

**Meeting of the
Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices
Geneva, 30 May - 1 June 2012**

Building E, meeting room XXVI

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1. The purpose of the meeting

The Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting on Consumer Price Indices serves as a forum for discussion of methodological and practical aspects of the compilation of price indices. By presentation and discussion of papers and exchange of experiences the meeting supports the development of internationally accepted standards and methods and their implementation in practice. The meeting in 2012 will discuss a number of substantive topics in areas suggested by the previous CPI meeting.

2. Preliminary agenda of the meeting

Subject to the submission of papers the following topics will be discussed at the meeting:

- **House price Indices:** Presentation and discussion of the Handbook on Residential Property Price Indices; Other issues on house price indices and house price indices in the CPI.
- **System of price indices:** Integrating CPI and ICP/PPP; multi-purposes CPI; COICOP in CPI, PPP, HBS & NA; CPI and the national accounts; Harmonised CPIs.
- **Price collection methods:** Scanner data, electronic reporting and other methods of data collection.
- **Quality adjustment for services:** Price and volume measurement for services; Financial services, health, transport, insurance and telecommunication.
- **CPI flash estimates and revisable estimates**
- **Sources of weighting data**

The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

3. Contribution of papers

Participants are invited to submit papers for the meeting on the above mentioned topics.

If your office would like to submit a paper to the meeting, please inform us before end of February 2012 by e-mail to Carsten Boldsen (carsten.boldsen@unece.org). Papers should be received in electronic form before the **end of April 2012**. Papers received before the **end of February 2012** will be translated into the other UNECE working languages (English, Russian and French). Power point presentations should be send to Carsten Boldsen (carsten.boldsen@unece.org) by **21 May**.

The agenda and papers of the meeting will be available at the meetings website: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2012.05.cpi.html>. Participants are encouraged to download the documents from the website and bring their own copies to the meeting.

4. Registration for the meeting

If you wish to participate in the meeting please complete the registration form and send it by email to Ms Tetyana Kolomiyets by e-mail (Tetyana.Kolomiyets@unece.org) or by fax: +41 22 917 0040, by **30 April 2012** at the latest. The registration form is available from the meeting's website

5. How to enter the Palais des Nations / United nations

In order to enter the Palais des Nations all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter into the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see the map) and present the following documents to the Security Office:

- The original duly completed registration form
- Photo ID (passport or identification card)

Once you have your badge it will be possible to leave and re-enter the Palais des Nations from the Pregny Gate or from the **Nations Gate** at **Place des Nations**, where the flags of the UN member countries can be seen. It is advisable to arrive in due time before the meeting starts in order to allow 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 17.00.

Due to security procedures we advise participants not to bring large luggage (e.g. suitcases) 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.

6. How to find the meeting room

The meeting will take place in **Room XXVI**. This meeting room is located in the **E-building**, the new building of the Palais des Nation. After entering from the Pregny Gate, go to the left and down and enter into the E-building through Door 40 (see map at the end of the note). Take the escalator one floor down where you will find Room XXVI.

7. Transport in Geneva

Getting from the Airport to Geneva

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.



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.

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
- Geneva city centre (Rive) / Aéroport: [bus 10](#)

Taxis are available from 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.

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 transport to and from the airport is available from <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-62/>

Transport to and from Palais des Nations

Geneva is a small and walkable city. 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.

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 of.

Buses 5, 8, 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.

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 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.

8. Accommodation in Geneva

Participants are requested to make their own travel and hotel reservations. A list of hotels in Geneva can be found from e.g. <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch/?lang=eng>
Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting since hotels in Geneva may be fully booked in coincidence with large conferences or other events.

9. Visa requirements

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 Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting on Consumer Price Indices. If necessary, the UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Please contact Ms Tetyana Kolomiyets (Tetyana.Kolomiyets@unece.org) if you need a letter to obtain a visa.

