

# Technical Experts Meeting on the Tracking of Rehabilitative Care Expenditure in Health Accounts

May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

## Guide for participants

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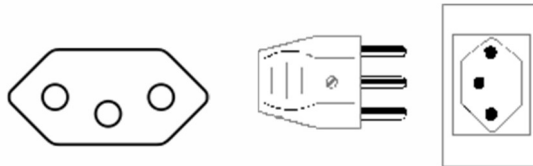
<b>Registration</b>	If you have not done so already please register for the meeting at the following address: <a href="https://indico.un.org/event/1011297">https://indico.un.org/event/1011297</a> (you may need to create a profile). This will help with getting your security badge.
<b>Arrival on 16th</b>	<p>World Health Organization headquarters is located at: Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Upon arrival at WHO, please go to the security desk located at the main building entrance, to collect your badge. <b>Please note: your passport is needed to collect your badge.</b></p> <p>The main reception desk can assist in locating specific conference rooms and other facilities available in the building. They can also order taxi on request.</p> <p>Please leave sufficient time to collect your badge before the meeting start time.</p>
<b>Meeting room</b>	Salle W1, WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.
<b>Meeting time</b>	09:00-17:00 CET.
<b>Language</b>	The meeting will be conducted in English.
<b>Accessibility</b>	Event venues are wheelchair accessible.
<b>Wifi</b>	If you bring your laptop, wireless network connection is available in the building. Wifi username: #WHOWIFI, no password

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## LOCAL INFORMATION

### Electricity supply

Swiss plug-sockets supply the European standard voltage of 230 V AC - 50 Hz. Plug-sockets are shaped as seen in the picture below. Most plugs with two prongs can also be used.



### Weather and clothing

Geneva experiences low temperatures in January. The daily temperature in Geneva in January usually ranges between -2°C (28.4°F) and 4°C (39.2°F).

For up-to-date weather forecasts please visit:

<https://www.meteoswiss.admin.ch/#tab=forecast-map>

The dress code for the meeting is smart casual.

### Currency and payment transactions

The currency unit in Switzerland is CHF (Swiss Franc).

International credit cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, Mastercard, and Visa, are all widely accepted in Switzerland.

Currency exchange offices and ATM machines are available throughout the country.

### Time

Switzerland uses CET- Central European Time (UTC+01:00).

Time indications in the meeting program will follow CET.

### Personal security and insurance

Participants should maintain the same personal security awareness as for any large city.

Particular attention should be paid to the following guidelines:

- Stay alert: watch over your personal belongings; avoid displaying attractive and valuable items.
- Always ask for proper identification before surrendering your passport.

You should be extra vigilant at the airport, train station, and when you check into your hotel.

WHO cannot be held liable for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants and accompanying persons, either during or indirectly arising from attendance at the meeting.

Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

For an emergency, call police: 117; Ambulance: 144

### Visa

Participants are kindly asked to check whether they require a visa to enter Switzerland and to apply for it in a timely manner. More information can be found on

<https://www.swiss-visa.ch/ivis2/#/i210-select-country>

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## Entry requirements

As travel requirements and restrictions can change on a frequent basis, participants are recommended to regularly check their airline's website.

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## Transport To/From Airport

Geneva city centre is very close to the airport. It is easily reachable by train or by bus using the united network of public transport Unireso. Only one single ticket is required to travel by train, tram, or bus in Geneva.

### Geneva Transport Card

UNIRESO offers a Transport Card to guests of Geneva hotels which is valid for all forms of transport within Geneva. You can get this card at your hotel reception.

**By Train:** Train is the easiest way to reach Geneva city center: All trains departing from / going to Genève-Aéroport station stop in the city center of Geneva at Geneva-Cornavin station (7-minutes trip between the two stations, up to seven trains per hour during peak hour). The Airport railway station has direct access to the Airport Departure/Arrival levels.

**By Bus:** <http://www.tpg.ch/>

- Airport to Geneva city centre: bus 5 (every 10 minutes); get off the bus at Gare Cornavin or Coutance.
- Airport to Geneva city centre: bus 10 (every 10 minutes); get off the bus at Gare Cornavin or Coutance. It takes 25 minutes.

**How much does it cost?** It costs **3.00 CHF** (Swiss franc) for any single trip of one hour or less within Geneva city. You must buy your ticket **before** getting onto the bus. Ticket machines are available at most stops - please select the button for 1-hour trip. It is the only one with a red circle around the button.

