

WORKSHOP ON THE MODERNISATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

22-23 November 2022, Geneva, Switzerland

3 November 2022

Information Notice No. 2

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The 2022 workshop on the Modernisation of Official Statistics will be held in the Palais des Nations **Room XXV** (Building E first floor, entrance from the door E 40, more information here: [Conference Rooms at the Palais | UN GENEVA](#)). It will start at 09.30 on 22 November and end by 16.30 on 23 November.

Various side events will take place in the **Room XXV on 24-25 November**:

24 November 09:30 – 12:30 – Meta Academy for Modernisation of Statistics

24 November 14:00 -17.00 – Input Privacy-Preservation Techniques

25 November 10:00 – 12:00 – Meeting of the Executive Board and HLG-MOS members

II. DOCUMENTATION

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/display/hlgbas/Timetable+and+Documents+HLG2022>

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. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING – ATTENTION, NEW SECURITY MEASURES

In order to enter Palais des Nations, all participants need to collect an access badge (your badge will be valid from 22-25 November, to allow participation in the side events).

Please read the following instructions carefully as, due to current renovation work, the procedure for entering the Palais des Nations has changed temporarily.

To obtain an access badge to enter the Palais des Nations, you first should go to the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services located at the **Villa Les Feuillantines** (please see the maps below):

Address: Avenue de la Paix 13, 1211 Genève 10

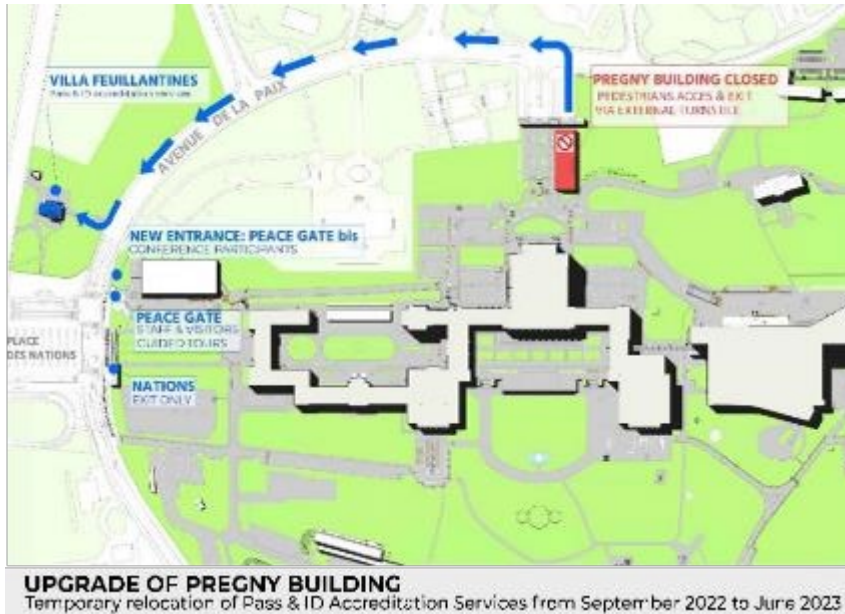
Public transportation: Tram 15 or Buses: 5, 8, 11, 20, 22, F (stop “Nations”)

Working hours: from 08:00 to 16:45 on weekdays.

Please bring your photo ID (e.g., passport, or national identity card for EU citizens) to present it at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services on the first day of the meeting. You will receive an entry badge to the Palais des Nations that will last for the duration of the meeting for which you have registered.