10. Contact

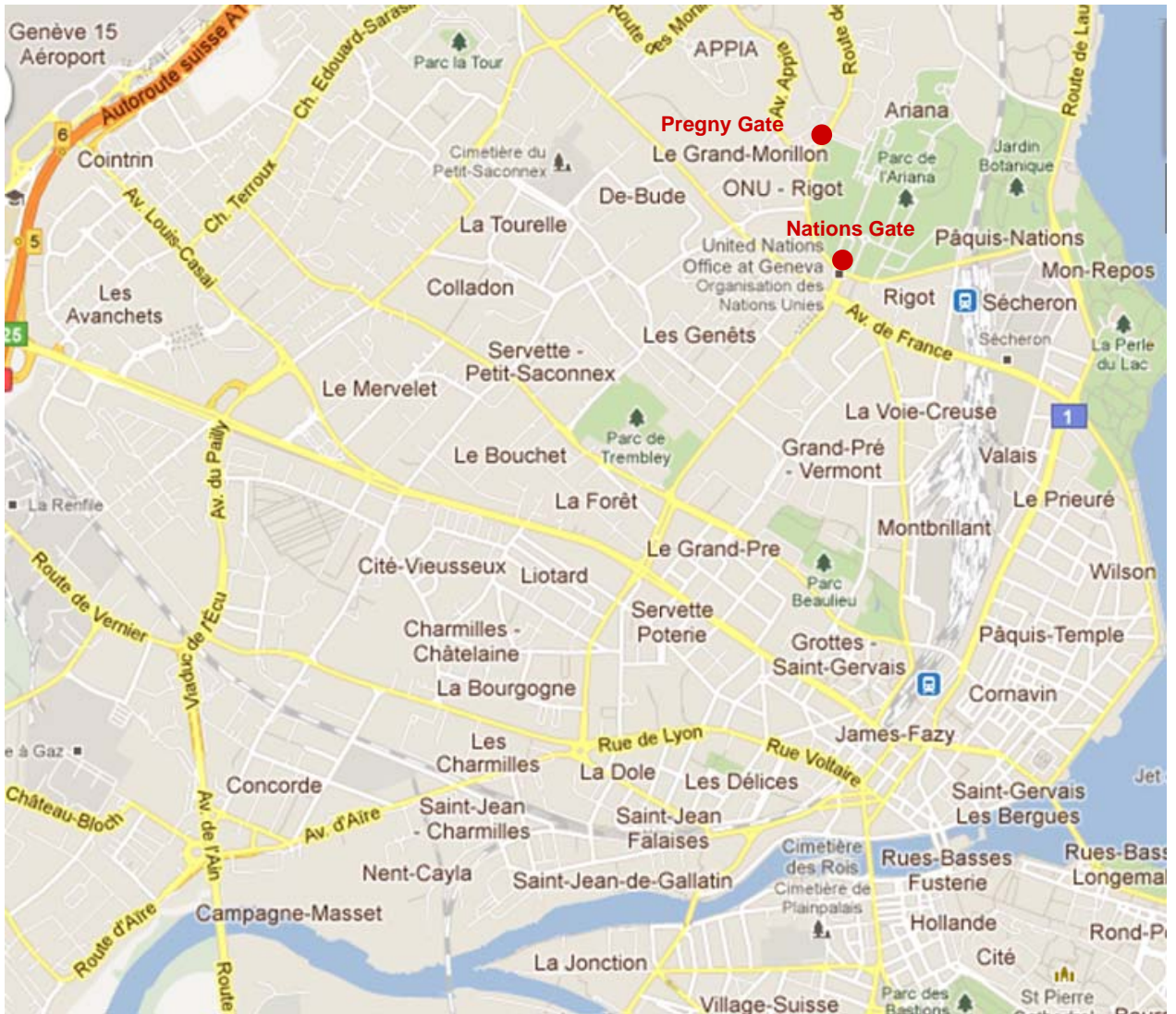
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11. Maps

How to find the UN building, Palais des Nations:



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