In most cases, the machine does not provide change so please try to carry the correct coins.

### Where is the train station and bus stop in the airport?

Terminal map at <http://www.gva.ch/en/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-60/>

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## Transport To/From WHO

WHO headquarters building is situated at the end of Avenue Appia on the outskirts of Geneva, about 3 kilometers from the center of town and about 1.5 kilometers from the Palais des Nations (United Nations).

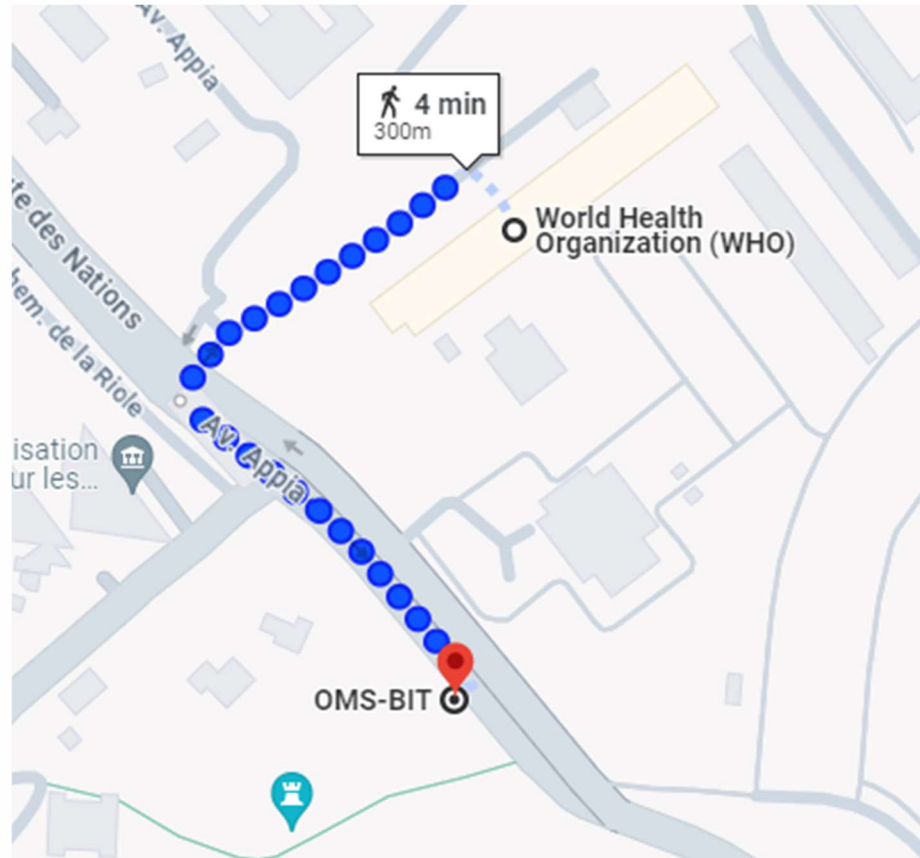
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### From City Centre/train station

**By Bus:** The bus number 8, direction OMS (OMS means WHO in French) goes to WHO from the station Cornavin. OMS is the last stop. Get off at the bus stop called "OMS". The map below shows you the location of the OMS bus stop in relation to the World Health Organization building.

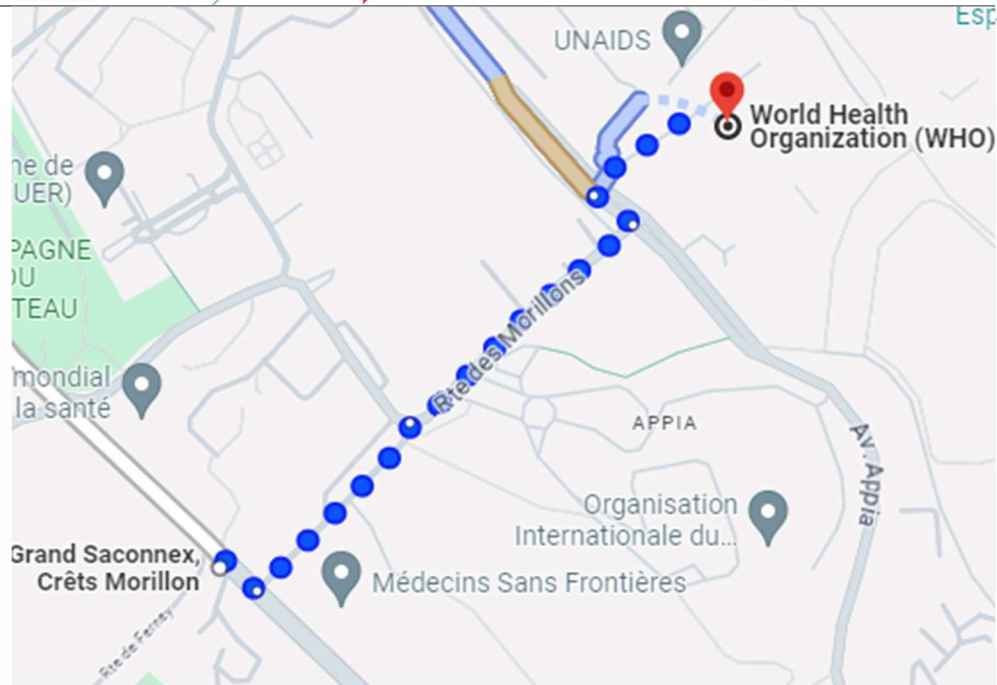
Buses 60 and 61 towards 'Ferney' also run from Cornavin to OMS-BIT (but then continue further, so please be aware of your stop)

