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# Sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

PRACTICAL NOTE

16-18 November 2022 | Geneva | Switzerland

Salle XVIII, Palais des Nations



## CONFERENCE DETAILS

### Provisional organization of work:

The meeting will start at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 and will end at 17.30 p.m. on Friday, 18 November 2022. **Please allow sufficient time for obtaining an identification badge** at the Pass and Identification Unit at the [Villa Les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13](#). **Security checks at the entrance can take more than an hour**. We recommend you to arrive at the Palais des Nations **2 hours before the session starts**, i.e. at 8 a.m. on 16 November 2022. Following issuance of a badge, access to the Palais des Nations will be through the **Peace Gate "bis"** (opposite the statue of the broken chair). Once inside the UN premises, please walk towards **building E, Salle XVIII** (10-15 minutes walk) as shown on the [map](#). Please check [important notice](#) regarding identification badge and arrival time.

Most official sessions will be organised in the form of a plenary. To allow as many speakers as possible under each agenda item, interventions from the floor should last not more than 3 minutes. Delegations are encouraged to submit to the secretariat ([protocol.water\\_health@un.org](mailto:protocol.water_health@un.org)) text of their statements in electronic form prior to the meeting, especially for the high-level segment.

### Working language:

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian will be provided during all plenary sessions.

### Documents:

All official and unofficial documents for the meeting have been made available on the [website](#) of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

***The meeting will follow a PaperSmart model. Therefore, delegates are asked to bring their own copies of documents or laptops.*** Internet access will be provided during the meeting. No paper copies of documents will be available in the meeting room.



## CREDENTIALS

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In accordance with the rules of procedures for the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, credentials of all representatives of **Parties to the Protocol** and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat. To facilitate the procedure of verification of credentials, **Parties** are invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials or copy of them to the secretariat by **1 November 2022** ([valentina.paderi@un.org](mailto:valentina.paderi@un.org)). Those Parties that submitted a copy of the credentials should present their originals to the secretariat at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties upon arrival at the meeting in Geneva.

Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the Head of delegation, and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

***Other States that are not yet a Party to the Protocol do not need to submit credentials.***

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## MEETING VENUE AND REGISTRATION

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### **Meeting venue:**

Conference room [Salle XVIII](#),  
Building E, floor 1  
Palais des Nations ([general map](#))  
8-14 avenue de la Paix  
Geneva, Switzerland



### **Registration:**

Delegates attending the meeting, whether virtually or in-person, are requested to register for the meeting in advance using the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000666/>.

Please kindly find some links with instructions on:

- 1) [How to create an indico account](#)
- 2) [How to register for an online meeting](#)

### **Remote participation:**

**For participants attending the meeting remotely**, the link and other technical details will be sent directly to the emails indicated at the registration a few days before the meeting.

We kindly invite you **to connect for a test run before the meeting starts** to ensure adequate connectivity and to address any technical issues that you may have. Please connect 1 hour before each session. For smooth running of the meeting please check the [technical recommendations](#). A short technical brief will also be provided at the meeting.



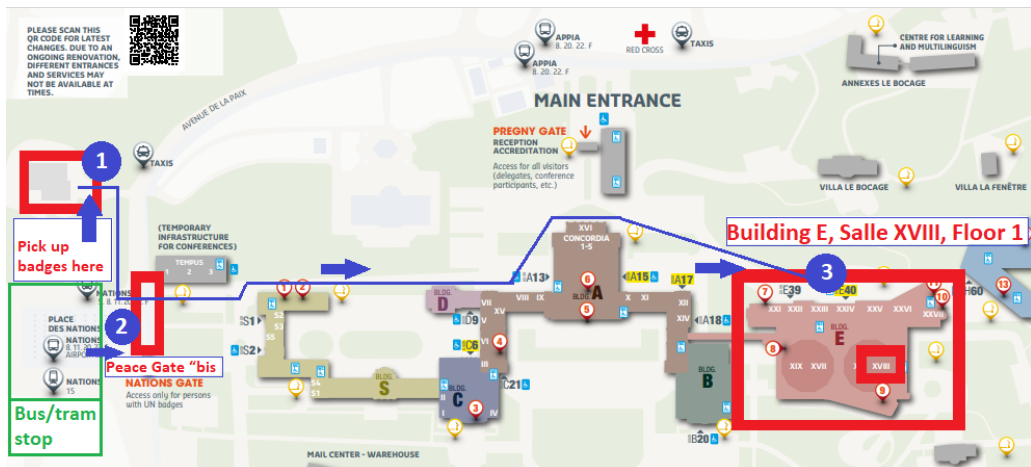
### Important notice:

