

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

I. DATE AND VENUE

1. This Workshop on Statistical Data Collection will be held in Room XXI at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will commence at 9:30 on Monday 14 October and will finish on Wednesday 16 October at 13:00

II. DOCUMENTATION AND WEBSITE

2. The working language of the workshop is English. No translation or interpretation services will be available. All documents and information for the meeting will be available at the following website: <https://statswiki.unece.org/x/0oy9Dg>

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

III. ENTERING THE UN PREMISES ‘PALAIS DES NATIONS’

4. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need an ID badge. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present it at the Security Office on the first day.

5. 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 and Z, stop “Appia”) (see maps in annex). **On the first day, it is advisable to arrive at least one 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 600 meters uphill from the other Nations Gate at the Place des Nations, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen.

6. Once you have your badge, you can exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations area through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate. You will have to bring your badge and a photo ID each time you want to enter the premises. Please note the new security measures at the Palais. Only four doors can now be used by delegates to enter and exit the building: C6, A15, A17 or **E40** (see maps in annex). These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Door A17 is closest to the meeting room.

7. 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 personal items or carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and hand bags. As a general rule, conference participants with carry-on

luggage should enter exclusively through the Pregny Gate.

IV. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

8. 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.



9. 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.

10. 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” (continues to ‘Cornavin’ rain station)
- **Bus 10** (direction Onex) - stop “Gare Cornavin” then take **Bus 8** (direction OMS) – stop “Appia”

11. **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.

12. 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:

<https://www.gva.ch/en/Site/Passagers/Acces-Transports/Transports-publics-aeroport>

V. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

13. Most 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. 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.

14. The Place des Nations (“**Nations**” stop) and Prégny Gate (“**Appia**” stop) entrances of the Palais are served by a number of tram and bus lines. The Place des Nations entrance, however is only for staff or delegates with a badge, valid identity document and accompanied by a staff member and who are not carrying luggage (laptops, rucksacks and hand bags are permitted). It is about a 500 metre walk uphill from the Place des Nations entrance to the Prégny entrance.

Transport from Geneva centre to the Palais

- **Buses 5, 8, F, 20** stops at both “Nations” and “Appia”.
- **Buses 11, 22** and **tram 15** stop at “Nations”.

15. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (www.tpg.ch/), or from the TPG app.

16. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, across the road in front of 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.

VI. VISA, ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

17. 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 and www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.

18. Participants must 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 Workshop on Statistical Data Dissemination and Communication. If necessary, UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Please contact Mr. Gerald Muriel (e-mail: gerald.muriel@un.org) of Taeke Gjaltema (email: taeke.gjaltema@un.org) if you need such a letter.

19. ICE BREAKER DRINKS

20. The organizing committee invites you to a casual get-together drink on the 13th of October 2019 at 19.30 in one of Geneva’s famous artisanal brewery featuring in-house crafted beers (<http://www.les-brasseurs.ch>). This bar also serves good food.

- **How to get to “Les Brasseurs”:**

The bar is located at Place Cornavin 20 in Geneva, just across the street of the Train Station (Gare Cornavin) beside Holy Cow hamburger restaurant.

