



MEETING VENUE AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Nineteenth International Meeting of

Mine Action National Programme Directors and UN Advisors

16 – 19 February 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

Attendance at the meeting is by invitation only. Meeting participants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements and covering the costs of their travel and accommodation.

MEETING VENUE

All plenary meetings and side events will take place from 16 to 19 February 2016 in the Palais des Nations.

The Palais des Nations is located just two minutes walking distance from several bus and tram stops. Please refer to the map for directions.

Palais des Nations
8-8-14 Avenue de la Paix
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

For registration and entry, go to Pregny gate (see photo).



TRANSPORT

The Palais des Nations can be reached by bus, lines n° 5, 8, 11, 22, V, F, Z to “Nations” or “Appia” and trams 13 and 15 to “Nations.”

For more information about the routes and timetables of the buses and tram, please consult the website of the Geneva public transport www.tpg.ch and the attached map indicating the buildings.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please note that only invited persons may register. We encourage participants to register online through the link provided on the invitation by 15 January 2016 for the sake of efficient planning and event organization.



Access to the Palais des Nations is only permitted with an identification badge.

The identification badge will be prepared on the basis of the information submitted through the Conference Registration Form and delegates may pick it up at the Pregny Gate as of Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 8:00am.

ARRIVAL IN GENEVA

At the Geneva airport arrivals terminal, you can pick up a free ticket allowing you to use all Geneva public transport. The ticket allows you to travel for free anywhere within Geneva for 80 minutes (bus, tram and train).

There is a ticket machine at the end of carousel no. 3, before passing customs with your luggage and entering the public area (see yellow box highlighted on picture above).



The airport is located about 4 km from the center of Geneva. It is easily reachable by train or by bus. The fastest way to go from the airport to the center of town is by train. The train ride to Cornavin station (in the city center) takes only 6 minutes and the trains depart every 12 minutes during peak hours. The airport railway station is directly accessible from airport check-in and arrival levels. All trains from the airport stop at Geneva-Cornavin.

In addition to the train, it is also possible to take the following buses from the airport. These stop at the airport check-in level:

Bus 5 to Place des Nations, Geneva main train station Cornavin and city center.

Bus 10 to Geneva main train station Cornavin and city center.

TRANSIT THROUGH EUROPEAN AIRPORTS

If you are transiting through a European airport, please allow enough time for passport control at your initial point of entry. As Switzerland is part of the Schengen States, passport controls take place at your arrival in the Schengen area (and not at Geneva airport), therefore you might face long queues. We advise you to go immediately through the passport control once arrived in your transit airport in order to assure your connecting flight.

LANGUAGES

Interpretation provided in 6 languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.



CATERING

The Palais des Nations features a self-service cafeteria open from 8:30am to 5:30pm, as well as several smaller cafes located throughout the building.

WIFI

The Palais des Nations is equipped with wireless Internet access, free of charge and accessible without password.

Should you need a computer, there is a computer center on the 1st floor of E Building near Bar Serpent, as well as computers located outside the main conference room, 3rd floor, E building.

Printing will be provided at the location outside the main conference room, 3rd floor, E building.

SECURITY

Please pick up your badge at the **Pregny Gate** on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 8:00am.

GENEVA TRANSPORT CARD

The Geneva Transport Card is your free passport to Geneva's transport network.

When you stay in a hotel, a youth hostel or at a campsite, you receive a Geneva Transport Card **free of charge**. Taking the tram, the bus and the train anywhere in Geneva will not cost you a penny. You even can cross the lake with the yellow taxi-boats for free.

This personal and non-transferable card is offered to you at arrival. During your stay in Geneva, you can use the entire Geneva transport network (UNIRESO: bus and tram (TPG), train (CFF) and taxi-boats (Mouettes Genevoises).

TRAVEL AND HEALTH INSURANCE

All participants are responsible to have adequate travel and health insurance for the whole duration of their stay in Switzerland.



MISCELLANEOUS

Please note that Switzerland has its own standard for electrical plugs which may be different than those used in your country (SEV 1011, 220 VAC/50Hz).



Emergency numbers in Switzerland:

Police: 117

Fire service: 118

Ambulance: 144

USEFUL WEB-PAGES

United Nations Office of Geneva: <http://www.unog.ch/>

Geneva Public Transportation: www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international

Geneva airport information: www.gva.ch/en/DesktopDefault.aspx

Map of Geneva: www.maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Geneva

Geneva Tourism information office: www.geneve-tourisme.ch

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