On their way to the meeting, **(1)** participants should obtain an **identification badge** at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the **Villa Les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13**. Please note that this is not at the Pregny gate as it used to be in the past. **(2)** Following issuance of a badge, access to the Palais des Nations will be through the **Peace Gate “bis”** (opposite the statue of the broken chair). **(3)** Once inside the UN premises, please walk towards **building E, Salle XVIII** (10-15 minutes walk) as shown on the map below. Please note that the identification badge **could be provided only to the registered participants**.

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*Please remember to have your passport or a valid identification card with you.*



### COVID-19 measures:

All persons at the UN premises continue to be encouraged to observe safety and hygiene measures, such as regular hand washing, cough/sneeze etiquette, and keeping safe distances. **Masks remain required in conference rooms.** Please bring your own masks. Additional information on the COVID-19 measures at the Palais des Nations is available [here](#).



## ACCOMODATION

Please note that participants are expected to make their own arrangements directly with the hotels. **The secretariat is not responsible for the accommodation arrangements.**

A list of **recommended hotels** with preferential rates is available [here](#).

Hotels in Geneva are highly occupied during annual events such as trade fairs and conferences. We recommend booking the accommodation as soon as possible.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Palais des Nations transit stop is Nations.

Access from Cornavin railway station:

- Bus line 5, 20, F or tram line 15 (“Nations” stop)

Access from Cointrin airport:

- Bus line 5 (“Nations” stop)
- Other bus lines with stop at “Nations”: 11 and 22.

In Geneva, unireso public-transport tickets must be purchased prior to boarding a tram, bus or ferry. Ticket machines are available at most stops. Travel cards or passes can be purchased at the main TPG centres (Rive, Cornavin and Bachel de Pesay) and at newsstands (including at the “Naville” kiosk in the Palais). Please note tickets are not available on the bus itself. Hotels, youth hostels or campsites typically offer a Geneva Transport Card, which allows use of public transport in Geneva free of charge during the period of stay.



## PRIVATE MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Access roads to the UN are the Rue de Lausanne and Avenue de la Paix/Route de Pregny.

Visitors are unfortunately not allowed to enter the UN by car or with a bicycle. Public parking is available on the surroundings of the Palais. For further details and locations please visit [website](#). Public transport is strongly recommended.

Delegates may drive to the Palais des Nations and park their vehicles in the parking lots in the compound, provided they have been delivered a parking sticker. Parking stickers are issued upon written request from the permanent missions. They can be collected from the Villa Les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13.



## ABOUT GENEVA

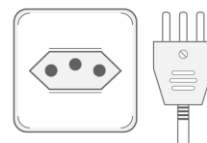
You can find more information about Geneva at: <https://www.geneve.ch/en>

**Time zone:** GMT + 2 hour

**Currency:** Swiss franc (CHF)

Please check the [weather](#) in Geneva before travelling.

If you would like to bring your laptop, please note Geneva the power plugs and sockets are of **type J**. make sure to bring your own adaptor if you need



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## CONTACTS

**For issues related to registration:** [cammile.marcelo@un.org](mailto:cammile.marcelo@un.org)

**For advice on substantive or programme-related matters:**  
[protocol.water@unece.org](mailto:protocol.water@unece.org) and [euwatsan@who.int](mailto:euwatsan@who.int)

Additional practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available [here](#).