VII. FURTHER INFORMATION

21. For further information you may contact the following organisers:

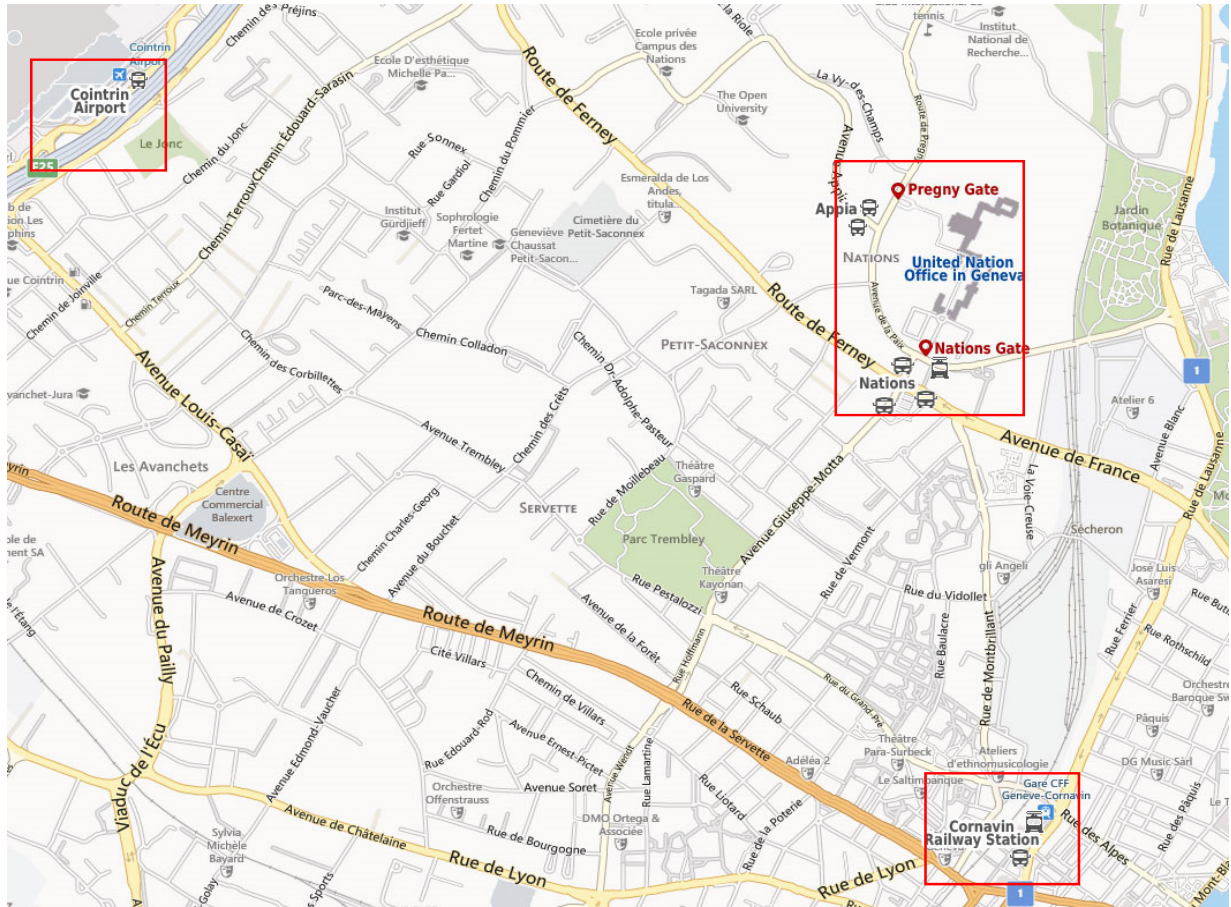
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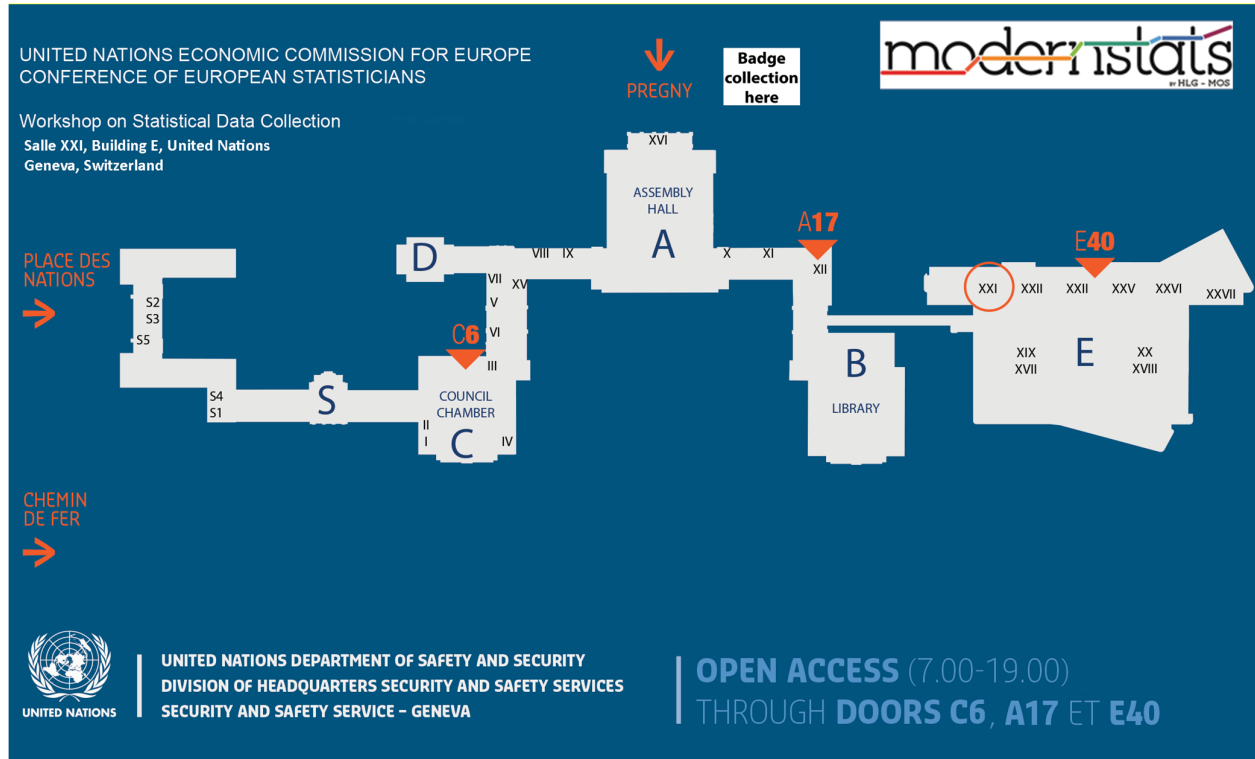
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ANNEX: MAPS

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



Location of Salle XXI (first floor):



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