

19 December 2023

Dear GRVA participants,

I am pleased to extend the invitation to you for the 19th session of the Working Party on Automated/ Autonomous and Connected Vehicles in May 2024, which will take place in Troy (Michigan) United States of America.

This session is held outside of Geneva, in recognition of the efforts done by delegations outside of Europe during the pandemic time (2020-2022) who participated in numerous online sessions outside of their normal working time. And even more than that it is also a signal for full global cooperation at the level of the UNECE/WP.29.

The session is being organized outside of Geneva as cleared by the parent bodies, the Inland Transport Committee, and the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, see ECE/TRANS/328, para. 94 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1173, paras. 13 and 21. Organizing this GRVA session outside Geneva gives us an extended possibility of technical visits and demonstrations of assisted and automated technology as announced at GRVA. The session is therefore held as an informal session in lieu of the official GRVA session originally scheduled in Geneva in May 2024.

Details of the 19th GRVA session:

Session type: Hybrid session (with an option for remote participation) in English only.

Location: Troy, Michigan, United States of America

Start date: Monday, 20 May 2024, starting at 10:30 AM local time

End date: Friday, 24 May 2024, closing at 12:30 PM local time.

Visa: Information can be found here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

Important note: Please apply for your visa as soon as possible to allow for timely issuing.

Visa support letter: Please request as needed a visa support letter from SAE International (s.william.gouse@sae.org).

Additional logistical information for the session with travel information etc. is posted on the UNECE/GRVA website.

I am looking forward to your active participation and to a productive and engaging 19th session of GRVA. It will be a pleasure to meet all of you in Troy.

Sincerely,

GRVA Chair, R. Damm