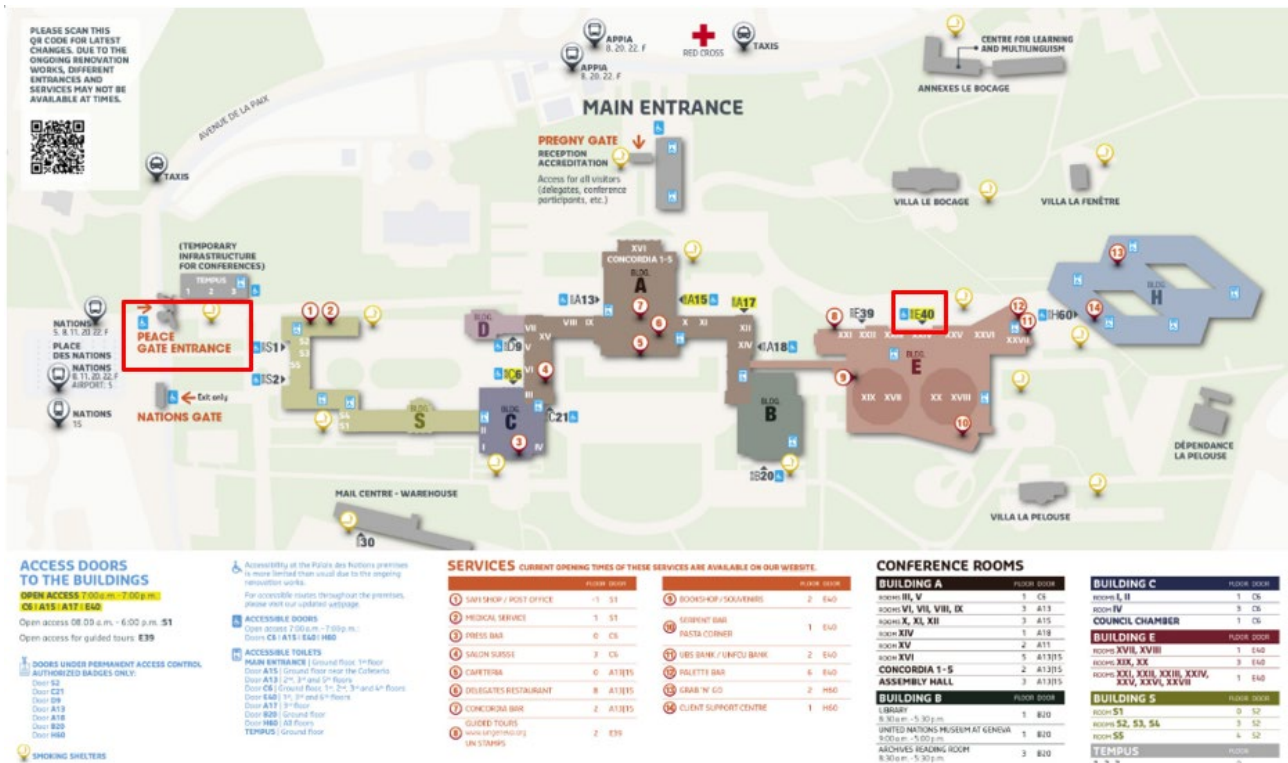
It is advisable to arrive at the Villa Les Feuillantines 1-1.5 hours before the meeting to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. It may take time to find the Villa Les Feuillantines and there may be a long queue to obtain your badge, as well as to enter the Palais des Nations, due to other meetings starting on the same day. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, it will take up to 15 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

Following issuance of your badge and during the whole period of its' validity, you may access the Palais des Nations through the new Peace Gate bis, which is across the street from Villa Les Feuillantines. To enter you must show your badge to the UN Security staff.



The Workshop on the Modernisation of Official Statistics will take place in **Room XXV** (first floor, building E) of the Palais des Nations. You may enter the Palais by door E40 (on the second floor) and take an escalator down to the first floor. The meeting room is located at the end of the corridor

on the right. The map below may be helpful to you. The Peace Gate Entrance and Door E40 are shown in red squares on the map.



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 Prégny 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 handbags.

You can find map of the Palais and other useful information here:
<https://www.ungeva.org/en/practical-information/delegates>

IV. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See <https://www.tpg.ch/fr> to plan your route.

Some hotels in Geneva 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 in to your hotel.

Should you need to purchase public transport tickets, you may do so from the ticket machines at bus stops. No tickets are sold on most buses and trams.

