

## Information Notice No.2

### I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. The 2024 ModernStats World Workshop will be held at the Palais des Nations, meeting room VII (see *Annex 1* for more details), Geneva, Switzerland, starting on 21 October 2024 and ending on 22 October.

**Please read the following instructions carefully as procedures for entering Palais des Nations have 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 dates of access 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<sup>1</sup> 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 workshop. Your entry badge will last for the duration of the workshop for which you have registered.

**It is advisable to arrive at the Prégny Gate 1 hour before the start of the workshop to activate your badge and make your way to the meeting room.** There might be a long queue at the gate due to other

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

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 workshop is English. All documents will be provided in English only. Papers for the workshop will be made available online via the workshop's dedicated website at: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/MWW2024>

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. Participants are reminded to register via the indico website to ensure that they receive details about any social event that may be organized during the first evening of the workshop. Registration is possible via this website: <https://indico.un.org/e/MWW2024>

## V. USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA

14. General information:

- **Local time:** UTC+01:00 (Central European Time)
- **Temperatures:** high/low averages in October: 6°C - 13°C
- For **weather** information: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/ch/geneva/313082/october-weather/313082?year=2024>
- **Travel information:** <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/destinations/geneva/>
- **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:

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### DEADLINES

20 September 2024

**Registration for the workshop**

21-22 October 2024

**Workshop**

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

