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# WFUNA'S TRAINING AT THE UN: CHINA - INFO GUIDE

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## **WFUNA'S TRAINING AT THE UNITED NATIONS: CHINA THINKBANK PROGRAM**

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WFUNA is committed to engaging students in the work of the United Nations. Our program is a training and educational experience that partners with universities and educational institutions and promotes the effective participation of youth in the UN's work with briefings from the various UN agencies and civil society partners. WFUNA's training is a week-long course held in Geneva and New York.

#### **INFO GUIDE CONTENTS**

This info guide includes information on what to expect and bring to the various sessions, things to do, and how to get around in Geneva. You will find a general itinerary for all training sessions. Please note that all speakers are tentatively confirmed and should an impromptu meeting or situation arise, WFUNA cannot guarantee the presence of any UN speaker or mission staff.

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#### **I. CONTACTS**

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## II. REQUIRED MATERIALS

For the training sessions, you paper and stationary in order to take notes will be provided by WFUNA. Computers, tablets or reference material apart from this guide might be useful to conduct research into discussed topics but are not mandatory.

## BACKGROUND READING

**Reading list:** Please note that a global understanding of the topics included in the reading list will be essential to understand and participate actively in all the sessions.

### The United Nations

Annual Report 2015 (last report published): [UN Office at Geneva executive summary](#)

The Sustainable Development Goals  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

### International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Humanitarian action, responding to new challenges  
<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/humanitarian-action-responding-new-challenges>

Article: [Multilateralism 2.0: The transformation of international relations](#)

Article: [Challenges to multilateralism](#)

### World Trade Organization (WTO)

The WTO in brief  
[https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/whatis\\_e/inbrief\\_e/inbr00\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/inbrief_e/inbr00_e.htm)

Understanding the WTO  
[https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/whatis\\_e/tif\\_e/tif\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/tif_e.htm)

10 things the WTO can do  
[https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/whatis\\_e/10thi\\_e/10thi00\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/10thi_e/10thi00_e.htm)

### International Trade Center (ITC)

Our role in the UN and WTO  
<http://www.intracen.org/itc/about/how-itc-works/our-role-in-the-un-and-wto/>

### UNHCR

[About UNHCR](#)

## WELCOME DINNER

The Welcome Dinner will take place on Monday 5 February at 7.30 p.m. at Cave Valaisanne et Chalet Suisse (TBC)

23 Bvd Georges-Favon 1204 Genève



## III. VENUE INFO

### Getting from the Airport to the City Center

A great advantage is the airport's proximity to the city center: 5 km (3 miles). A direct rail connection links the airport to the downtown railway station in 7 minutes. **Upon arrival, you can pick up a public transport ticket at the luggage claim area in order to get to town.**

Taxi fares between airport and city range from about CHF 30.- to CHF 35.- and depend on traffic conditions, time of day and number of passengers. Presently, the fare within Geneva, including airport, is the amount shown on the taximeter. The driver will request a small extra charge for luggage. Tip and VAT are included.

### Getting around in Geneva

Geneva's network of public transport is called UNIRESO. You can find all necessary info on how to get around in Geneva by public transport at this link:

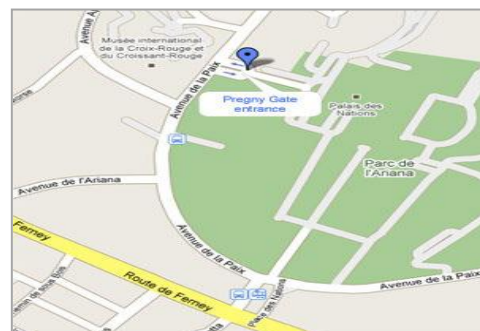
<http://www.tpg.ch>

You will be given a transport card at your hotel, which covers your transport across the TPG system, including the tram, buses and the small boats which cross the lake. There is no need to buy a ticket.

Taxis in Geneva can be ordered by phone, hailed in the street or found at about 60 authorized taxi ranks in town, airport and main station. Basic charge: CHF 6.30 + kilometer CHF 3.20. If you need to call a taxi in Geneva, we recommend the following numbers: +41 22 3314133 or +41 22 3202202 or UBER.

### Getting to the Palais des Nations

To get to the *Palais*, take bus 8, 5, F or tram 15 from the Main Station and get off at the stop Nations. The *Palais des Nations* is located at Avenue de la Paix 14, 1211 Geneva. To access the Palais des Nations you must obtain



your badge at Pregny Gate, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix. Pregny Gate is located in front of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and marked in blue on the map to the right. Please make sure you have your ID and INDICO confirmation email ready when collecting your badge.

### Security at the Palais des Nations and other UN buildings

For access to the Palais des Nations, please bring your Passport with you (students cards or driving license is not considered as valid ID). Also, please complete and print the Conference Registration Form attached to this information package.

It is strongly advised that visitors do not carry metal objects in their bags, rucksacks, briefcases etc. as these objects will trigger the alarm as they pass through the metal-detector resulting in delays in accessing the building. Unruly behavior will be reported to the police and visits may be cancelled at short notice. Please also note that the dress code at the UN requires that visitors to the buildings do not wear shorts.

