

WORKSHOP ON THE MODERNISATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

19-20 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

1 November 2019

Information Notice No. 2

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The 2019 workshop on the Modernisation of Official Statistics will be held in the Council Chamber at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. It will start at 09.30 on 19 November and end by 16.00 on 20 November.

II. DOCUMENTATION

2. The working language of the workshop is English. All documents will be provided in English only, and will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location:

<https://statswiki.unece.org/x/ERBRDw>

3. Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the workshop. Documents posted on the website before the workshop will not be distributed in the conference room.

III. SOCIAL EVENT

4. On **Tuesday 19 November at 19.00** we would like to invite you to a subscription dinner in the restaurant Au Petit Chalet, located at Rue de Berne 17 (<https://aupetitchalet.ch/>). Please refer to Annex 2 of this note for more details. The menu offers a starter, a choice of a meat, fish or vegetarian dish for the main course and a dessert. Drinks include glass of wine, water, coffee or tea. The price is CHF 50 per person.

5. **Registration is required for the dinner, and once you have registered, cancellation will only be possible up to 15 November. If you do not cancel your reservation in advance you will be charged the full price of the dinner.**

6. Please register by indicating your choice of the menu for dinner at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7T2FRNL>. We will appreciate if you can register for dinner by Thursday 14 November at the latest.

7. Delegates who have special dietary requirements (vegan, gluten-free etc.) can indicate them in the comment box in the survey.

IV. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING – ATTENTION, NEW SECURITY MEASURES

8. 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). It is advisable to arrive **1 hour** before the meeting 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 Nations Gate at the Place des Nations, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen.

9. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present it at the Security Office on the first day.

10. Once you have your badge, you can exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations area through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate, depending on what type of badge you have.

11. Please note the new security measures at the Palais. **Only four doors can now be used by delegates to enter and exit the building: C6, A15, A17 or E40 (see maps).** These doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

12. 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 hand bags.

V. TRAVELLING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

13. 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.



14. 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.

15. 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)

16. **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 35.

17. Tourist and public transport **information** is available at the **Unireso** information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva’s free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/

VI. TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

18. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling 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.

19. 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.

20. **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.

21. **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”.

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

23. **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.

VII. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

24. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting 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:

<https://www.geneve.com/>
www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html

