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Workshop on Ethics in Modern Statistical Organisations

26-28 March 2024 Geneva, Switzerland

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I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

- 1. The 2024 HLG Workshop on Ethics in Modern Statistical Organisations will be held at the Palais des Nations, meeting room V¹ (Door A11, see Annex 1 for more details) in Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 9.30 on 26 March 2024 and ending by 12.00 on 28 March.
- 2. A formal Workshop on Ethics will take place on March 26th and 27th. In the morning of 28 March, there will be a discussion focused on the development of a Reference Book on Ethics, led by a



Task Team on Ethics under the HLG-MOS. All workshop participants are invited to participate in this segment of the workshop.

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

- 3. The Palais des Nations is currently undergoing major renovation works which are scheduled to go on until 2025. During this time, some of the walkways inside the premises will be only partly accessible.
- 4. As the United Nations Security and Safety Service is moving to a more efficient and greener digital badging solution, all registered and accredited meeting participants will receive a digital badge by email. This digital badge will have your photo², name and last name, your organization, the name and date of meeting and a QR code.
- 5. Once downloaded to a mobile phone or any other mobile device, the digital badge will enable faster entry to the Palais des Nations through the Peace Gate³ (Annex 1). You should enter the UN through the Peace Gate security, where your badge will be checked against your national photo ID document.



6. Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device shall print their confirmation and bring it to the badge desk at the Peace Gate so that a paper badge printed and issued to you instead.

II. WEBSITE AND DOCUMENTATION

- 7. The working language of the workshop is English. All documents will be provided in English only. Presentations and papers for the workshop will be made available on the workshop web site at: https://unece.org/statistics/events/Ethics2024.
- 8. Documents posted on the website will not be distributed in the meeting room. You are encouraged to save paper by reading documents on a personal electronic device where feasible. A wireless Internet connection will be available in the meeting room.

¹ https://www.ungeneva.org/en/meetings-events/rooms/room-v

² Please make sure that your photo in the registration form corresponds to <u>official documents standard</u>.

³ https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information



III. ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORT

- 9. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations and are reminded that they are responsible for covering all related costs.
- 10. 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/.
- 11. There are several 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.
- 12. Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See https://www.tpg.ch/en to plan your route.
- 13. 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.

IV. SOCIAL EVENT

14. A subscription dinner at Mr Pickwick⁴ will be organised for participants on the first evening of the workshop (26 March at 19:00). Please indicate your interest in the social dinner as soon as possible and by 20 March at the latest to ensure we have enough space for the event: https://forms.office.com/e/f2YBtPVnuE. Everyone will be able to order dishes and drinks from the menu⁵ according to own preferences.

V. USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA

- 15. General information:
 - Local time: UTC+01:00 (Central European Time)
 - Temperatures in November: average: 6°C 42°F
 - For weather information: https://www.meteoblue.com/en/weather/week/geneva_switzerland_2660646
 - Suggested websites to find out more about Switzerland and Geneva:
 - (i) Travel information Geneva: https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/destinations/geneva/
 - (ii) The portal dedicated to welcome internationals in Geneva https://www.cagi.ch/en/?jsf=jet-engine:actus&tax=category:56
 - **Electricity**: 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 F: This will NOT fit

• **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). The bank is open from 08:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Friday. All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

⁴ https://www.mrpickwick.ch/en/

⁵ https://www.mrpickwick.ch/en/food-drinks



16. Useful telephone numbers and contacts:

• General Emergency Number: 112

• Ambulance: 144

• Police: 117

• Fire Service: 118

• TPG (all Public Transport in Geneva) https://www.tpg.ch/en/contacts

• Geneva Airport (Flight information): https://www.gva.ch/en/

VI. COVID-19 MEASURES

17. 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.

VII. LUNCH

18. Workshop 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.

VIII. CONTACTS

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Annex 1: Palais des Nations, directions to meeting room V.