### How to find our meeting room in the *Palais des Nations*

The training will take place in the Conference Room of the ground floor, at Villa La Bocage, where the WFUNA's Office is.

### How to find WFUNA's Office



WFUNA's office is located at the ground floor of the Villa La Bocage. From Pregny Gate, head left and up the hill until you see a red house. See on the map.

If you have any questions or problems, you can call our office at +41 22 917 32 13.

### About the Palais des Nations

**SAFI** is a shop located in Building S of the Palais. Here you can buy food such as sandwiches (5 CHF), clothes, watches & bags, chocolate, and souvenirs. The **post office** is located in Building C. Here you have the opportunity to send postcards with a unique UN stamp. Near to the post office are also another two kiosks and a bar. There is also a UBS bank and a travel agency, both located in Building C.

## VI. BIOS OF WFUNA STAFF

### **Aziel-Philippos Goulandris, Education Officer**

Aziel Philippos Goulandris is the Education Officer for WFUNA and is based in Geneva. He holds MAs of International Dispute Resolution from King's College London and International Relations from University of Bordeaux as well as a B.A of Law. His previous work experience includes serving as a legal officer for the Coast Guard and Navy and as a Human Rights and Humanitarian expert for the Greek Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva. He is fluent in Greek, French and English and has a basic knowledge of Italian.



### **Tenar G Lorente, Training and Education Associate**

Tenar Lorente is WFUNA's Training and Education Associate. She is responsible for supporting WFUNA with planning, implementation and evaluation of trainings and education programs in Geneva. She previously worked for the NGO *UPR Info* and at the Spanish Permanent Mission to the UN. Tenar holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations by the University of Arkansas and a MAs from the Spanish Royal Institute of European Studies. She is fluent in Spanish, English and French, has a working knowledge of Italian.



## VII. GENERAL INFO

### Dress Code

Dress code for all training sessions is smart/business casual. Please do not wear jeans for any of the training days. Casual dress is fine for all the extracurricular activities. Also bring comfortable shoes for the weekend activities.

### Weather

Average temperatures: winter 3°C (35°F), summer 18°C (64°F).

### Electricity

Voltage 230 volts

### Languages

Official language: French

Other languages spoken: English and German

### Security Checks and Safety

For briefing sessions, participants will have to go through security. Please leave large bags and backpacks in your hotel room.

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Geneva is generally a safe city but requires your attention to your personal belongings. **Keep bags closed and within view at all times**, even in public transportation.

The roads and streets can be narrow: pay attention to the traffic, which can be dense in the city center, as well as to the trams that will not stop for you on the zebra crossings. When crossing the road, be careful be on a zebra crossing and wait for the green light for pedestrians to appear on the other side of the road.

### Swiss emergency contacts

Ambulance: + 144

Police: +117

Firemen: +118

International Number for emergency: +112

### Opening hours

Most shops in Geneva are open Monday to Friday from 08:30 to around 19:00, although many may choose to close earlier.

On Thursdays shops usually stay open later for the popular late-night shopping, closing at around 21:00, while on Saturday, the typical opening hours are between 09:00 and 18:00.



Don't save up your shopping until Sunday, since almost all of the shops are closed and you will be limited to just a handful of small, expensive gift stores in hotel receptions.

### Banking

We recommend currency exchange take place at the airport prior to flying out from Korea or at arrival in Geneva.

There are ATMs available in the city center and in the *Palais des Nations*, close to the post office.

### Exchange Offices

Gare Cornavin	Change Cité	Lyland Finance SA
Place Cornavin	Rue du Mont-Blanc 21	Rue du Mont-Blanc 24
1201 Genève	1201 Genève	1201 Genève
Open: 7/7	Open: MON-SAT	Open: MON-SAT

### Meals

Per diems for lunch during the training days and a group dinner will be provided by WFUNA. Keep in mind that some restaurants in Geneva do not take credit cards. Please refer to the list of restaurants, bars etc. attached to this information package.

### Shopping in Geneva

Despite its small size, Geneva rivals London and Paris as a major shopping destination in Europe. Geneva specializes in the finer things in life and, though they are not cheap, the selection is staggering and makes for a world class window shopping.

#### Opening hours:

Most stores do not stay open past 7.00pm on weekdays, past 18.00 on Saturdays and are closed on Sundays.

#### Shopping tips:

WFUNA's products include **t-shirts, baby one-pieces, one-zees** and other accessories all characterized by a unique and colorful design, realized with the contributions of notable artists from around the world.

With the purchase of our products, you will donate towards Human Rights Advocacy and education where most needed.

WFUNA's t-shirts and one pieces are available at the **UN Bookshop**, Door E40, Palais des Nations.

### Tipping

Prices in hotels, restaurants, taxi fares, etc., are calculated to include taxes and service. A tip, therefore, is not necessary, but justified for good service. The general rule of thumb is 5%-10% for good service.

