

## Information Notice No. 2

### I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The Machine Learning for Official Statistics Workshop will be held in the Palais des Nations (Room VII), in Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 9:30 CEST on 5 June 2023.

### II. MEETING DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES

2. The working language of the meeting is English. All documents will be provided in English only. In advance of the meeting, abstracts and draft versions of papers/presentations will be made available via the following website: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/ML2023>. The final versions of papers and presentation slides will be made available a few days after the meeting.

3. Please note that documents posted on the website before the meeting will not be distributed in the conference room. Participants are encouraged to download the materials from the website or bring their own copies to the workshop. **A wireless internet connection will be available in the building for you to download relevant files.**

### III. VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR SWITZERLAND

4. Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide an invitation letter to facilitate visa procedures (see Section IX for contact information).

### IV. ENTERING THE UN BUILDING (PALAIS DES NATIONS)

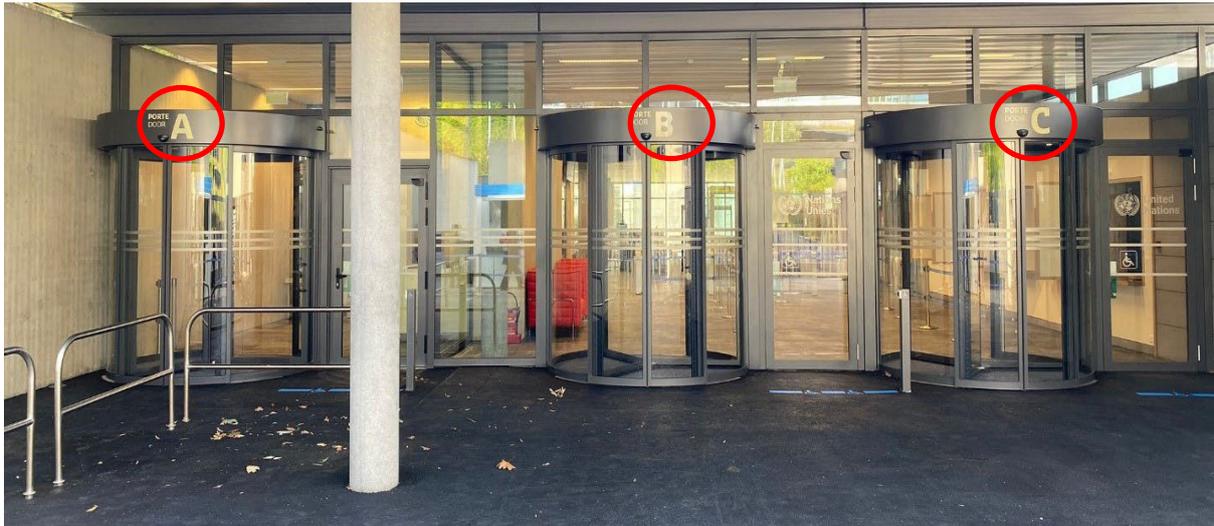
5. The meeting will take place at Palais des Nations - the UN premises in Geneva. In order to enter the Palais des Nations all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you have to enter into the Palais des Nations at the [Pregny Gate](#), Avenue de la Paix 14 (see Annex I) and present to the Security Office:

- **Photo ID <sup>1</sup>(passport or identification card)**

6. The Pregny Gate presents three new entry points – marked A, B and C as shown below.

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<sup>1</sup> Your ID should be valid for the duration of the workshop.



- Door A (to the left on approach) is dedicated to staff members holding a valid UN ID, as well as all other categories not subject to security screening (e.g., staff of UN Agencies/Funds/Programmes with daily visitor badges);
- **Doors B and C** are dedicated to **Conference Participants, Guided Tours, Visitors** and those **requiring accreditation**.

7. Once you have your badge it will be possible to re-enter the Palais des Nations **only through the Pregny Gate**. Exiting the Palais through the Pregny Gate will be possible through the external turnstiles located to the front of the Pregny Gate, in addition to the Nations Gate (see Annex I). Please make sure **not** to return or lose your badge until the workshop finishes.

8. It is advisable to arrive 60 minutes before the workshop begins in order to allow for sufficient time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. It may take time 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 around 10 minutes to walk to the meeting room. The Security Office at Pregny is open Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 16.45.

9. Due to security procedures, we advise participants **not** to bring large luggage to the Palais des Nations. 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).

10. **The meeting will take place in Room VII of the Palais des Nations.** You may find the room by entering through door A 11 on the third floor. The Pregny Gate, Door 11 and the meeting room are shown on the map in Annex I.

11. You can find other useful information and maps here: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/meetings-events/participants/information>

## V. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT

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

13. 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.

