

**UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION and
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Regional Workshop on MDG indicators
(8-11 November 2010, Geneva, Switzerland)

INFORMATION NOTICE

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS IN GENEVA

I. MEETING AND WORKSHOP VENUE

1. The above meeting, taking place on 8-11 November 2010, will be held in Salle XXIII of Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, Geneva.

II. ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

Before entering the Palais des Nations, delegates must collect their security badge from the **Security Identification Unit**, located at the visitors' entrance: **Pregny Gate, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix**. It is advisable to arrive here at least 30 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). The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (non-stop).

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

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

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

4. 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.

5. For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

III. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

6. 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.



7. 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.

Getting from the Airport into Geneva

8. 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 IV below.

9. 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](#) - stop Nations
 - [bus 28](#) - stop Appia
- Geneva city centre - Onex: [bus 10](#)
- Meyrin: [bus 28](#)
- Le Lignon - Lancy - Plan-les-Ouates: [bus 23](#)

10. **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.

11. 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=000000417>

IV. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

12. 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 5-10 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

13. 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.

14. **Buses** 5, 8, 14, 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.

15. The closest **train station** to the Palais des Nations is called Secheron, which is one stop from the Cornavin station on the line to Coppet. Secheron is located near the Botanic Gardens and is not as convenient to the Palais des Nations entrances as the bus and tram stops (around 300 metres walk up to the Nations gate).

16. 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://www.tpg.ch/cartographie/plans/decembre2007/tpg_plan_centre_ville.pdf.

17. **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.

V. ACCOMMODATION

18. 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. There is a list of hotels that provide a preferential rate for participants in United Nations meetings available at <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch/?rubrique=0000000001>

19. It is imperative that hotel reservations are made as early as possible as Geneva is a busy conference venue and hotels can get booked out.

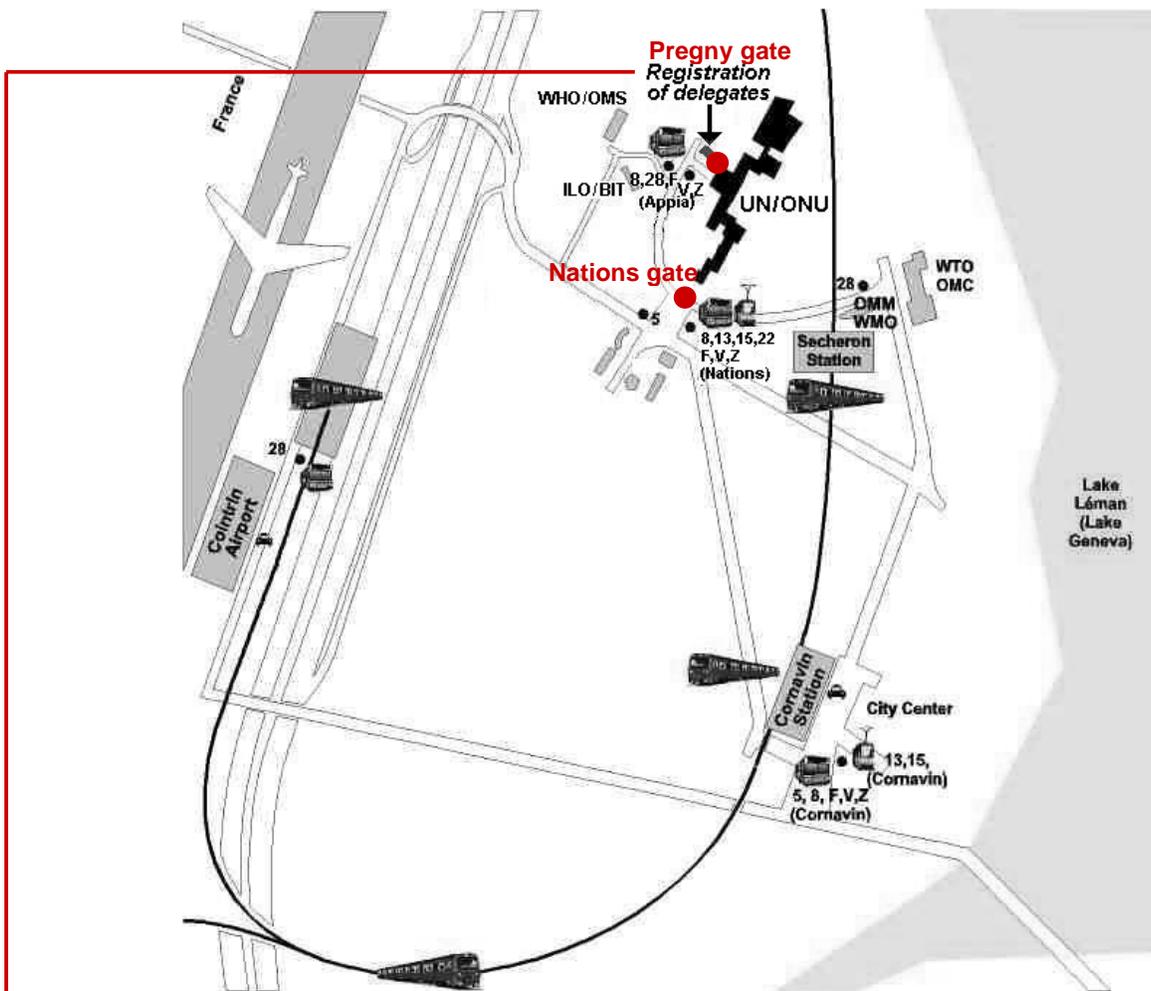
VI. GENERAL INFORMATION

20. For more information about Geneva, the United Nations Office in Geneva, accommodation and public transport, please refer to the websites listed at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>

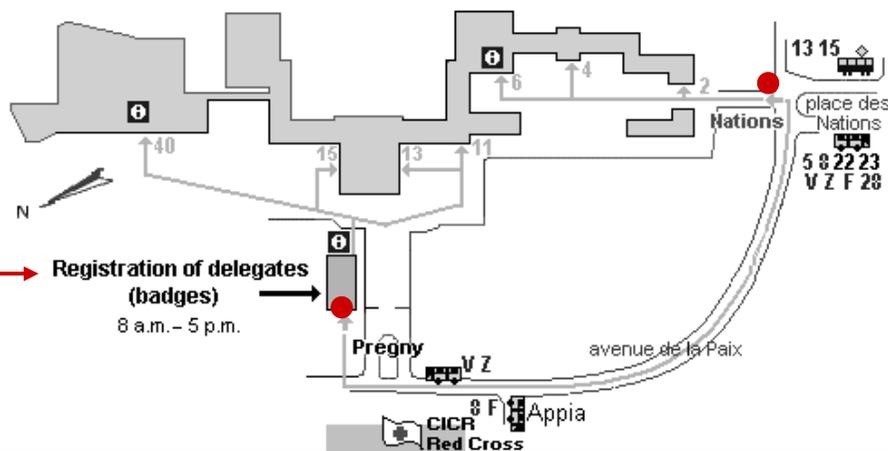
21. Please contact the UNECE secretariat if you have any questions.

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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):



Entry for delegates with valid ground pass: Nations gate and Pregny gate
 Note: a valid photo ID is needed to obtain the ground pass and to gain the entry to the UN premises