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### **UNITED NATIONS**

### **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

### **Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality**

28-29 November 2023

### **Workshop on Harmonization of Poverty Statistics to Measure SDG 1 and 10**

27 November 2023

## **LOGISTICAL INFORMATION**

The meetings will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,  
starting at 9:30 on 27 November 2023  
(morning sessions 9:30–12:30 / afternoon sessions 14:30–17:30)

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will hold the meeting of the [\*Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality\*](#) on 28 and 29 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is preceded by the [\*Workshop on Harmonization of Poverty Statistics to Measure SDG 1 and 10\*](#) on 27 November 2023. The meetings are organized under the Conference of European Statisticians work programme on poverty statistics.

The meetings are open to representatives of all UNECE member States. Representatives of other Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.5, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization. Representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations may also register and will be able to participate subject to available capacity.

Participants must register online by completing the corresponding registration forms for the [meeting of the Group of Experts](#) (28-29 November) and the [Workshop](#) (27 November).

The working languages of the workshop are **English** and **Russian** and the working languages of the meeting of the Group of Experts are **English, Russian and French**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.



Timetables, papers, presentations and other documents for the meetings will be made available on the web pages of the [meeting of the Group of Experts](#) and the [Workshop](#).

Instructions for submission of papers and presentations are provided in the “Call for contributions” that is available on the meeting web pages.

Participants are encouraged to download papers from the websites and, where feasible, use electronic devices to read them in order to minimize paper use. Documents posted on the websites will not be distributed in the meeting rooms.

## II. VENUE



The meetings will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Further details on the rooms in which the meetings will be held, and other important logistical information, will be communicated by e-mail to all registered meeting participants several days before the meeting.

**Please read the following instructions carefully as the procedure for entering Palais des Nations has now changed again.**

As the United Nations Security and Safety Service is moving to a more efficient and greener digital badging solution, all registered and accredited conference participants will receive a digital badge by email. This digital badge will have your photo, name and last name, your organization, the name and date of meeting and a QR code. Once downloaded to a mobile phone or any other mobile device, the digital badge will enable faster entry to the Palais des Nations. Please click the link to view a video, which provides more details on how the digital badge will work: [Pavilion Prégny \(English\) - YouTube](#).



Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device can print their confirmation and bring it to the badging desk at the Prégny Pavilion in order to have a paper badge issued and printed.

You may activate your digital badge at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Service at the **newly-renovated Prégny Pavilion**:

Address: Visitors' Entrance / Prégny Gate at Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva

Public transportation: Buses: 8, 20, 22, F (the closest bus stop is Appia)

Working hours: from 08:00 to 16:45 on weekdays



Location: The Prégny Gate is located opposite the Red Cross (CICR) building on Avenue de la Paix, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations Gate and Peace Gate.

Doors B and C at the Prégny Gate are dedicated to Conference Participants, Guided Tours and Visitors.



Please bring your photo ID (e.g., passport, or national identity card for EU citizens) to present it at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services together with your digital badge on the first day of the meeting.

Your entry badge will last for the duration of the meeting for which you have registered. If you have registered for both the Workshop and the meeting of the Group of Experts, you are advised to activate both digital badges on the first day of the Workshop. This will save you time as you will not need to stand in line again on the first day of the meeting of the Group of Experts.

**It is advisable to arrive to the Prégny Gate 1 hour before the meeting to activate your badge and make your way to the meeting room.** There might be a long queue at the gate due to other meetings starting on the same day, especially on Monday mornings. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, you may need 10-15 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

After activating your badge and during its period of validity, you may access Palais des Nations either through the Prégny Gate or the Peace Gate entrance. If you arrive in Geneva earlier, you may wish to activate your digital badge at the Prégny Gate one day before the start of the meeting (or on Friday, if the meeting starts on Monday).

Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations as such luggage is not permitted in the building. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g., computer bags, rucksacks and handbags.





## ACCESS DOORS TO THE BUILDINGS

**OPEN ACCESS 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**C6 | A15 | A17 | E40**

Open access 08:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **S1**

Open access for guided tours: **E39**

### DOORS UNDER PERMANENT ACCESS CONTROL AUTHORIZED BADGES ONLY:

Door **S2**  
 Door **C21**  
 Door **D9**  
 Door **A13**  
 Door **S20**  
 Door **H60**



Accessibility at the Palais des Nations premises is more limited than usual due to the ongoing renovation works.  
 For accessible routes throughout the premises, please visit our updated webpage.

### ACCESSIBLE DOORS

Open access 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Doors **C6 | A15 | E40 | H60**

### ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

**MAIN ENTRANCE** | Ground floor, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
 Door **A15** | Ground floor near the Cafeteria  
 Door **A13** | 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors  
 Door **C6** | Ground floor, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors  
 Door **E40** | 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors  
 Door **A17** | 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
 Door **S20** | Ground floor  
 Door **H60** | All floors  
**TEMPUS** | Ground floor

## SERVICES CURRENT OPENING TIMES OF THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

	FLOOR	DOOR
1 SAFI SHOP / POST OFFICE	-1	S1
2 MEDICAL SERVICE	1	S1
3 PRESS BAR	0	C6
4 SALON SUISSE	3	C6
5 CAFETERIA	0	A13   S1
6 DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13   S1
7 CONCORDIA BAR	2	A13   S1
8 GUIDED TOURS www.ungenex.org UN STAMPS	2	E39
9 BOOKSHOP / SOUVENIRS	2	E40
10 SERPENT BAR PASTA CORNER	1	E40
11 UBS BANK / UNFCU BANK	2	E40
12 PALETTE BAR	6	E40
13 GRAB 'N' GO	2	H60
14 CLIENT SUPPORT CENTRE	1	H60

