I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. The 2024 Expert Meeting on Statistical Data Collection and Sources will be held at the 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 Pavilion 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.

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1 [https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information](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. ACCOMMODATION 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 Pickwick\(^2\) 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 menu\(^3\) 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:

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\(^2\) 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.

![Electricity Plug Diagrams](image)

• **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

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:

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