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.

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)

1. **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.
2. Tourist and public transport **information** is available at the **Unireso** information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. Public transport from Geneva Airport - www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/

VI. ACCOMODATION

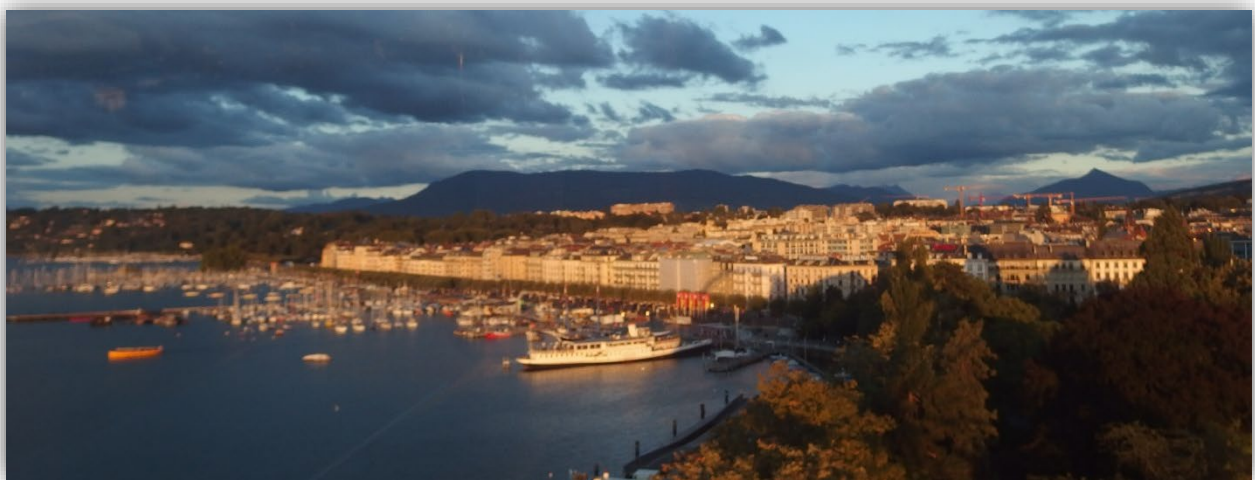
Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

It is advisable to book your hotel well in advance as available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva at the same time. A list of hotels and other valuable information about Geneva are available on the following website: <https://www.geneve.com/en/>.

The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental.
- There are several 3- and 4-star hotels near Cornavin train station. These hotels are located about 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations.

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA



Geneva is the second-most populous city in Switzerland and lies at the southern tip of Lac Léman (Lake Geneva). It is surrounded by the French Alps to the South-East and the Jura mountains to the North-West. It is one of the most international cities in Europe with over 40% of its population coming from outside Switzerland. It is home to the United Nations and the Red Cross and is a global hub for diplomacy and banking. It is located in the French-speaking part of Switzerland and has over 200,000 inhabitants.

Weather

The weather in Geneva in November is relatively cold and it may rain. The average temperatures in October are about 9°C / 48°F (daily maximum) and 2°C / 35°F (daily minimum). You may check the weather forecast at the local website: www.meteoswiss.ch.

Currency

The Swiss currency is the Swiss franc (CHF).

Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre and at the UBS bank branch at the Palais des Nations, located on the second floor of E building (door 41). It is open from 08:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Friday.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

Time Zone

Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone (GMT+2 until 30 October 2022 / GMT+1 after 31 October 2022).

Electricity

The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Switzerland uses 'type J' 3-pin electrical plugs and sockets. European 'type C' 2-pin plugs such as that shown below will fit these sockets, but all other equipment, including European 'type F' plugs, will require a socket adaptor.



Type C: This will fit



Type F: This will NOT fit

Water

We ask you to consider reducing your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. [Geneva tap water](#) consistently rates among the highest-quality tap water in the world.

Useful telephone numbers

General emergency calls: 112

Police: 117

Ambulance: 144

Fire Department: 118

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