

Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts - interim meeting on Global Production

*Salle VIII, Palais des Nations
Geneva, 3-4 April 2013*

INFORMATION NOTE

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1. How to enter the Palais des Nations / United Nations Building

In order to enter the Palais des Nations all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter into the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see 7. Maps) and present the following documents to the Security Office:

- The original duly completed registration form
- Photo ID (passport or identification card)

Once you have your badge it will be possible to leave from and re-enter the Palais des Nations through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate at Place des Nations, where the flags of the UN member countries can be seen. It is advisable to arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins in order to allow for sufficient time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Security Office at Pregny Gate is open Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 17.00.

Due to security procedures we advise participants not to bring large luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted into the building, and there is only limited storage space for it at the Pregny Gate. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and hand bags.

2. Meeting room and documents

The meeting will take place in Salle VIII which is indicated on a separate map (see 7. Maps). To access the room from the Pregny Gate, walk down towards the Palais and turn right, following the road down through the car park. Enter the building through Door A11, turn left and take the stairs or the lift up one floor to the third floor. Walk straight ahead out of the lift and turn to your left. Keep walking along this corridor until you come to Salle VIII (it is signposted on the wall) which will be on your left.

Please note that the secretariat cannot provide hard copies of the meeting documents and participants are expected to bring their own copies. All documents will be uploaded on the meeting website as soon as they become available.

3. Transportation in Geneva

Getting from the Airport to Geneva

Geneva International Airport (Cointrin) 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.



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.

Buses from the airport go to various parts of Geneva:

- Palais des Nations / United Nations: [bus 5](#) - stop Nations, [bus 28](#) - stop Appia
- Geneva city centre / Onex: [bus 10](#)

Taxis are available at the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport to the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

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 transport to and from the airport is available at www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67

Transport to and from the Palais des Nations

Geneva is a small city and easy to explore on foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from Cornavin, the Central Train Station, to the Place des Nations. It will take another 5-10 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

Alternatively, you can use public transport to move around the city. When checking-in at your hotel you should receive a free [Geneva Transport Card](#), enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay.

Trams No. 15 goes from Cornavin to Place des Nations. From Cornavin take the tram in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop where you should get off.

Buses 5, 8, 22, 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 bus stop named **Appia**.

Further information such as itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (www.tpg.ch/).

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: +44 (0)22 331 41 33.

4. Accommodation in Geneva

Participants are requested to make their own travel and hotel reservations. A list of hotels in Geneva can be found at www.geneva-tourism.ch. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are large conferences or other events.

5. Visa requirements for Switzerland

Participants are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the Meeting of the Task Force on Global Production. If necessary, the UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Please contact Ms. Caroline Jeunet (caroline.jeunet@unece.org) if you need such a letter.

