

Information Notice No.2

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. The 2024 Expert Meeting on Statistical Data Collection and Sources will be held at the Palais des Nations, meeting room V (see *Annex 1* for more details), Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 9:30 on 22 May 2024 and ending at 13:00 on 24 May.

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



2. 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. The Annex 1 shows accessible walkways between and inside the buildings of the Palais.

3. 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](#).



4. 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 Pavilion¹ to have a paper badge issued and printed.

5. 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, 60 (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 (Broken Chair).

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.

¹ <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information>

It is advisable to arrive at 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. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, you may need 10-15 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

II. WEBSITE AND DOCUMENTATION

6. The working language of the meeting is English. All documents will be provided in English only. Presentations and papers for the meeting will be made available on the meeting web site at: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/DC2024>.

7. Documents posted on the website will not be distributed in the conference room. You are encouraged to save paper by reading documents on your electronic device where feasible. A wireless Internet connection will be available in the meeting room.

III. ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORT

8. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations and are reminded that they are responsible for covering all related costs.

9. 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/>.

10. 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.

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

12. 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

13. A subscription dinner at Mr Pickwick² will be organised for participants on the first evening of the workshop (**22 May at 19:30**). Please indicate your interest in the social dinner as soon as possible and by **12 May** at the latest to ensure we have enough space for the event: <https://forms.office.com/e/k1xgQukYUH>. Everyone will be able to order dishes and drinks from the menu³ according to own preferences.

V. USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA

14. General information:

- **Local time:** UTC+01:00 (Central European Time)
- **Temperatures** in May: average: 19°C - 66°F
- For **weather** information: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/ch/geneva/313082/may-weather/313082>
- 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>

² <https://www.mrpickwick.ch/en/>

³ <https://www.mrpickwick.ch/en/food-drinks>

- **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 C: This will fit



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.

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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.

VIII. CONTACTS

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

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe:

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DEADLINES

7 May 2024

Registration deadline

12 May 2024

Registration for the social dinner

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



ACCESS DOORS TO THE BUILDINGS

OPEN ACCESS 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
CS | 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 **S3**
 Door **A13**
 Door **B20**
 Door **H60**

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 website.

ACCESSIBLE DOORS

Open access 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Doors **CS | A15 | E40 | H60**

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

MAIN ENTRANCE | Ground floor, 1st floor
 Door **A15** | Ground floor near the Cafeteria
 Door **A13** | 2nd, 3rd and 5th floors
 Door **CS** | Ground floor, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors
 Door **E40** | 1st, 3rd and 5th floors
 Door **A17** | 3rd 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. SAH SHOP / POST OFFICE	-1	S1
2. MEDICAL SERVICE	1	S1
3. PRESS BAR	0	CS
4. SALON SUISSE	3	CS
5. CAFETERIA	0	A13/S1
6. DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13/S1
7. CONCORDIA BAR	2	A13/S1
8. GUIDED TOURS (state engineering)	2	E39
9. UN STAMPS		
10. BOOKSHOP / SOUVENIRS	2	E40
11. SERPENT BAR	1	E40
12. PASTA CORNER	1	E40
13. UBS BANK / UNICU BANK	2	E40
14. PALETTE BAR	6	E40
15. GRAB 'N' GO	2	H60
16. CLIENT SUPPORT CENTRE	1	H60

CONFERENCE ROOMS

BUILDING	FLOOR	DOOR
BUILDING A		
ROOMS III, V	1	CS
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
ROOM XVII	2	A13/S1
ROOM XVIII	3	A13/S1
CONCORDIA 1-5		
ASSEMBLY HALL		
BUILDING B		
LIBRARY	1	B20
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA	1	B20
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.		
ARCHIVES READING ROOM	3	B20
8:20 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		
BUILDING C		
ROOMS I, II	1	CS
ROOM IV	3	CS
COUNCIL CHAMBER		
1	CS	
BUILDING E		
ROOMS XVII, XVIII	1	E40
ROOMS XIX, XX	3	E40
ROOMS XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII	1	E40
BUILDING S		
ROOM S1	0	S2
ROOMS S2, S3, S4	3	S2
ROOM S5	4	S2
TEMPUS		
1, 2, 3	0	