Bus stop



### From Airport:

**By Bus:** The bus number 5, direction Thônex, Vallard goes toward WHO from the airport. Get off at the bus stop called Grand Saconnex, Crêts Morillon. This is a minute walk from the World Health Organization building



Bus schedule can be obtained at <http://www.tpg.ch/>

## Taxi

Most Geneva taxi drivers know the headquarters building as "OMS" (Avenue Appia). There are taxi stands located at almost all main squares in Geneva. Taxis can be called by telephone by dialing the following numbers: (022) 320 20 20, (022) 320 22 02 and (022) 33 141 33. The WHO Reception will also order taxis.

## Access Information Accessibility of trains, trams, bus routes:

### Bus:

Buses and trams are often wheelchair accessible, and older inaccessible vehicles are very rare. Most buses and trams have display screens and announcements of each stop. The bus is the best way to travel from the airport to the city center for wheelchair users, as the train is not accessible without pre-booked assistance. If you do wish to ride the train from the airport to the city center, you can call the Handicap des Chemins de Fer Fédéraux (SBB) at least one hour before departure: 0800 007 102 (6am to 10pm) or from abroad +41 (0) 51 225 78 44.

Details of accessibility can be found at:

<http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international/service-clients/mobilite-reduite>

### Accessible taxi services:

- o **Aloha Transport** - Tel: +41(0)22 321 12 21 [www.alohatransport.ch](http://www.alohatransport.ch), also groups of wheelchair users. Reservation 24h in advance for private, individual travel and 48h for corporate trips.
- o **Transport One** - Tel: +41 (0)79 776 26 17
- o **Transport Handicap** - Tel: +41 (0) 079 606 27 60, only wheelchair users (Tel: +41 (0)22 794 52 54 for atelier (wheelchair rental))
- o **Wangler - Transports** - Tél : 022.757.39.39 Tél : 022.757.39.39, reduced mobility and wheelchair users

## Hotels

If you are looking for accessible hotels, you can use websites such as Booking.com, which allow you to filter accommodation based on accessibility features

### Other useful info about Geneva

Geneva Tourism & Convention Bureau

<https://www.geneve.com/?rubrique=0000000000&lang=eng&PHPSESSID=701fedbd7b15a6ce98f8cf0bfb17d9dc>

Geneva International Airport

<https://www.gva.ch/en/>

## Map

- <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/pdf/PlanCentreVille.pdf>

## Hotels

There are no specific hotels that we recommend. However, many WHO meeting attendees prefer to reserve hotels either close to the main train station (Cornavin), near WHO, or near to the airport. In these three areas, there are hotels available across different price points.

CAGI has a guide on accommodation for visiting delegates: [Accommodation for visiting delegates - Centre d'Accueil de la Genève Internationale \(cagi.ch\)](#)

Some hotels that have been used by previous participants include (please note that these are only a selection and not an exhaustive list):

- **Close to the WHO Headquarters:**

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8069-ibis-geneve-centre-nations/index.shtml>

- **Close to Cornavin train station:**

<https://www.manotel.com/en/hotel/hotel-royal-2/>

<https://www.hotelauteuilgeneva.com/en/>

<https://www.excelsiorgeneve.ch/en/>

- **Close to the airport**

<https://www.campanile.com/en/hotels/campanile-geneve-aeroportpalexo>

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