## CONFERENCE ROOMS

BUILDING A	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS III, V	1	C6
ROOMS VI, VII, VIII, IX	3	A13
ROOMS X, XI, XII	3	A15
ROOM XIV	1	A18
ROOM XV	2	A11
ROOM XVI	5	A13   S1
CONCORDIA 1-5	2	A13   S1
ASSEMBLY HALL	3	A13   S1
BUILDING B	FLOOR	DOOR
LIBRARY 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	1	B20
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	1	B20
ARCHIVES READING ROOM 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	3	B20

BUILDING C	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS I, II	1	C6
ROOM IV	3	C6
COUNCIL CHAMBER	1	C6
BUILDING E	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS XVII, XVIII	1	E40
ROOMS XIX, XX	3	E40
ROOMS XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII	1	E40
BUILDING S	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOM S1	0	S2
ROOMS S2, S3, S4	3	S2
ROOM S5	4	S2
TEMPUS	FLOOR	DOOR
1, 2, 3	0	



### **III. ACCOMMODATION**

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The secretariat will contact separately those participants whose participation is funded by UNECE regarding their travel arrangements. All funded participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations in Geneva.

It is advisable to book your hotel well in advance as available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva at the same time. A list of hotels and other valuable information about Geneva are available on the following website:

<https://www.geneve.com/en/>.

The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental.
- There are several 3- and 4-star hotels near Cornavin train station. These hotels are located about 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations.

### **IV. VISAS**

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa<sup>1</sup>. Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit.

If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide an invitation letter to facilitate visa procedures. Such letters can be requested by contacting the secretariat at [social.stats@un.org](mailto:social.stats@un.org).

### **V. COVID-19 MEASURES**

All public health measures and travel requirements related to COVID-19 have now been lifted.

Nevertheless, in the interests of protecting one-another's health, please do not come to the UN premises if you develop any COVID-like symptoms.

### **VI. DINING**

Meeting participants may choose to have lunch at the UN cafeteria located on the ground floor of the A building. It is open from 11:30 to 14:30 Monday to Friday. There are many dining options available nearby and in the city centre for evening meals.

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<sup>1</sup> Information on visa requirements according to the traveler's nationality can be found on the website of the Swiss government: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>.



## VII. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See <https://www.tpg.ch/fr> to plan your route.

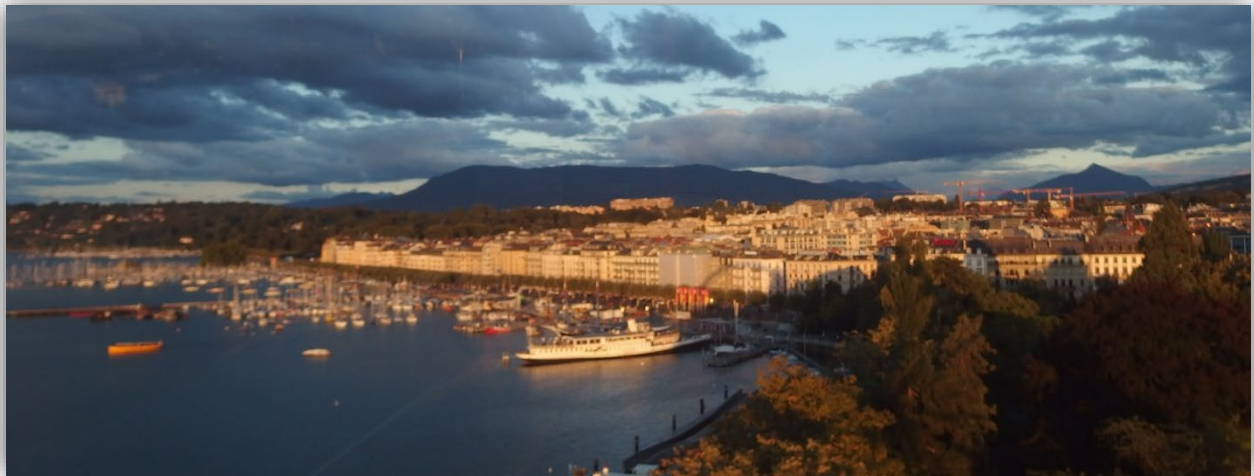


Some hotels in Geneva offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at your hotel.

Should you need to purchase public transport tickets, you may do so from the ticket machines at bus stops or by SMS (text 'tpg1' to 788 for a single ticket for the 'all Geneva' zone, zone 10, valid for one hour. For other SMS ticket options, route maps and itineraries use the 'TPG Preview' app). No tickets are sold on buses and trams.



## **VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA**



### **Currency**

The Swiss currency is the Swiss franc (CHF).

Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre and at the UBS bank branch at the Palais des Nations, located on the second floor of E building (door 41). It is open from 08:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Friday.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

### **Time Zone**

Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone..

### **Electricity**

The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Switzerland uses 'type J' 3-pin electrical plugs and sockets. European 'type C' 2-pin plugs such as that shown below will fit these sockets, but all other equipment, including European 'type F' plugs, will require a socket adaptor.



**Type C: This will fit**



**Type F: This will NOT fit**



**Water**

We ask you to consider reducing your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. [Geneva tap water](#) consistently rates among the highest-quality tap water in the world.

**Useful telephone numbers**

General emergency calls: 112

Police: 117

Ambulance: 144

Fire Department: 118

**IX. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Additional details will be communicated to all registered meeting participants by e-mail.

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