14. Should you need to purchase public transport tickets, you may do so from the ticket machines at bus stops as tickets are not sold on most buses and trams.

15. Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The train or bus 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.

16. 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)

17. 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.

18. 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/](http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/)

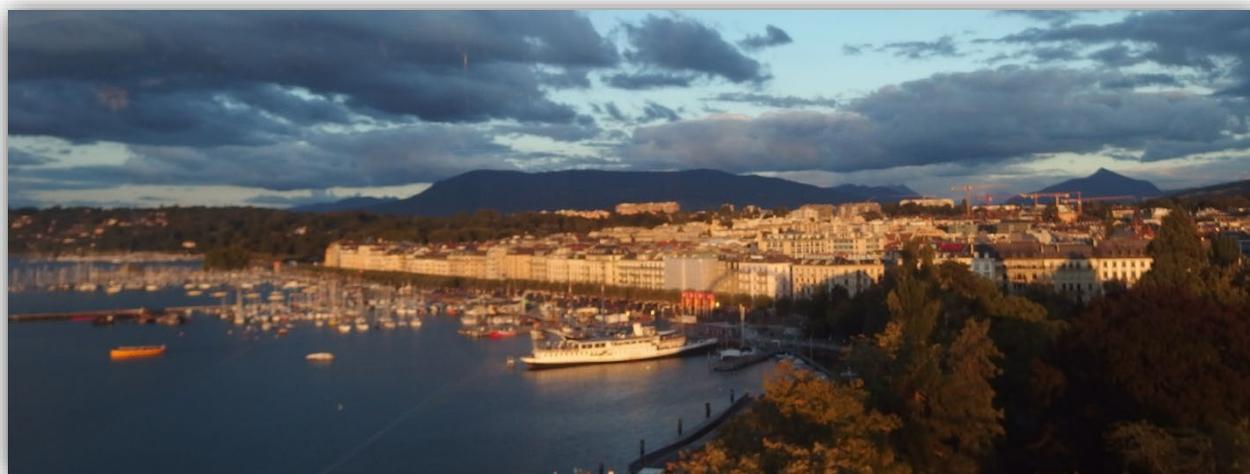
## VI. ACCOMMODATION

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

20. It is advisable to book your hotel 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/>.

21. There are several hotels near Cornavin train station which 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



22. 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.

23. Weather: The average temperatures in June in Geneva are about 25°C (daily maximum) and 12°C (daily minimum). You may check the weather forecast at the local website: [www.meteoswiss.ch](http://www.meteoswiss.ch)

24. 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.

25. Time Zone: Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone.

26. 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**

27. 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.

28. Useful telephone numbers:

- General emergency calls: 112
- Police: 117
- Ambulance: 144
- Fire Department: 118

## **VIII. COVID-19 MEASURES IN SWITZERLAND**

29. There are currently no entry restrictions due to the COVID-19. However, participants are encouraged to check the latest situation with Covid-19 and requirements for testing, vaccinations and COVID certificates at the website of the [Swiss Federal Office of Public Health](http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home). If you develop any COVID-like symptoms or test positive for the virus, please refrain from coming to the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to maintain protective hygiene measures (e.g., frequent washing of hands and keeping physical distances).

