

High-Level Seminar on Strategic Partnerships in Official Statistics

Information Notice No. 2

I. DATE AND VENUE

1. The High-Level Seminar on Strategic Partnerships in Official Statistics will be held in Room XII at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 11-12 April 2018. Please note that the room has changed from the one previously announced. The seminar will start at 9:30 on Wednesday 11 April, and is planned to finish on Thursday 12 April by 17:30.

II. WEBSITE ADDRESS AND DOCUMENTATION

2. Papers and presentations for the seminar will be available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46906>

3. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them as no documents will be provided in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

III. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING – NEW SECURITY MEASURES

4. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop “Appia”) (see maps). The security centre opens at 08.00, and it is advisable to arrive **1 hour** before the seminar is due to start, in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny Gate is opposite the Red Cross (“CICR”) building, approximately 300 meters uphill from the Place des Nations.

5. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present it at the security centre.

6. Once you have your badge, it will be possible to exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations area through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate.

7. Please note the new security measures at the Palais. **Only three doors can now be used by delegates to enter and exit the building: C6 (ground floor), A15 or A17 (2nd floor).** Room XII is located on the 3rd floor - please see the maps.

8. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations. Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted in the building, and there is only limited storage space for it at the Pregny Gate. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and small trolley bags.

VI. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

9. 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.



10. Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The **train** is the most efficient way to travel to 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.

11. In addition to the train, there are **buses** from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

To the United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:

- Bus 5 (direction Thonex-Vallard) - stop “Nations”
- Bus 28 (direction Jardin Botanique) - stop “Appia”

To Geneva city centre:

- Bus 10 (direction Onex)

12. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 40.

VII. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

13. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, allowing you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at the reception when you check into your hotel.

14. Geneva is a small city and it is easy to reach places by foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It takes another 10-15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

15. **Tram 15** goes from Cornavin train station to the Place des **Nations** (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). From Cornavin take the tram in the direction “Nations”, which is also the name of the last stop where you should get off.

16. **Buses 5, 8, 11, 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**”.

17. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares is available on the site of the **Transports Publics Genevois** (www.tpg.ch).

18. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 meters uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are available any time. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis cannot enter the UN compound - passengers will have to get off at the Pregny or Nations gates.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

19. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance, as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are many events taking place. Maps of Geneva, a list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following websites:

www.geneva-tourism.ch

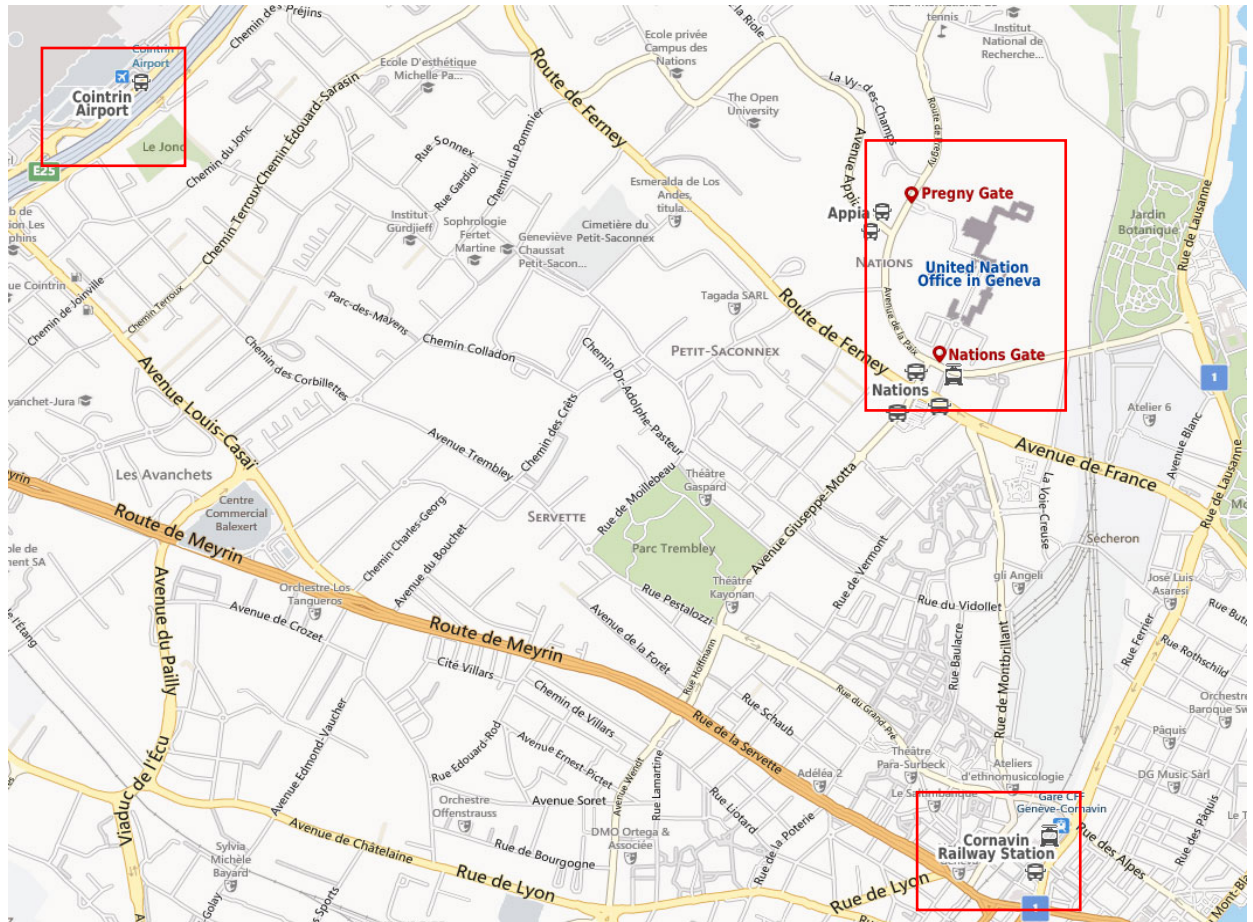
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IX. CONTACT INFORMATION

