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CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS
Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality
28-29 November 2024
Workshop on Harmonization of Poverty Statistics
27 November 2024

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

The meetings will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
(morning sessions 9:30–12:30 / afternoon sessions 14:30–17:30)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will hold the [*meeting of the Group of Experts on Measuring Poverty and Inequality*](#) on 28 and 29 November 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is preceded by the [*Workshop on Harmonization of Poverty Statistics*](#), on 27 November 2024. The meetings are organized under the Conference of European Statisticians work programme on poverty statistics.

The meetings are 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.

Participants must register online by completing the corresponding registration forms for the [*Meeting of the Group of Experts*](#) (28-29 November) and the [*Workshop*](#) (27 November).

The working languages of the workshop are **English** and **Russian** and the working languages of the meeting of the Group of Experts are **English, Russian and French**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

Timetables, papers, presentations and other documents for the meetings will be made available on the web pages of the [Meeting of the Group of Experts](#) and the [Workshop](#).

Instructions for submission of papers and presentations are provided in the “Call for contributions” that is available on the meeting web pages.

Participants are encouraged to download papers from the websites and, where feasible, use electronic devices to read them in order to minimize paper use. Documents posted on the websites will not be distributed in the meeting rooms.

II. VENUE



The meetings will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Further details on the rooms in which the meetings will be held, instructions on how to get to those meeting room(s), and other important logistical information, will be communicated by e-mail to all registered meeting participants several days before the meetings.

All registered and accredited conference participants will receive their digital badge by email

when their registration is approved. Please make sure to save the email with your digital badge. If you have registered for both meetings, you will receive a separate digital badge for the workshop and another digital badge for the meeting of the Group of Experts. 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](#).



Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device should print their confirmation of approved registration in color and present it to the security on the first day of the meeting in order to receive a paper badge for the meeting.

Please find the map of the Palais des Nations on the next page.



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 09
 - Door A13
 - Door 020
 - Door H60
- ACCESSIBLE TOILETS**
MAIN ENTRANCE | Ground floor, 1st floor
 Door A15 | Ground floor near the Cafeteria
 Door A13 | 2nd, 3rd and 5th floors
 Door C6 | Ground floor, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors
 Door E40 | 1st, 3rd and 6th floors
 Door A17 | 3rd floor
 Door 020 | Ground floor
 Door H60 | All floors
TEMPUS | Ground floor

SMOKING SHELTERS

Accessibility of 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: CS | A15 | E40 | H60

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

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

FLOOR	DOOR
1	S1
1	S1
0	C6
3	C6
0	A13 15
8	A13 15
2	A13 15
2	E39

FLOOR	DOOR
2	E40
1	E40
2	E40
6	E40
2	H60
1	H60

CONFERENCE ROOMS

FLOOR	DOOR
1	CS
3	A13
3	A15
1	A18
2	A11
5	A13 15
2	A13 15
3	A13 15
BUILDING B	
FLOOR	DOOR
1	B20
1	B20
3	B20

FLOOR	DOOR
1	CS
3	CS
1	CS
BUILDING E	
FLOOR	DOOR
1	E40
3	E40
1	E40
BUILDING S	
FLOOR	DOOR
0	S2
3	S2
4	S2
TEMPUS	
FLOOR	DOOR
0	

III. ACCOMMODATION

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Our funding partners will contact separately those participants whose participation is funded by them, regarding their travel arrangements.

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 is available on the following website: <https://www.geneve.com/en/>.

The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental. There are several 3- and 4-star 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.

IV. VISAS

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Information on visa requirements according to the traveller's nationality can be found on [the website of the Swiss government](#)¹. 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 social.stats@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. Use [the Geneva public transport website \(www.tpg.ch/en\)](#) to plan your route.

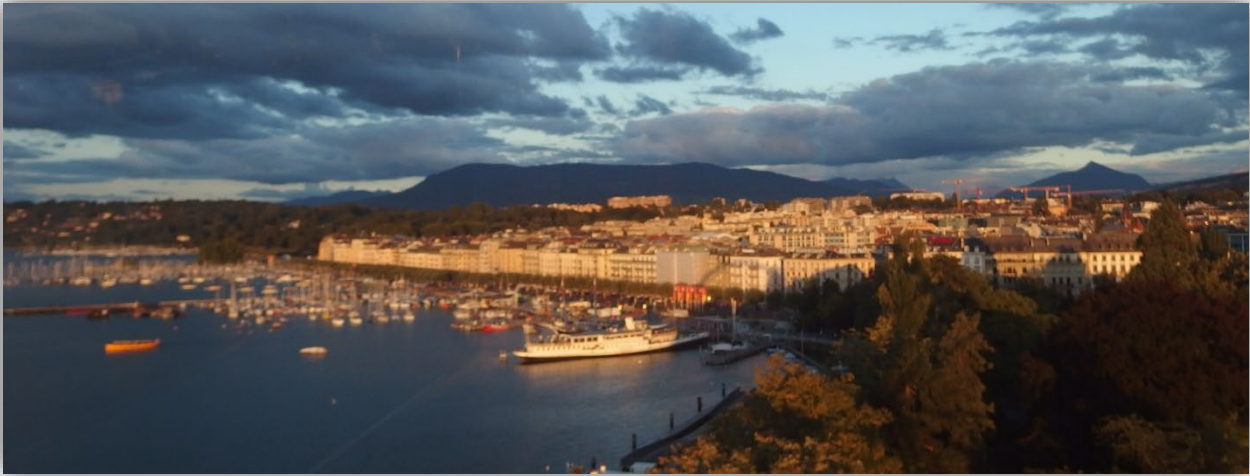
¹ <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>



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. 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.

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

Please reduce your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. [Geneva tap water](#) 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. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

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