

CONSULTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

23 October 2024

10:00 – 13:00 & 15:00 – 17:00 (CEST)

Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

1. Registration

Participants are required to register online on the [Indico platform](https://indico.un.org/event/1013762/) (<https://indico.un.org/event/1013762/>) before COB (Geneva time) on Monday, 21 October 2024, as afterwards the portal will be closed.

In order to complete the formalities and receive the identification badge, participants are requested to proceed to Pregny Gate of Palais des Nations, 14, Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva. All participants will be issued an identification badge which will allow access to the premises of Palais des Nations and conference venues. For security reasons, the badge must be visible at all times.

To receive your badge to the meeting venue, participants need to bring the QR-code in the email confirmation, which you should have received upon registration, along with a valid identification document (passport) to Pregny Gate. The UN Security Registration office is open from Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 17.00 (non-stop). We encourage you to pick up your identification badge a day before the meeting, if possible, or before 9:00 on the first day.

2. Access to the Palais des Nations

By public transportation: You can access Palais des Nations by bus or tram. The Appia stop (near bus lines 8, 20, 22, 60 and 61) is nearest to the Pregny Gate. Alternatively, the Place des Nations (Nations) stop (by bus lines 5, 8, 11, 20 and 22 and tram line 15) is the nearest to the Peace Gate. Lines 8, 20, 60, 61, 5, and 15 connects the Cornavin Station to the Palais des Nations (approx. 15-20 min). Bus line 5 connects the Palais des Nations (the Peace Gate) and the Geneva Cointrin Airport (approx. 15-20 min). For further information, see: [Plans | tpg](#) (Note: The information on English page may not be updated for 2024. It would be safer to use French page, using online translation if needed).

By taxi: Taxis can take you only to the entrance at the Pregny Gate. Access to the inside of the Palais des Nations by taxi is prohibited at all times. From the airport to the Palais des Nations by taxi takes approx. 15 min and costs about CHF40.

By car: Only vehicles with stickers issued by UNOG Security and Safety Section can access Palais des Nations.

Luggage: It is not authorized to enter Palais des Nations with large luggage (i.e. bigger than carry-on size). Participants carrying large luggage are kindly asked to make other arrangements.

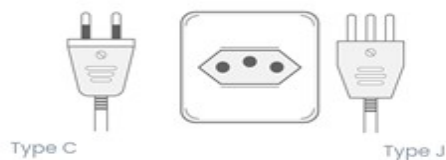
3. Access to Room XVII

Conference room XVII is located on the first floor of the E-building, entering door 40. See the attached document for further details.

4. Connecting your electronic devices at Palais des Nations

Please mind that Switzerland has its own standard plug. Do not forget to bring an adapter to load the battery of your electric devices. Unfortunately, the UN cannot lend plugs, chargers, and adapters.

For Switzerland there are two associated plug types, types C and J. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type J is the plug which has three round pins. Switzerland operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. If needed, you can purchase international adapters at shops at the Geneva Airport. At the Cornavin Station, at [K Kiosk](#), you can find adapters to convert Type A (used in mainly USA) to Type C or J, or to convert USB type C cable to plug type C or J.



At the Palais des Nations, the “UNOG_Public_Wifi” network is open to all conference participants and does not require a password. Access to it is available in common areas and the meeting rooms.

5. Restaurants, cafeteria and bars

The Palais de Nations is served by several restaurants and cafeterias. For a full overview, please see the following webpage: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/practical-information/food-options>

The Serpent Bar (Building E, Level 1 – Monday to Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm) has various refreshments.

The Main cafeteria (Building A, Level 0 – Monday to Friday 11:30am to 2pm) offers a variety of lunch options, including a warm lunch. They have a daily changing menu, including a salad bar. Please see the following webpage for the daily menu: <http://myplanetfood.ch/the-cafeterias/>.

Please note that only card payments are accepted in the UN cafeterias.

6. Bank

The United Nations branches of the UBS are located as follows:

Door 6 area of Council Building: ground floor, Ext. 72170.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Door 41 area of E-building, 2nd floor, Ext. 74916.

Opening Hours: from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cash machines are available at both locations.

7. First Aid

In case of an emergency, dial 112. Otherwise, first aid is available at the Medical Service located in the Secretariat Building, Door 2, Room No. 016 (basement), Tel: 7 2807.

1. Opening hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

8. Accommodation

Participants are expected to arrange their accommodation during their stay in Geneva by themselves. The United Nations does not make hotel reservations for participants.

Hotels around the Cornavin Station, the central station of Geneva, may give you easier access to the Palais des Nations as well as the rest of the city by public transportation.

Please see below two hotel recommendations that are wheelchair accessible.

- Ibis Geneva Centre Nations (wheelchair accessible – closer to the Palais des Nations)

Address: Rue du Grand-Pré 33/35, 1201 Genève

Phone: +41 (0)22 919 20 30

https://all.accor.com/hotel/8069/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

- Ibis Genève Centre Gare (wheelchair accessible – closer to the train station)

Address: Rue Voltaire 10, 1201 Genève

Phone: +41 (0)22 338 20 20

https://all.accor.com/hotel/2154/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

9. Public transportation

- The city of Geneva is well connected by public transportation, including buses, trams and trains. Please see: [Plans | tpg](#) (Note: The information on English page may not be updated. It would be safer to use French page, using online translation if needed).

- Uber is readily available in Geneva. The following direct telephone number you can use to book a taxi:

- o Taxi-phone SA Geneva: +41 22 33 141 33

- o AA Genève Central Taxi: +41 22 3 202 202

- For further information on the city of Geneva, you may visit:

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

11. Local currency

In Geneva, as in the rest of Switzerland, the currency used is the Swiss Franc (CHF). While some businesses, especially those catering to tourists, might accept Euros, it's not a widespread practice, and the exchange rate may not be favourable.

Bank and credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops. However, it may be a good idea to have some Swiss Francs on hand for smaller purchases, public transport tickets, and for those places that don't accept cards.