



WHO Alliance for Food Safety – Inception meeting

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | Atlanta, USA

**WHO Geneva
6, 7 and 8 May 2024**

Information note for participants

1. Meeting venue and duration

WHO HQ
Av. Appia 20, 1211 Genève
Date: 6-8 May
Hours: 9-17h
Room "T"

For those who won't be able to come to Geneva, here is the link to participate virtually:

<https://who.zoom.us/j/93890877397>

Meeting ID: 938 9087 7397

Passcode: 5p@mLPGG

2. Time zone

CET (Central European Time)
UTC/GMT +1 hour

3. On-site registration

Please plan to arrive earlier as registration is needed to access the WHO building. Please show your **passport** or **national ID card**. It is recommended to bring your **COVID-19 certificate** as it may be requested.

4. Meeting documents

Draft Terms of Reference and draft workplan for the Alliance will be shared in advance.

5. Accommodation

In the INDICO systems you will find a list of recommended hotels.

6. Transportation

In the INDICO systems you will find a pdf with information about public transports in Geneva.

7. Meals

Lunch will be provided for the 3 days of the meeting. For dinner, there are many restaurants near the hotel.

8. Internet access in WHO

#WHOWIFI free access

9. Weather and temperature

Average temperatures rise for additional few degrees Celsius (several degrees Fahrenheit) in the Swiss city of Geneva in May. In general, daily temperatures range from 8C (46.4F) to 18C (64.4F) this time of year.

10. Electricity

The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Switzerland uses type C (2-pin) and Type J (3-pin) plugs. (Type C 2-pin plugs also fit J sockets.). Most power sockets are designed for three pin round plugs. The standard continental type plug with two round pins, applied for many electrical travel products, may be used without problem.



11. Currency

The official currency is the **Swiss franc**. All major department stores, many shops, businesses, hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops accept Euros as payment. However, your change will be given in Swiss francs.

12. Dialling code

If you need to call Switzerland, the international country code is +41.

If calling from Switzerland, you need to enter the international country code of the destination.

13. Language

English is the official language of the meeting.

In Geneva, French and English are spoken in most of public places, shops and restaurants.

14. Emergency numbers in Geneva

- 117 Police
- 118 Fire
- 144 Ambulance

15. WHO contact persons

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16. Useful links

<https://www.geneve.com/>

<https://www.geneva.info/>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/ch/geneva/313082/weather-forecast/313082>