

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The meeting is 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.

II. VENUE



The meeting will be held in **room V** at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (see the map below).

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

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 the 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 Peace Gate in order to have a paper badge issued and printed.



You may activate your digital badge or receive a paper badge at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Service at the **Peace Gate Entrance**:

Address: Avenue de la Paix 12, Geneva.

Public transportation: Tram 15 or Buses: 5, 8, 11, 20, 22, F (stop "Nations").

<u>Location:</u> The Peace Gate is located opposite of the Broken Chair monument, a few metres from the Nations Gate (please see the map below).

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

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.

It is advisable to arrive at the Peace 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. Please note that due to ongoing renovation works some walkways are only partly accessible.

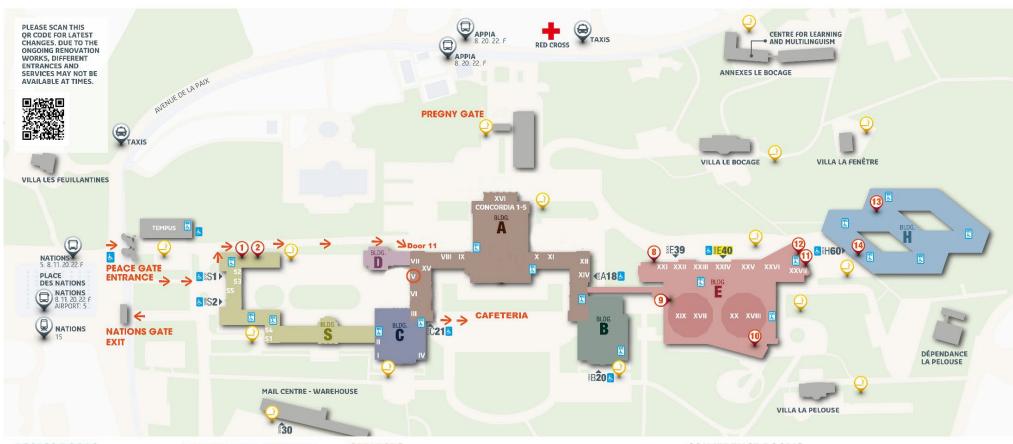
After activating your digital badge or collecting your paper badge and during its period of validity, you may:

- Enter UN premises through the Peace Gate if you are a holder of a red badge (Academia, NGO, Private sector, other);
- Enter UN premises through the Peace Gate or the Prégny Gate if you are a holder of a *green badge* (Government, Observer Org, UN Agencies); and
- Exit UN premises through the Peace Gate, the Nations Gate or the Prégny Gate for holders of all badges.

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.

Due to ongoing construction work, the situation still can change. Please consult this information note again for any updates a few days before the meeting starts





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.:\$1 Open access for guided tours: E39

DOORS UNDER PERMANENT ACCESS CONTROL AUTHORIZED BADGES ONLY:

- Door 52
- Door D9 Door A13
- Door A18 Door B20
- SMOKING SHELTERS

& 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

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MAIN ENTRANCE | Ground floor, 1% floor
Door A15 | Ground floor near the Cafeteria
Door A13 | 2°, 3° and 5% floors
Door G6 | Ground floor, 1%, 2°%, 3°4 and 4% floors
Door E40 | 11, 3% and 6% floors
Door A17 | 3° floor

Door B20 | Ground floor Door H60 | All floors TEMPUS | Ground floor

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

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 15
6 DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13 15
O CONCORDIA BAR	2	A13 15
GUIDED TOURS www.ungeneva.org	2	E39

9 BOOKSHOP/SOUVENIRS	2	E40
SERPENT BAR PASTA CORNER	1	E40
11 UBS BANK / UNFCU BANK	2	E40
12 PALETTE BAR	6	E40
(13) GRAB 'N' GO	2	H60
(4) 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 15
CONCORDIA 1-5	2	A13 15
ASSEMBLY HALL	3	A13 15
BUILDING B	FLOOR	DOOR

ASSEMBLY HALL	2	MIDIT
BUILDING B	FLOOR	DOOR
LIBRARY 8:30 c.m 5:30 p.m.	1	B20
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA 9:00c.m 5:00 p.m.	1	B20
ARCHIVES READING ROOM 8:30 c.m. 5:30 c.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	DOOF
ROOM S1	0	52
ROOMS 52, 53, 54	3	52
ROOM S5	4	52
TEMPUS	FLOOR	

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III. ACCOMMODATION

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

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 Servette/Grand Pre and 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 visa¹. 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 evita.sisene@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

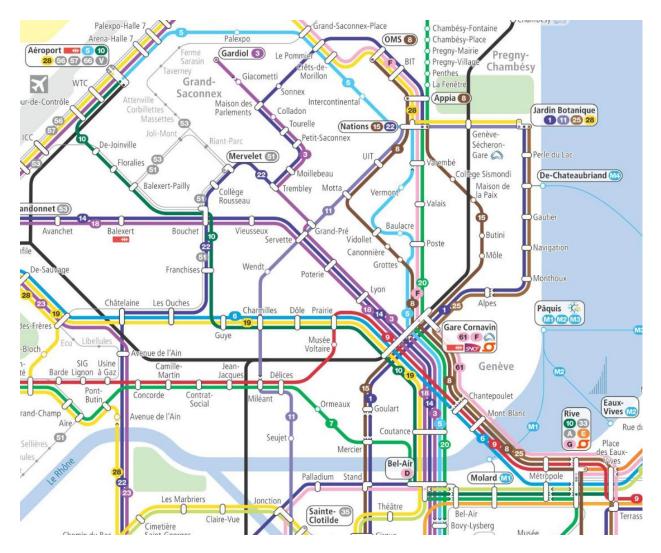
Meeting participants may choose to have lunch at the UN cafeteria located on the ground floor of the A building. It is open from 11:30 to 14:30 Monday to Friday. There are many dining options available nearby and in the city centre for evening meals.

VII. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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

¹ 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.





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. <u>Geneva tap water</u> 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. CORRESPONDENCE

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