## **IX. CONTACT**

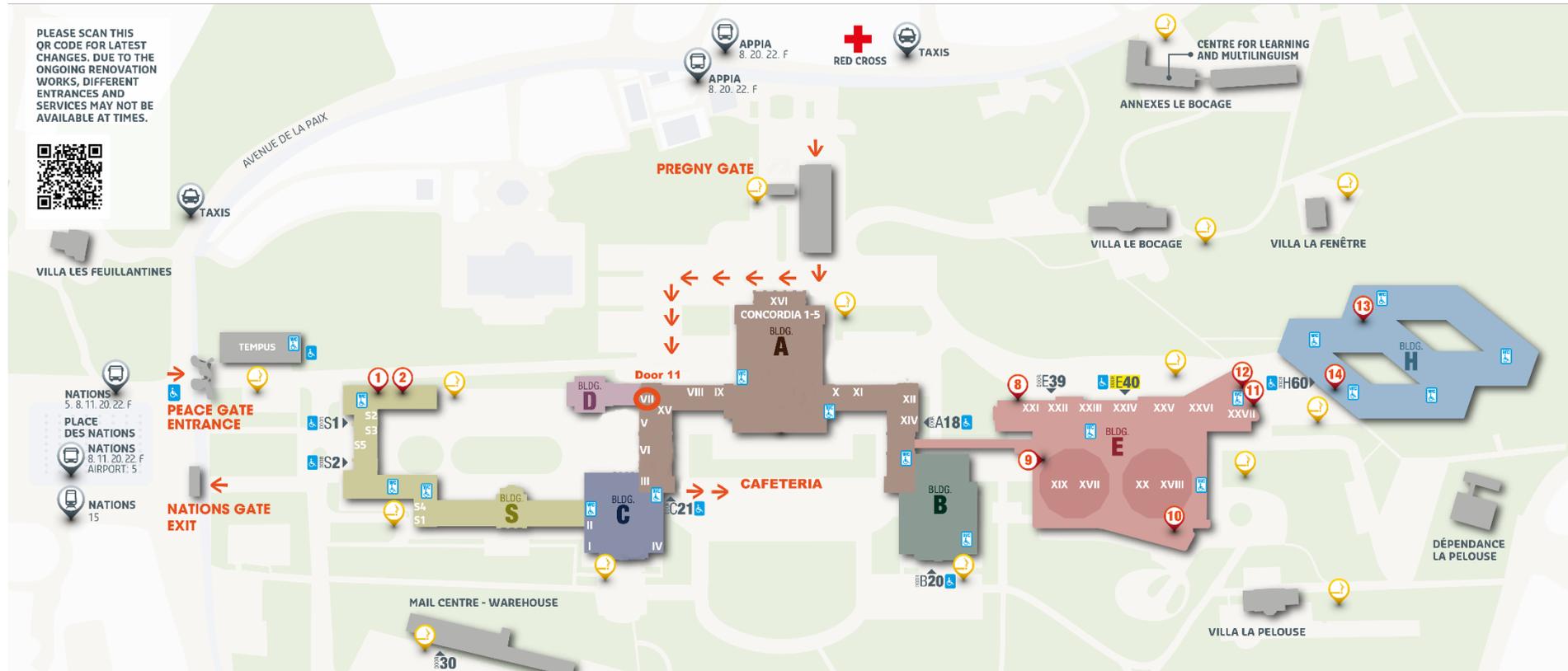
30. For further information, please contact the following meeting organisers:

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# Annex I. Map of Palais des Nations



## ACCESS DOORS TO THE BUILDINGS

**OPEN ACCESS 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
CS | A15 | A17 | E40

Open access 08:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: S1  
Open access for guided tours: E39

### DOORS UNDER PERMANENT ACCESS CONTROL AUTHORIZED BADGES ONLY:

- Door S2
- Door C21
- Door D9
- Door A13
- Door A18
- Door B20
- Door H60



Accessibility at the Palais des Nations premises is more limited than usual due to the ongoing renovation works.

For accessible routes throughout the premises, please visit our updated webpage.

**ACCESSIBLE DOORS**  
Open access 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.:  
Doors CG | A15 | E40 | H60

**ACCESSIBLE TOILETS**  
**MAIN ENTRANCE** | Ground floor, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Door A15 | Ground floor near the Cafeteria  
Door A13 | 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors  
Door C6 | Ground floor, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors  
Door E40 | 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors  
Door A17 | 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Door B20 | Ground floor  
Door H60 | All floors  
**TEMPUS** | Ground floor

## SERVICES CURRENT OPENING TIMES OF THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

	FLOOR	DOOR
1 SAFI SHOP / POST OFFICE	-1	S1
2 MEDICAL SERVICE	1	S1
3 PRESS BAR	0	C6
4 SALON SUISSE	3	C6
5 CAFETERIA	0	A13 15
6 DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13 15
7 CONCORDIA BAR	2	A13 15
8 GUIDED TOURS www.un.org/en/tourism UN STAMPS	2	E39

	FLOOR	DOOR
9 BOOKSHOP/SOUVENIRS	2	E40
10 SERPENT BAR PASTA CORNER	1	E40
11 UBS BANK / UNFCU BANK	2	E40
12 PALETTE BAR	6	E40
13 GRAB 'N GO	2	H60
14 CLIENT SUPPORT CENTRE	1	H60

## CONFERENCE ROOMS

BUILDING A	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS III, V	1	C6
ROOMS VI, VII, VIII, IX	3	A13
ROOMS X, XI, XII	3	A15
ROOM XIV	1	A18
ROOM XV	2	A11
ROOM XVI	5	A13 15
CONCORDIA 1-5 ASSEMBLY HALL	2	A13 15
3	A13 15	
BUILDING B	FLOOR	DOOR
LIBRARY 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	1	B20
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	1	B20
ARCHIVES READING ROOM 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	3	B20

BUILDING C	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS I, II	1	C6
ROOM IV	3	C6
COUNCIL CHAMBER	1	C6
BUILDING E	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS XVII, XVIII	1	E40
ROOMS XIX, XX	3	E40
ROOMS XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII	1	E40
BUILDING S	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOM S1	0	S2
ROOMS S2, S3, S4	3	S2
ROOM S5	4	S2
TEMPUS	FLOOR	
1, 2, 3	0	