6. Contact information for the meeting

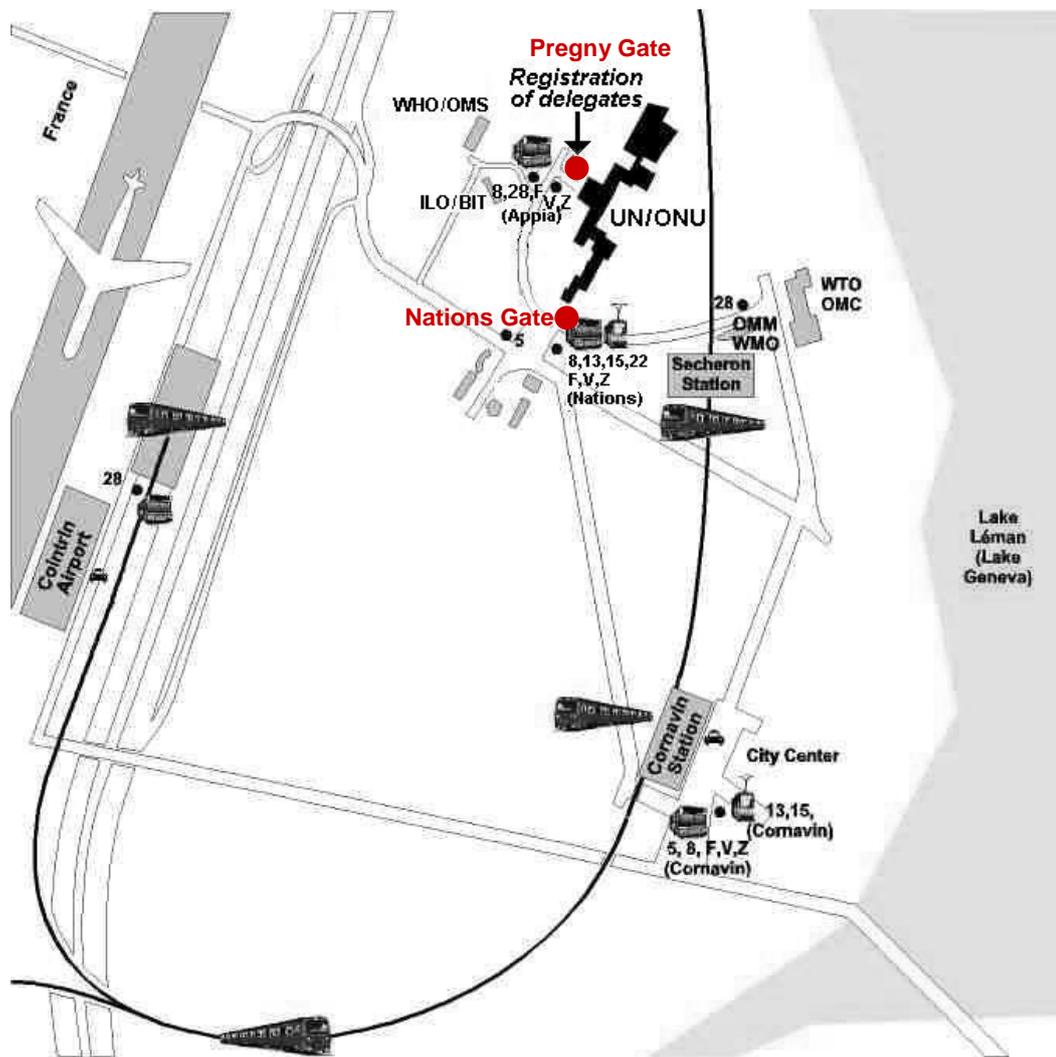
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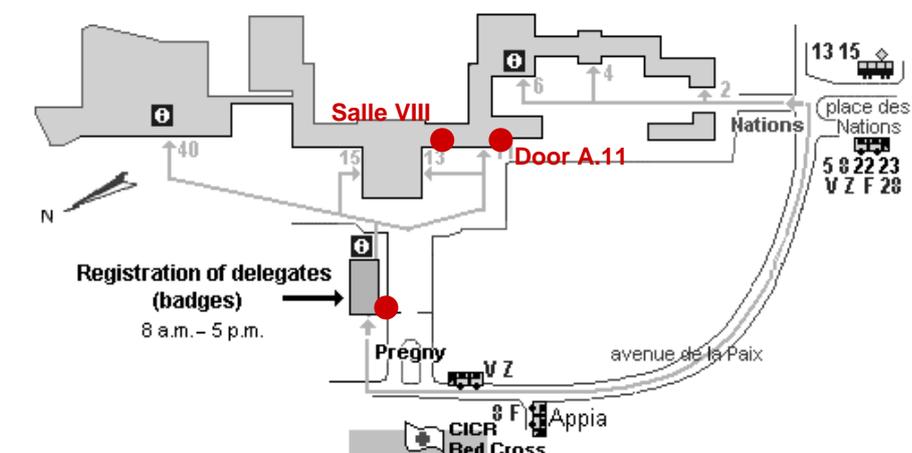
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7. Maps of the Palais des Nations

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Please note: Entry for delegates with a valid ID badge: Pregny Gate or Nations Gate. **Do not forget to bring the original of your registration form.**