

INFORMATION NOTICE

Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalisation on National Accounts

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 9:30 on Monday 11 May in Salle XI

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. The Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalisation on National Accounts will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from Monday 11 May until Wednesday 13 May 2009. The meeting will commence at 9:30 on Monday 11 May and will finish on Wednesday 13 May at 12:30.

II. WEBSITE ADDRESS

2. All documents for the Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalisation on National Accounts will be available on the meeting's website at:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2009.05.sna.htm>

3. **Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents with them**, as there will be no documents available in the meeting room.

III. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

4. The meeting room will be equipped for simultaneous interpretation, which will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the UNECE (English, French and Russian).

5. The main papers for discussion will be prepared by invited authors. These issue papers will be presented at the meeting and will be translated into the three working languages. All participating countries and international organizations are welcome to prepare supporting papers for any of the topics in the provisional agenda. The supporting papers will not be translated. However, they will be taken into account in the discussion.

6. The following deadlines apply for papers:

- 20 February for submitting the invited papers for the meeting;
- 6 April for submitting the supporting papers for the meeting and background documents that do not require translation.

7. The invited and supporting papers should not exceed 8 pages and should be sent to the UNECE secretariat electronically in Word format to Benedicte Boudol (email: benedicte.boudol@unece.org).

IV. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

8. Participants are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form and send it to UNECE secretariat by 6 April 2009, either by e-mail (benedicte.boudol@unece.org) or by fax (+41-22 917 0040).

9. Before entering the Palais des Nations, delegates must collect their security badge from the **Security Identification Unit**, located at the visitors' entrance: **Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix**. It is advisable to arrive here **at least 40 minutes** before the meeting is due to start, in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny gate is opposite the Red Cross ("CICR") building, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations gate, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen (refer to the map at appendix A).

10. The following documents should be presented to the Security Office:

- Original of the registration form;
- Photo ID (e.g. passport).

11. Only delegates who previously sent their registration forms to the UNECE Statistical Division will be able to obtain their entry passes.

12. Once you have your entry pass it will be possible to re-enter the Palais des Nations from either the Nations gate, or the Pregny gate.

13. During periods of conferences, mostly on Fridays, numerous delegates, after having checked out of their hotel, come to the Palais carrying their luggage, in order to leave directly after their conference, to the airport or the train station. However, storage capacity is limited and once it is exhausted no additional luggage will be accepted.

V. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

14. Geneva International Airport now offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus, boat) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



15. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. You should ask at the reception when checking-in at your hotel.

VI. GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

16. The Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The train is the most efficient way to get into the city centre. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the

arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva-Cornavin station. The journey takes six minutes. Instructions for getting to the meeting venue from the city centre are in section VII below.

17. In addition to the train, there are buses from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

- United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:
 - ✓ [bus 5](#) (direction Hopital)- stop Nations
 - ✓ [bus 28](#) (direction Jardin Botanique)- stop Appia
- Geneva city centre: [bus 10](#) (direction Onex)

18. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

19. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva's free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/>
- Free Geneva Transport Card - <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417>

VII. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

20. Geneva is a small and walkable city. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It will take another 10 - 15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

21. There are two **trams** that go from the front (lake side) of the central Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). The trams are numbered 13 or 15 and should be taken in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop where you should get out.

22. **Buses** 5, 8, 11, 28, F, V, and Z serve the Place des Nations, and stop close to the Nations gate. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z also stop near the Pregny Gate at the stop named Appia.

23. Further information such as itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (<http://www.tpg.ch/>). A map of public transport routes is available at <http://tpg.hafas.de/hafas/tp/query.exe/en?>

24. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 metres uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are usually available around the clock. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis may not enter the UN compound - passengers will have to disembark at the Pregny or Nations gate.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION

25. It is the responsibility of delegates to make their own accommodation arrangements. Given the wide variety of hotels around the city, the secretariat has not made any reservations or recommendations. A list of hotels is available at: <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch> .