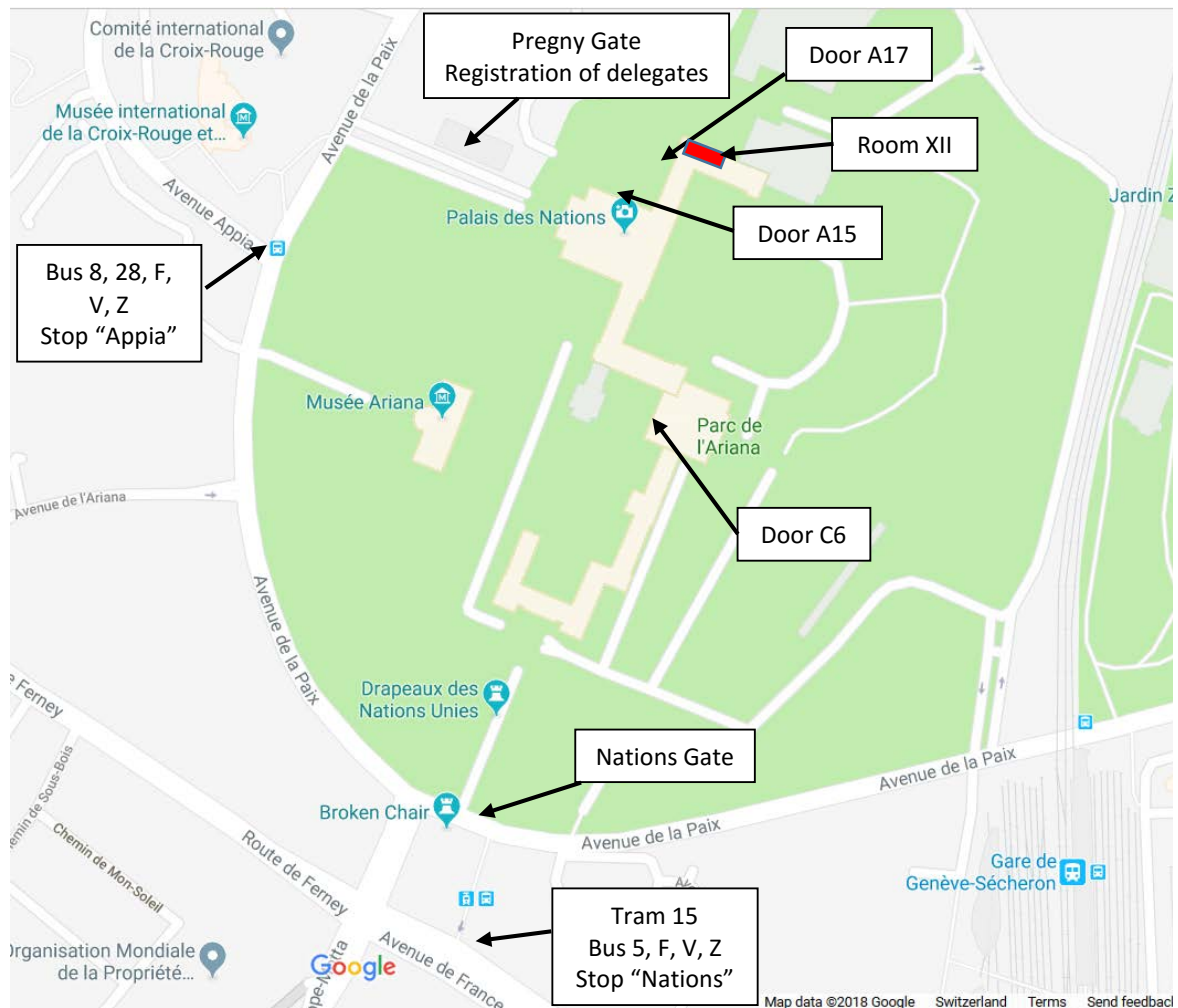
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ANNEX 1. MAPS

Location of the airport, railway station and the Palais des Nations



Location of Room XII (3rd floor)



Please collect your ID badge at the Pregny Gate on your first day (from 08.00)

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