

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
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Joint UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Task Force for Measuring Sustainable Development  
19-20 May 2011, Geneva

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING**

1. The third meeting of the Task Force will be held in Salle V at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from Thursday 19 May until Friday 20 May 2011. The meeting will commence at 9:30 on Thursday 19 May and is planned to finish on Friday 20 May at 17:00.

**II. WEBSITE ADDRESS AND DOCUMENTATION**

2. The documents for the meeting will be available on the wiki website (access restricted to Task Force members):

**<http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/tfsd/Measuring+Sustainable+Development>**

3. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them, as there will be no documents available in the meeting room.

**III. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

4. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, since available rooms are limited because of other meetings taking place in Geneva during the month of May. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following websites:

**<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>**

**<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>**

**IV. REGISTRATION**

5. Participants are kindly requested to complete the registration form and send it to the UNECE secretariat by **15 April 2011** (fax no. +41 22 917 0040; e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org).

6. 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 (buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop Appia). It is advisable to arrive here at **about 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 metres uphill from the Nations gate, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen (see appendix A).

7. The following documents should be presented to the Security Office:
  - Original of the registration form;
  - Photo ID (e.g. passport).
8. 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.
9. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

## V. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

10. 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.



11. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. You should ask at the reception when check-in at your hotel.

## VI. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

12. 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 train station. The journey takes six minutes. Instructions for getting to the meeting venue from the city centre are in section IX below.

13. 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](#) (direction Hopital)- stop Nations
  - ✓ [bus 28](#) (direction Jardin Botanique)- stop Appia
- Geneva city centre: [bus 10](#) (direction Onex)

14. **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.

15. 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>

## VII. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

16. 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.

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

18. **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.

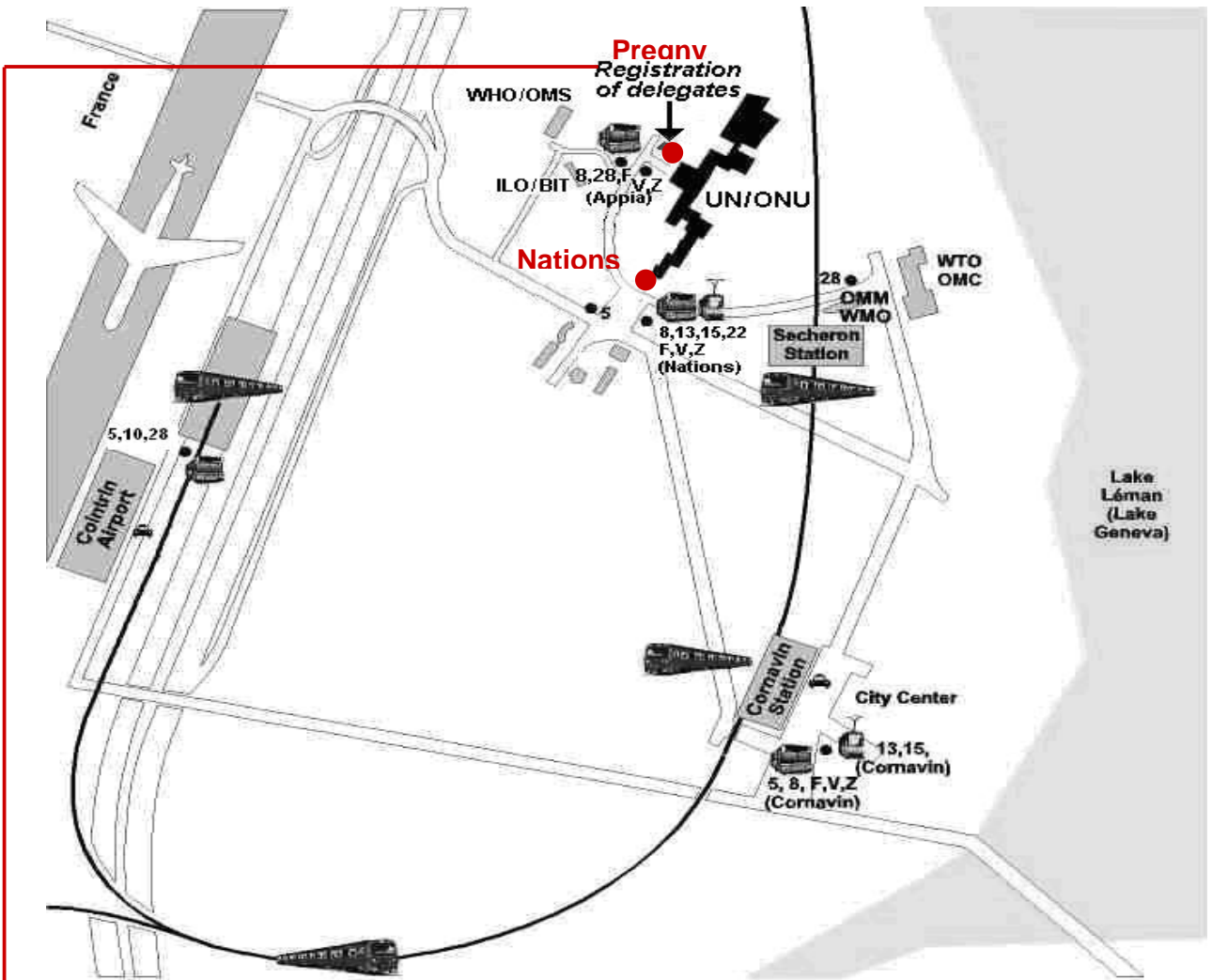
19. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the **Transports Publics Genevois** (<http://www.tpg.ch/>). A map of public transport routes is available at <http://tpg.hafas.de/hafas/tp/query.exe/en?>

20. **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 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.

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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):

