

Practical Guide for Participants

15th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

23–25 November 2026 | Palais des Nations, Geneva

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE • REGISTRATION • BADGES • ACCESS • TRANSPORT • ACCESSIBILITY

A quick-reference booklet for attending the Forum in person or online.

Contact us:

Registration including technical and logistical matters: ohchr-registrationforumbhr@un.org

General Forum enquiries: ohchr-forumbhr@un.org

For Working Group Inquiries: hrc-wg-business@un.org.

Official Programme:

Customize your Forum experience through the Sched platform, where you can explore sessions, discover speakers, access concept notes, check interpretation languages and create your personalized agenda.

External Events

Discover a variety of external events organised alongside the Forum by different stakeholders. Explore the Forum webpage for event details, venues and schedules. Please note that these events are organised independently of the Forum Secretariat.

Registration and participation

In-person participation

All participants attending in person must register using the official UN Indico platform. Once approved, keep your confirmation email and digital badge/e-ticket accessible on your phone or printed.

REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION ↗

Virtual participation

Participants joining remotely must complete a separate virtual registration process.

REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION ↗

IMPORTANT

Virtual registration provides online access only and does not grant entry to the Palais des Nations.

Badge activation and entry

Badge activation takes place at Pregny Gate only.

IMPORTANT IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All visitors must carry a valid passport or A valid national identity card issued **by a European Member State** is also accepted.

Step 1: **Activate your badge in advance**	Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20, **Monday 23 November:** Anytime from 08:00–17:00. Additional hours: Sunday 22 November, 16:30–20:30.
Step 2: **Is your badge already activated**	**YES →** Peace Gate *in front of the Broken Chair monument of the Place des Nations (recommended),* or Pregny Gate ***Important Note:*** *Access will be allowed for all participants with activated badges through Peace gate every day from 9:00-10:30 and Pregny gate all times.* **NO →** go to Pregny Gate for activation by UN Security before entering.
Step 3: Arriving on Monday 23 November	Badge activation at Pregny Gate: 08:00–17:00 **Allow sufficient time for screening.**

Opening Plenary Rules and regulations

Monday 23 November 2026 | 11:40 -13:00

To help ensure safe and orderly access to the Opening Plenary, please observe the following rules.

1. Arrive early	Be at the Assembly Hall at least 20 minutes before the Opening Plenary begins.
2. Do not reserve seats	Seat reservations are not permitted. Please, do not use personal belongings to hold seats.
3. Respect reserved seating	The first row is reserved for members of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and the Secretariat. Participants seated there without authorization will be asked to move. Please follow directions from Forum volunteers and Secretariat staff and keep the seats marked as "reserved" free.
4. Respect capacity limits	Once the Assembly Hall reaches full capacity, UN Security will block access. No further entry will be permitted.
5. Member State Nameplates – Eligibility	Nameplates are **strictly reserved for official representatives of Member States and Permanent Missions**. Forum staff will need to verify participants' official status before providing any nameplate. *We kindly ask all participants to respect this rule*

PLEASE COOPERATE

Follow the instructions of UN Security, Forum volunteers and Secretariat staff at all times.

Safe participation and zero tolerance of intimidation and reprisals

Everyone has the right to unhindered access to, and communication with, international bodies, including the Working Group on Business and Human Rights and the Forum on Business and Human Rights, and to participate safely in the Forum.

Any act of intimidation or reprisals for cooperation with the Working Group on Business and Human Rights or participation in the Forum must be reported immediately to the Forum Secretariat and the OHCHR reprisals team.

Forum Secretariat: ohchr-forumbhr@un.org

OHCHR reprisals team: ohchrreprisals@un.org

Further information: Special Procedures framework for action on intimidation and reprisals

Practical Information:

Accessibility at the Palais des Nations

Accessible doors

Open access: 08:00–19:00. Doors: H60, I, S1, S2, D9, C6, C21, A11, A13, A15 and A18.

Accessible toilets

Following the SHP renovations, more than 50 accessible toilets are spread throughout the Palais des Nations. Some facilities may be temporarily unavailable because of ongoing renovations.

UN Geneva circulation map — accessible areas ↗

Priority parking

Parking for persons with disabilities is available near accessible doors.

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

Routes and facilities may change during renovation works. Please consult the circulation map and follow site signage.

Public transport and practical travel

Main public transport stops: Appia and Nations.

From Cornavin railway station

- Bus 8, 20 or 60 → Appia stop.
- Bus 5 or tram 15 → Nations stop, then walk to the Palais entrance.

From Geneva Cointrin Airport

- Bus 5 → Nations stop, then walk to the Palais entrance.

Other services to Nations

- Bus 11 and 22 → Nations stop.

Tickets and transport cards

Purchase public transport tickets before boarding a tram, bus or ferry; tickets are not sold on buses and trams. Ticket machines are available at most stops and tickets can be purchased by credit card.

Roadworks near the Palais

Ongoing Tram des Nations roadworks can affect vehicle access and public transport. Allow additional travel time and check official updates.

Canton of Geneva — Tram des Nations mobility updates ↗

Transports Publics Genevois — routes and timetables ↗

On-site information and practical FAQs

Useful directions, facilities and support during the Forum. For assistance, please ask at the Forum Help Desk or follow UN Security instructions.

Registrations and access:

Do I need to register to attend in person?

Yes. All in-person participants must register through the UN Indico platform and receive approval. Keep your confirmation and digital badge or e-ticket accessible.

Can I enter the Palais with virtual registration?

