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Workshop on Risk Management practices in Statistical Organisations
Geneva, 25-26 April 2016

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 3

The UNECE will host the workshop at the Palais des Nations, Geneva (Salle VIII), on 25 - 26 April 2016. The workshop will start at 09.30 on 25 April, and will end by 16.50 on 26 April.

I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The Workshop on Risk Management Practices in Statistical Organisations is organised by the Modernisation Committee on Organisational Framework and Evaluation. This Committee reports to the High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS).
2. This Workshop will support the sharing of information about risk management practices in statistical organisations – through both promoting a constructive debate and encouraging progress in Risk management as a tool for managing organisational change in the context of modernisation.
3. The target audience for the Workshop includes staff of statistical organisations with responsibility for risk management and managing change, as well as academics working in relevant areas. To cater for different levels of knowledge in this subject, the agenda mixes plenary presentations of good practices with small-group discussion opportunities using innovative formats.
4. The documents for the workshop will be provided in English only, and will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location:
<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41140>

II. MEETINGROOM

5. The meeting room is Salle VIII, which is located on the third floor (see Annex 1). 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. Salle VIII is the first one on your left.

III. ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

6. 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 45 minutes before the meeting is due to start to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. You should bring Photo ID, preferably a passport. 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. You can also download the map of the UN premises at:

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/practical_information/Palais_des_Nations_map-English.pdf

Delegates must previously register online at the link below to be able to obtain their entry passes.

<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=F0fS9Z>

7. 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.

IV. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

8. Geneva International Airport 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.



9. 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

10. 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 V below.

11. In addition to the train, there are buses from the airport to various parts of Geneva. For example, to get to the Palais des Nations, take bus 5 to the stop “Nations”, or bus 28 – to the stop Appia. For more information, see: <http://gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67>

12. Taxis are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary.

13. Tourist and public transport information is available at the information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs.

V. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

14. 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.

15. There is a tram 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 tram is number 15 and should be taken in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop, where you should get out.

16. **Buses** 5, 8, 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.

17. Further information such as itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the Transports Publics Genevois (<http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international>). A map of public transport routes is available at <http://www.tpg.ch/plans-du-reseau>

18. Taxis are generally easy to find and are usually available around the clock. Taxis may not enter the UN compound - passengers will have to disembark at the Pregny or Nations gate.

VI. ACCOMMODATION

19. 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. You can refer to Geneva Tourism website for the list of hotels:
<http://www.geneva-tourism.ch>

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION

20. 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/meetings/practical.htm>

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

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Annex 1. Location of the Salle VIII

