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**Joint UNECE / Eurostat Workshop on Implementing the Common Statistical Production
Architecture (CSPA)**

Geneva, 22-24 June 2016

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

The UNECE will host the workshop at the Palais des Nations, Geneva (Room V), on 22 - 24 June 2016. The workshop will start at 09.30 on 22 June, and will end by 16.00 on 24 June.

I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. A key challenge facing managers, IT professionals, architects and methodologists in national and international statistical organisations is how to implement new tools and standards that facilitate sharing and re-use across statistical domains and between statistical organisations. The CSPA has been developed to support this trend, and provide a blue-print for a new way of designing, building and implementing the tools needed to produce official statistics. It has been adopted as the basis for the European Statistical System SERV projects, which aim to develop common services as part of the Vision 2020 initiative.

2. The Workshop aims to promote the use of the CSPA, to facilitate the sharing of ideas and plans for modernising statistical production, and to identify opportunities for international collaboration activities. It is primarily intended for staff of statistical organisations who are responsible for developing and implementing corporate IT solutions, as well as enterprise and information architects, methodologists and subject-matter specialists involved in the modernisation of statistical production.

II. PRELIMINARY AGENDA

22 June: Parallel streams:

- Introduction to CSPA - Training session – for those new to CSPA
- CSPA Hackathon - Creating CSPA services – for those familiar with CSPA

23 June: Plenary - CSPA implementation case studies and CSPA-related projects

24 June: Parallel streams on what CSPA means for:

- Methodologists
- Architects
- Information technology experts

Followed by a plenary session on the way forward, challenges and priorities

III. ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

3. 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. Refer to the map at **Appendix A**. 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=FTJtrE>

4. 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

5. 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.



6. 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

7. 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 IV below.

8. 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>

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

10. 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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. **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.

14. 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>

15. **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

16. 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

17. 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>

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

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