No. Virtual registration is separate and provides online access only; it does not authorise entry to the Palais des Nations.

Where can I activate my badge?

Badge activation is available at Pregny Gate only. Consult the badge activation section above for dates and opening hours.

Can I enter through Peace Gate?

Participants with activated badges may use Peace Gates.

Red Badges: 9:00 -10:30

Blue and Green: 08:00 – 17:00

What identification must I bring?

Bring a valid passport. A valid national identity card issued by a European Member State is also accepted.

Who may use a Member State nameplate?

Only official representatives of Member States and Permanent Missions. Forum staff must verify official status. Misrepresentation may affect registration for future Forums.

Finding your way around the Palais

How do I get from the Assembly Hall to Room VIII?

Room VIII is on the same floor (Floor 3). Leave the Assembly Hall and, facing the lake, turn right towards Staircase 12 (A13 side). At the star on the floor, enter Corridor AC. Rooms IX, VIII, VII and VI are on the right, in descending order.

How do I get from the Assembly Hall to Tempus?

Tempus is in a separate building situated next to the alley of the flags, by Peace Gate. Facing the lake, use Staircase 12 on the right (A13 side), go down one floor and exit through Door A13. Turn left alongside Building A, walk downhill, cross the pedestrian crossing and turn right towards the Tempus entrance.

How do I get from Tempus to the Assembly Hall?

Cross the yellow pedestrian crossings, walk uphill and cross the next pedestrian crossing. Turn right and follow Building A to Door A13 (not A11). Inside, turn right, take Staircase 12 up one floor and turn right towards the Assembly Hall entrance.

Which floors are the main meeting rooms on?

The Assembly Hall and Room VIII are on Floor 3; Concordia 5 is on Floor 2. Tempus is in a separate building.

Marketplace

How do I find my organisation's Marketplace table?

Marketplace tables are labelled alphabetically. Only organisations that received an email confirming their allocation have an assigned table.

Who should I contact about Marketplace arrangements?

If your organization has received a table-confirmation email and needs assistance, contact the Forum team at mai.ahmed@un.org .

Can Forum volunteers help carry or install materials?

Volunteers have assigned Forum duties. Only volunteers specifically assigned to Marketplace support may assist with Marketplace setup tasks.

Food, drinks and water

Where can I get coffee or food?

Concordia Bar (Building A, Level 2), Delegates' Bar (Building A–C, Level 3) and the Main Cafeteria (Building A) are food and beverage options. Listed weekday hours are 08:30–15:00; please check on the day. Concordia Bar is the closest outlet to the Assembly Hall and closes at 15:00.

How do I reach the Main Cafeteria from the Assembly Hall?

Facing the lake, turn left and descend Staircase 16 all the way down. Follow the corridor to the end; the cafeteria is on the left.

How do I reach the Main Cafeteria from Pregny Gate?

Go straight, cross the two yellow pedestrian crossings and walk downstairs. Enter Building A through Door A15 on the right, turn left and descend Staircase 16 all the way down. Turn left and follow the corridor to the end; the cafeteria is on the left.

Is food available inside Tempus?

No. Tempus is a conference facility without a food outlet. The Main Cafeteria and Concordia Bar are in Building A.

Are vegetarian or vegan options available?

The Main Cafeteria offers varying meals, salads and snacks. Vegetarian or vegan options may be available; please check the daily selection.

Can I bring my own food?

Yes, but please eat only in designated areas. Microwaves are available in the Main Cafeteria.

Where can I refill my water bottle?

Tap water is drinkable.

Lost property and security

What should I do if I lose or find an item?

Please refer lost or found property directly to a UNOG Security Officer at Peace Gate or Pregny Gate. UNOG Security, not the Forum Secretariat, handles lost property. The Security Control Centre is available 24 hours a day at +41 (0)22 917 2900 / 2902 or controlcenter.security-unog@un.org.

What if I notice an unattended or suspicious item?

Do not touch or move it. Inform UNOG Security immediately.

Wi-Fi, phones and printing

Is free Wi-Fi available?

Yes. Connect to UNOG_Public_Wifi in the common areas; no password is required.

Are there charging stations or public computers?

No dedicated charging stations or public computer-use facilities have been identified in this guide.

Can I print documents at the Forum?

Public printing facilities are not provided through the Forum.

Can someone help me view the programme on my phone?

Ask a Help Desk volunteer to show you how to access Sched or scan the programme QR code. Do not share your password.

Medical assistance and other facilities

Where is the Medical Service?

Building S1, Level 1, above SAFI. The listed weekday hours are 08:00–17:00.

What should I do if someone feels unwell?

For an urgent situation, contact the Security Control Centre at +41 22 917 21 12 or dial 112 from a Palais fixed telephone, and follow instructions. For non-urgent concerns, seek guidance from the Medical Service or Help Desk.

How do I contact UNOG Security?

In an emergency, call +41 22 917 21 12, or 112 from a Palais fixed telephone. For routine matters, approach a UNOG Security Officer.

Is there a breastfeeding room?

Private facilities are listed in Building A, Room A.669 (Floor 6, temporary), and Building S, Room S.036 (first basement level).

Is there a prayer or meditation space?

A temporary prayer room is listed in Room A.817 on Floor 8, Touchdown Area 88; Elevator 13 behind the Assembly Hall is the suggested access route. A meditation room is also listed in Building A, Room A.459.

Is there somewhere quiet to work?

No dedicated quiet workspace has been identified. Concordia Bar may be an option when space is available.