

Fourth Annual Security Symposium

“Innovative and Tech-enabled Security Risk Management”

Monday, 24 June 2024

United Nations Office in Geneva
Conference Room VII
Hybrid meeting

Information for participants

Date and Venue

The Fourth Annual Security Symposium will take place in Conference Room VII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday, 24 June 2024.

All delegates and visitors coming to the Palais des Nations must first register via Indico (<https://indico.un.org>). Approved participants will receive a digital badge accessible on any mobile device.

At the Palais des Nations on the day of the event, the pedestrian entry points for the Symposium will be the Peace Gate and Pregny Gate (Annex 1). From there, participants will move to Door A11 which is closest to Room VII as outlined in Annex 1.

Participants are kindly asked to bring only strictly necessary bags or luggage to facilitate a speedy screening process. There are no lockers or luggage storage at the Palais.

Given that the Symposium will take place on Monday, 24 June, which coincides with several other conferences and events, participants are invited to arrive at the entry points at least one hour before the start of the Symposium.

Lunch reception hosted by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

At the courtesy of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), participants are invited to a lunch reception. Please let Mr. Rodolfo Goyeneche () know if you have any food restriction/s, allergies, or specific dietary requirements.

Visa Requirements

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Prior to leaving their country of residence. They and/or their offices are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for their entire journey, including countries of transit. Additional information on visa

requirements to travel to Switzerland and how to obtain one can be found at:
<https://www.swiss-visa.ch/ivis2/#/i210-select-country>

Hotel Arrangements

Participants and/or their offices are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations at their convenience in light of limited availability of hotel rooms. For ease of reference, please find attached a list of hotel rooms at United Nations preferential rates (Annex 2).

Travel Arrangements

Participants and/or their offices are kindly requested to make their own travel arrangements. The nearest airport to Geneva is Geneva International Airport, also known as Cointrin Airport.

United Nations participants are responsible for filing their security clearance request via TRIP (<https://dss.un.org>).

Participants are also encouraged to confirm their health insurance coverage and their own organization's medical/occupational COVID-19 protocols, including their organization's medical emergency focal point/s.

Travel from Airport

Geneva Airport (Annex 3) is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The train or bus are the most efficient way to travel to the city centre. Kindly follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area (public transport from Geneva Airport: www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/). 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 ThonexVallard) - stop "Nations"; Bus 28 (direction Jardin Botanique) - stop "Appia"
- To Geneva city centre: Bus 10 (direction Onex)

Taxis are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport to the city centre usually costs around CHF 35.

Tourist and public transport information is available at the Unireso information desk at the airport arrival hall after y customs.

Public Transport

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines.

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, or enquire at booking as most hotels will share an electronic ticket that can be used to travel from the airport.

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. There are also many taxi stands in Geneva. Should you need to call, the recommended taxi company is Cooperative Taxis (Geneva): +41 (2) 22 320 2202

DSA rate

DSA calculations shall be based on the participants' respective organization's Travel Policy, noting that lunch during the event on 24 June will be hosted by AIIB.

More Useful Information

Swiss Currency and Payment Methods

The Swiss currency is the Swiss Franc. Although Euros are accepted in some establishments in Geneva, their exchange rate will likely be a disadvantage on your part. US dollars are generally not accepted.

Debit and credit cards are widely accepted in Geneva. Currency exchange and ATM/Cash Machines are available at the arrival area, upon exiting customs, in the Geneva Airport. *See map 2.*

Weather in Geneva

It is recommended that participants check the weather (<http://www.meteoswiss.admin.ch/home.html?tab=overview>) as we approach the meeting dates.

Safety and Security in Geneva

Geneva is generally safe. However, similar to other European towns, petty crimes, such as pickpocketing, exist. As June is already the beginning of summer, petty crimes tend to increase as more tourists come. With this, just be mindful of your belongings, particularly when you are in the train, train stations, or other touristy areas.

Emergency contact numbers in Switzerland

General emergency calls	112
Police	117
Ambulance	144
Fire Department	118
UN Office in Geneva (UNOG) Security Control Center	+41 22 917 2900 / 2

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Annex 3: Map of the Airport Arrival Area for cash machines, currency exchange, and taxis

