

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Seventh session of the Group of Experts on Gas Salle XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 26-27 March 2020 and other events within the Global Methane Forum

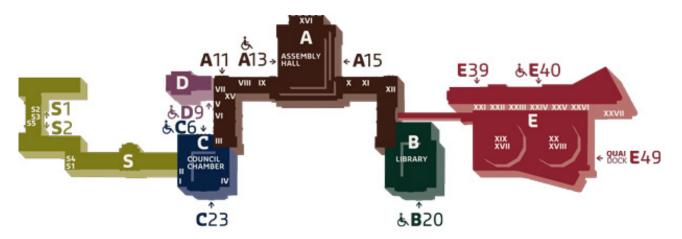
LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

The 7th session of the Group of Experts on Gas will take place on Thursday and Friday 26 and 27 March 2020, in Salle XVI starting at 10.00 hours. A <u>provisional agenda</u> is posted online. The 7th session is a part of the <u>Global Methane Forum</u> 2020 that starts on 23 March and is organized jointly by UNECE and the Global Methane Initiative (GMI). A by-invitation-only Hydrogen Innovation Forum, in collaboration with the World Energy Council, will be held on 25 March 2020.

How to get in

First you need to obtain an entry badge at the UN Pass and Identification Unit, located at the **Pregny Gate**¹, 14, Avenue de la Paix (across the Red Cross building). Please **bring your ID or passport.** As sometimes it may be crowded, please arrive to the UN around 9:15, to obtain the badge and reach the meeting room in time.

Salle XVI is the one closest to the Pregny Gate (top of the map below). It is on the fifth floor. Once you have entered through the Pregny Gate i.e. past the Security Official, look straight to locate the doors facing the Pregny Gate. There might be a few natural gas vehicles parked. If you enter through this door, you will be on the third floor and need to walk or take lift to the fifth floor where room XVI is. If anything goes wrong (it's easy to get lost in the Palais des Nations), you can enter the Palais des Nations through Door A15. In this case, follow the path from the Pregny Gate down to the left to the side of the Assembly Building. When you enter through door A15, you will be on the 2nd floor. The lifts on your left side will take you to the 5th floor.



<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: due to new security measures at the Palais des Nations, conference participants can now only enter through four doors: A15, A17, C6 and E40.

¹ The entrance gate located at the Place des Nations (with the large chair and fountains) is the **Nations Gate**.



Documentation

Documentation, timetable and presentations for the 7th session of the Group of Experts on gas will be posted <u>here</u>. This page will be updated regularly.

Timing of UN Meetings

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

Cocktail Reception

On Thursday 26 2020, at 18.15 hours at the Delegates' Restaurant on the 8th floor all delegates are warmly invited to a Cocktail Reception kindly sponsored by the Gas Exporting Forum. Please contact the secretariat (branko.milicevic@un.org) if you require an entry badge for a spouse.

Coffee Breaks

Coffee will be served outside Salle XVI. 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 (meals served from 11.30)
- Self-service, pasta, pizza, grill, daily specials, salad buffet, desserts buffet, etc.

Delegates' Restaurant:

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

Press Bar:

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

Coffee Lounge/Delegates' Bar:

- Building A, third floor
- Opening hours: 08.30–17.00
- Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, paninis, snacks

Bar Serpentine:

- Building E, first floor
- Opening hours: 09.00–17.15
- 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.

<u>Practical Information for Delegates</u>

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/tram/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.

Map of the Palais des Nations

https://unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/88FFDD768F055AECC1256F2A0052A3CC/\$file/Palais+des+Nations+map.pdf. 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 get to the UN Palais des Nations

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 stop near the 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, dial 112 on 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.: 117Fire brigade: Tel.: 118Ambulance: 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 (CAGI)

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 09.00-17.00 and is 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.