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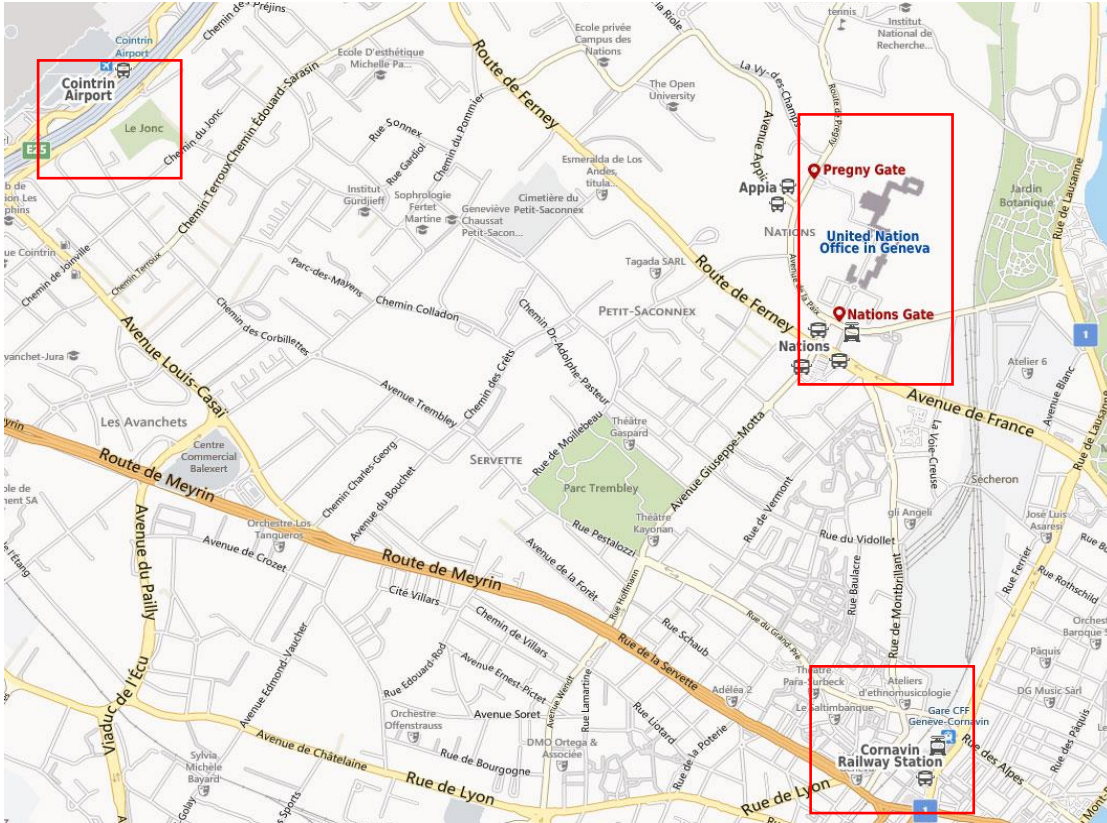
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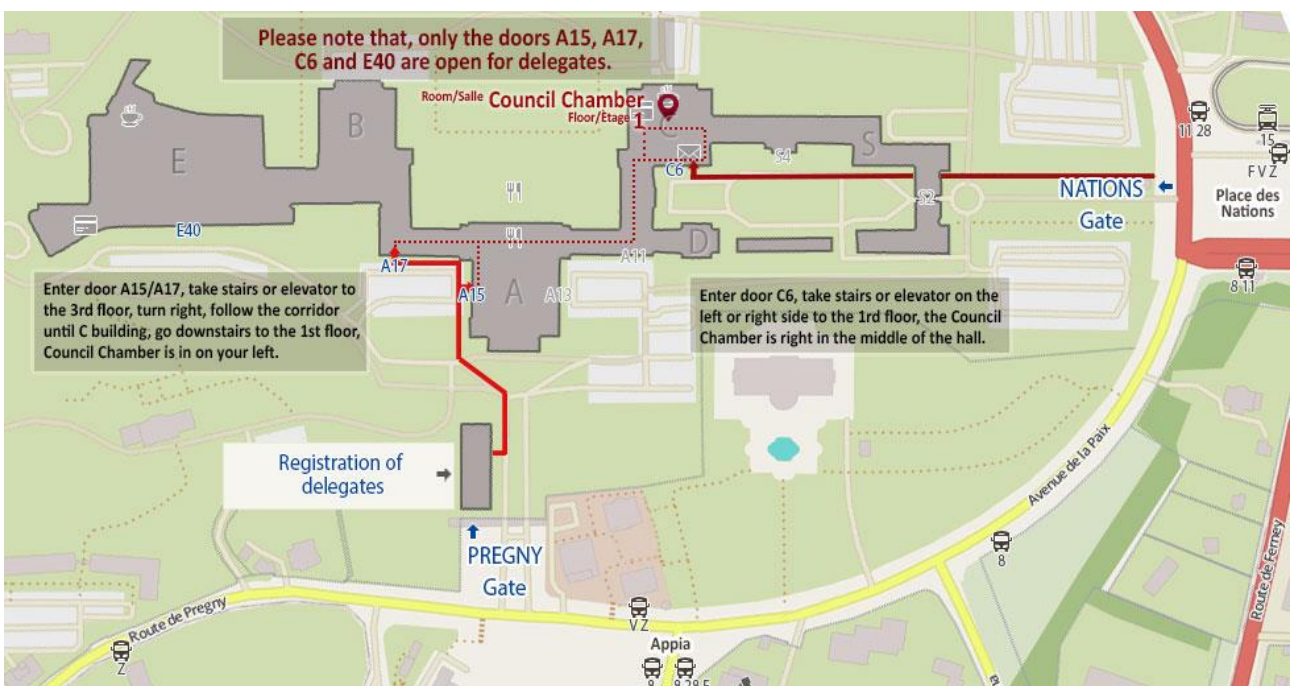
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ANNEX 1. MAPS

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



Location of the Council Chamber (first floor). If you enter UN building from door C6, the Council Chamber will right above entrance on the first floor, you can take stairs on the left/right side of the Door C6 to reach it.



ANNEX 2: MENU FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION DINNER AND DIRECTIONS TO THE RESTAURANT



Au Petit Chalet

Rue de Berne 17

1201 Genève

Menu – 50 CHF

Mixed salad

OR

‘Valais’ platter of mixed meat and cheese

Beef steak, with 'Cafe de Paris' butter, fries and vegetables

OR

Perch fillets with fries

OR

Cheese fondue « Moitié-moitié »

Home made tarte tatin

OR

2 scoops of ice cream of your choice

The menu includes water, glass of wine and coffee or tea.

How to get to “Au Petit Chalet”

The restaurant can be reached by foot from the Train Station Gare Cornavin in 3 min:
Follow the path shown on the map below.