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

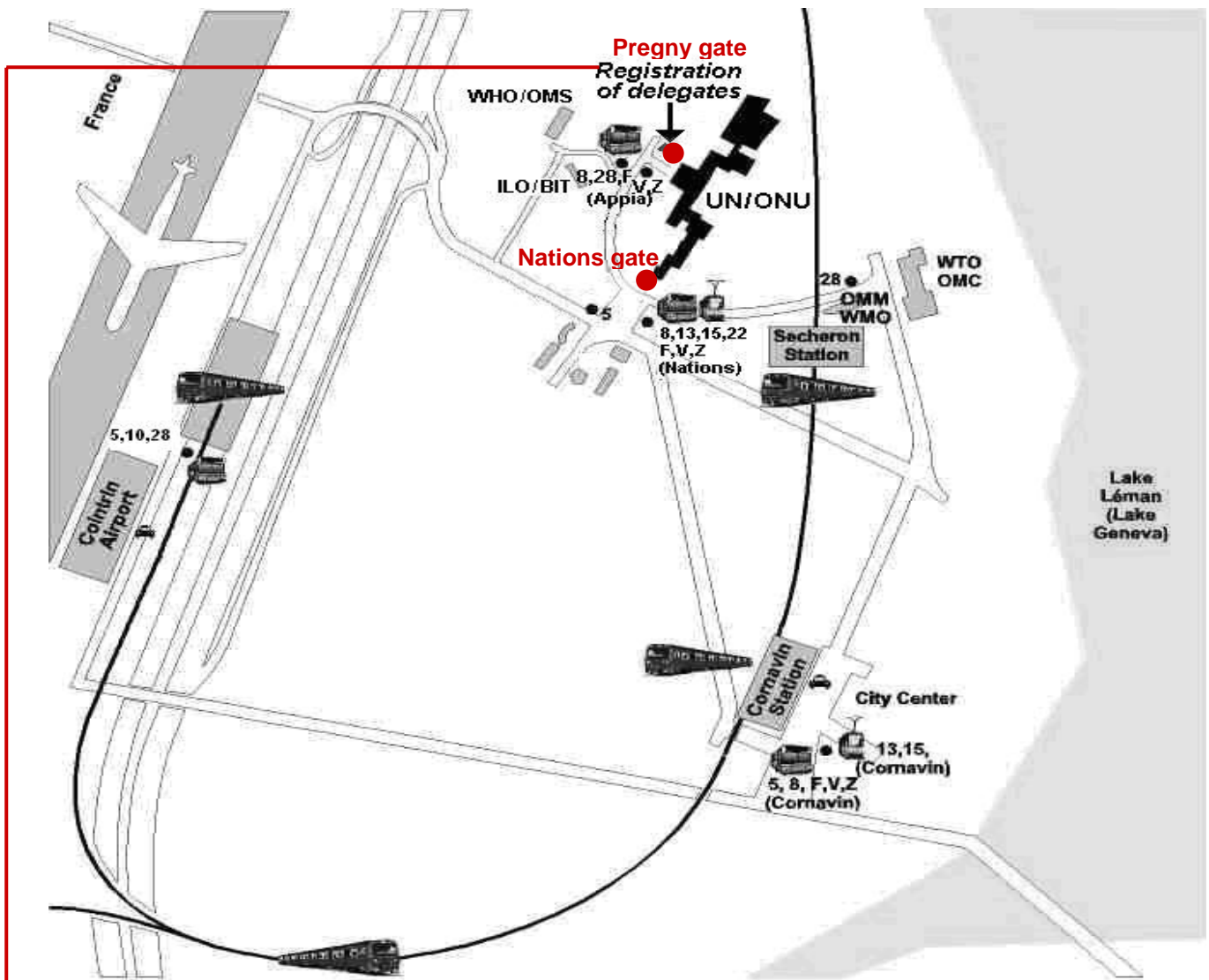
26. For more information about Geneva, the United Nations Office of Geneva, accommodation and public transport, please refer to the websites listed at <http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>.

27. Please contact the UNECE secretariat if you have any questions.

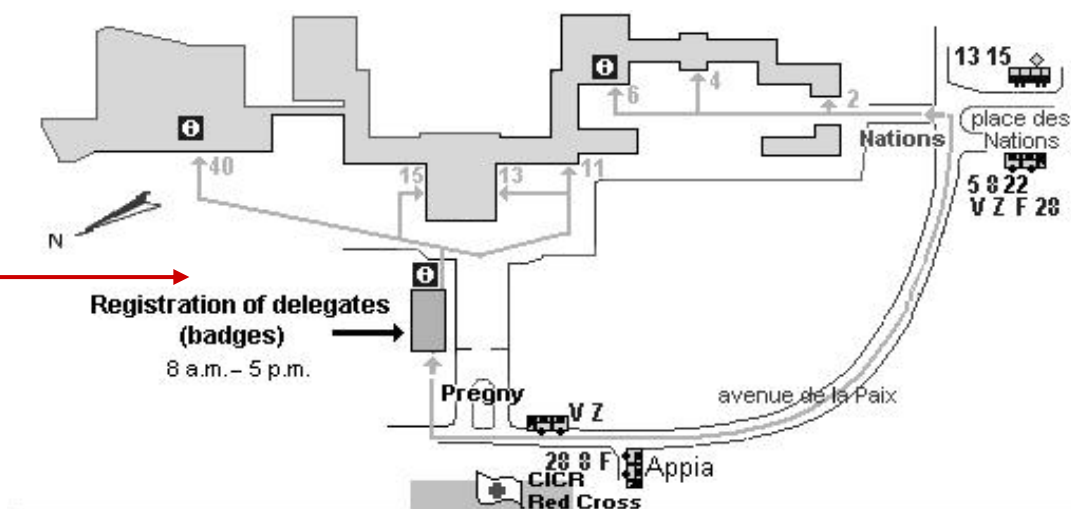
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How to find the UN building in Geneva:



Where to obtain the entry pass (Security Office, Pregny Gate, 14 avenue de la Paix):





UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA *Please Print*
Conference Registration Form Date

Please fax or e-mail this completed form to the Host Secretariat: 4122 9170040 / benedict.e.boudol@unece.org and **BRING THIS ORIGINAL** with you to Geneva.
 An additional form is required for spouses.

Title of the Conference

Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalisation on National Accounts, 11-13 a.m. May 2009

Delegation/Participant of Country, Organisation or Agency

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Participation Category		

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