14th session, Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (CMM) and 9th joint meeting of the UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee, 7-8 November, Salle XI

The 14th session and 9th joint meeting will take place on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 November, in Salle XI starting at 10.00 hours. A draft programme is posted at http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=51081 and copies of the final version will be provided in the meeting room.

Entry badges
UN entrance badges are obtained at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix, opposite the Red Cross Building. Please bring your ID or passport to obtain your entrance badge. Please refer to “14th Session of the UNECE Group of Experts on CMM – 7-8 November 2019” when asking for your entry badge. You should allow approximately 40 minutes to obtain your UN Entrance Badge and reach the meeting room. The Security Office opens at 08.00 hours and closes at 17.00 hours.

Directions to Salle XI
You will be able to enter the Palais des Nations through Door E40. Once you have entered through the Pregny Gate i.e. past the Security Official, follow the path down all the way to the new building on your left. Enter through door A40, go up one floor by an escalator located just in front of the entrance, you will be on the 3rd floor. Walk straight ahead through the glass corridor (you will see a sign “Assemblée / Restaurant” over the entrance to the corridor) connecting the new building with the old one, then turn to the right and follow the hallway. A few meters after the hallway turns left you will have Room XI (Salle XI) on your right.

Documentation
Documentation for the meeting are posted to the UNECE website: at http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=51081
The documents page will be updated regularly so please keep visiting.

Timing of UN Meetings
Official UN meetings run from 10.00-13.00 hours and from 15.00-18.00 hours.

Coffee Breaks
The coffee breaks during the Group of Experts on CMM are kindly sponsored by the International Centres of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China (7 November) and in Poland (8 November): On both days coffee will be served outside Salle XI at 11:45 and at 16:30 hrs.

1 The entrance gate located at the Place des Nations (with the large chair and fountains) is the Nations Gate.
Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués
Coffee and other beverages can be purchased at the Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués or the Serpent Bar. The entrance to the Coffee Lounge/Salon des Délégués is located on the third floor just after Salle VII and Salle VI. The Serpent Bar is on the first floor of the E Building near Door E40.

Please note that only water can be consumed in meeting rooms, other beverages and food are not allowed.

Restaurants and Bars
A cafeteria, a restaurant and several bars are available in the Palais des Nations:

Cafeteria:
- Building A, Ground Floor
- Opening hours: 08.15 – 16.45 hrs (meals served from 11.30 hrs)
- Self-service, pasta, pizza, grill, daily specials, salad buffet, desserts buffet etc

Delegates’ Restaurant:
- Building A, 8th floor
- Opening hours: midday – 14.30 hrs
- Reservation recommended phone +41 22 917 3588

Press Bar:
- Building C, Ground Floor (near Door C6)
- Opening hours: 08.00 hrs – 18.30 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Coffee Lounge/Delegates’ Bar:
- Building A, third floor
- Opening hours: 08.30 hrs – 17.00 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Serpent Bar:
- Building E, first floor
- Opening hours: 09.00 hrs – 17.15 hrs
- Hot and cold drinks, pasta bar, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Other useful information:
Door C6 – C Building – ground floor
- Bank – UBS
- Newspaper kiosk
- Post office

Door E40 – (E) Building – second floor
- UN Bookshop

SAFI Shop
A small shop, selling food and non-food items (perfume, make-up, jewellery, watches, luggage, clothes etc), is located in the basement of building S and can be accessed through door S1. SAFI is open from Monday to Friday, 12:00 to 18:30 hrs.
Practical Information for Delegates

Practical information for delegates, including transportation in Geneva is posted to the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html or at http://www.unog.ch/80256EE60057CB67/(httpPages)/7AB88A7FC3B917B4C1257ED8004C734F?OpenDocument

A free ticket for Geneva public transportation (train & bus) is available for all arriving passengers and can be obtained in the baggage area of the International Airport (before exiting customs). The ticket is valid on any bus or train in Geneva for 80 minutes for all passengers carrying a valid plane ticket.

Map of the Palais des Nations
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Delegates are encouraged to download this map as it highlights the location of the meeting rooms, the UN cafeteria, coffee lounges and bars, as well as the bus numbers that stop at the Pregny Gate and the bus and tram numbers that stop at the Nations Gate (Place des Nations). The Pregny Gate is a 500 metres walk up the hill (Avenue de la Paix) from the Nations Gate.

Delegates are requested to make their own hotel arrangements. A list of hotels close to the UN is available on request from the Secretariat.

How to find the UN Palais des Nations building

Public transport by tram and bus
The Palais des Nations is served by several tram and bus lines: Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z serve Pregny Gate (Appia stop) where the Security/Registration office is located.

Tram 15, as well as buses 5, 8, 11, 22, 28, V, F and Z, serve the Place des Nations. Place des Nations, where the Nations Gate is located, is some 500 metres away from the Pregny Gate. Buses 5 and 28 serve Geneva Airport from the Place des Nations. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. is available at the site of the Transports Publics Genevois: http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international

Taxis
A taxi stand is located on Route de Pregny, approximately 25 metres from the Pregny Gate, in the direction of Place des Nations. Taxis are usually available around the clock. The direct telephone number is: +41 22 331 41 33.

Emergencies
In case of medical or other emergency, the number 112 should be dialled from any internal telephone. For medical services, UNOG has a Medical Service (door 1) that is available during normal working hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Outside of these hours, please dial 112 for any medical assistance.
Outside the Palais des Nations, you can call the following emergency numbers for assistance:

- Police: Tel.: 117
- Fire brigade: Tel.: 118
- Ambulance: Tel.: 144
Missions in Geneva
Details of Missions in Geneva can be found at the following link:
http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600582E34/(httpHomepages)/$first?OpenDocument

Geneva Tourist Information
Cultural Corner
The Cultural Corner delivers information about Geneva in general, and sells tickets for cultural activities in the region, such as festivals, concerts, theatre plays, exhibits, etc. It is open from 09.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs and located near door C6.

Additional tourist information about Geneva can be found at:
http://www.ville-geneve.ch/welcome-geneva/

Important reminder
The secretariat would like to draw participants’ attention to the need to remain vigilant at the main transportation hubs (e.g. train and bus stations and airports) before, during and after the meeting.

It is very important to be aware of your surroundings and belongings at all times, in particular when getting in and out of the trains and trams, including at the Cornavin Train Station.