (e.g. train and bus stations and airports) before, during and after the meeting.

It is very important to be aware of your surroundings and belongings at all times, in particular when getting in and out of the trains and trams, including at Cornavin Train Station.