### Currency & Euro

Swiss franc (CHF): 1 CHF is divided into 100 centimes. Average rate: 1 Euro = CHF 1.20.

The exchange rate for the Euro and the Swiss Franc is not officially fixed and is subject to daily market fluctuations. Conversion rate is available at exchange offices, banks and in newspapers.

## VIII. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Often referred to as Genève in French, the Swiss city of Geneva is the country's third-biggest city and offers a definite international flavor. The city enjoys a superb location next to Lake Geneva, which is known locally in Switzerland as Lac Léman and is where you will find the breathtaking Jet d'Eau fountain, which is actually the tallest fountain on the planet and often sprays a gentle mist towards onlookers, although if the wind changes, be prepared to get soaked. Geneva is the official home of the European Headquarters of the United Nations, along with more than 200 other important international organizations. Overflowing with museums, Geneva is a true city of culture and features an extensive calendar of events and an exciting nightlife, particularly around the banks of the River Rhône.

Please refer to the attached documents for suggestions on meals, drinks, bars and cafés as well as some general information on gastronomy and events in Geneva.

Some of the main tourist attractions are:

- Geneva's lakefront
- Jet d'eau (water fountain)
- Flower Clock
- Saint Peter's Cathedral
- Reformation Wall
- Place Neuve
- United Nations Building
- Place du Bourg-de-Four

### **Art and History Museum**

Rue Charles-Galland 2

1206 Genève

Tel. +41 (0)22 418 26 00

Web: [www.ville-ge.ch/mah](http://www.ville-ge.ch/mah)

Erected between 1903 and 1910 and designed as an encyclopedic museum, it covers the whole of western culture, from its origins to the present days. Its three sectors comprise Archaeology (prehistoric, Egyptian, Greek, Etruscan, Roman); Fine Arts (some 400 paintings from the Renaissance to modern times, and sculptures by artists such as Houdon, Pradier, Rodin, Arp, Giacometti, Tinguely, etc.); Applied Arts (objects from the Middle Ages to the 20th century, such as furniture, textiles, pewterware, arms and armor).

Don't fail to see the celebrated 15th century altarpiece by Konrad Witz, "The Miraculous Draught of Fish" and original stained glass windows, all formerly installed in Saint Peter's Cathedral.

Tuesday-Sunday: 10am-6pm

Closed on Monday.

Entrance: free

Paying entrance for temporary exhibitions: CHF 5.- (reduced rate CHF 3.-).

Free entrance for children under 18.

Free admission to temporary exhibitions every first Sunday of the month.

### **Archaeological Site of St Peter's Cathedral**

Cours Saint-Pierre 6

1204 Genève

Tel. +41 (0)22 310 02 25

Tel. +41 (0)22 310 29 29

Web: <http://www.geneva.info/st-peters-cathedral/>

Visiting the archaeological site of Saint-Pierre Cathedral offers a unique experience, an underground journey through an exceptional site, at the top of the hill, in the heart of Geneva's old town.

One of the most significant sites of its kind north of the Alps, it is presented in several specially equipped spaces within the excavations, using cutting-edge museum technologies. The visit thus begins in the 3rd-century BC and leads up to the construction of the current cathedral in the 12th century.

The space under Saint-Pierre Cathedral contains the remains of the many churches that preceded the current structure: the oldest of these dates from the late 4th century, providing evidence of Geneva's pivotal role in the development of Christianity. Furthermore, the excavations have brought to light traces of pre-Christian occupation of the hill: wells, a grain processing area, a likely ceremonial building and an Allobrogian tomb.

Although the site was occupied continuously, traces of ancient Geneva can be easily discerned. The bishops of Geneva, who inherited many of the powers of the Roman civilian and military rulers, chose this same location to erect several places of worship dedicated to preaching, baptism, the memory of the deceased and teaching.

Tuesday to Sunday: 10am-5pm

Closed on Monday.

Entrance, Adults: CHF 8.-

Reduced rate: CHF 4.-

Free entrance for children under 7.

"Espace Saint-Pierre" combined admission ticket (cathedral and towers, archeological site and the International Museum of the Reformation): CHF 16.-

### **Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**

Chemin de l'Impératrice 1

1292 Chambésy

Tel. +41 (0)22 418 51 00

Web: [www.ville-ge.ch/cjb](http://www.ville-ge.ch/cjb)

The spirit of naturalism that prevailed in the 18th century eventually prompted A.-P. de Candolle to establish Geneva's first extensive botanical gardens in the present Bastions Park in 1817. Today this area of 28 hectares, situated since 1904 on the edge of Geneva, is an ideal setting for either a simple stroll or for learning. The Botanical Gardens consist of a collection of 16,000 plant species from all over the world. This truly living museum is divided into several sections: an arboretum, the rock garden and banks of protected plants, medicinal and useful plants, greenhouses, horticultural plants (including a "garden of scent and touch"), an animal park devoted to conservation and "Botanicum" (a family space) near the lake. The Conservatory owns a rich public scientific library of more than 220,000

volumes and a herbarium whose more than 5,5 million samples make it one of the five largest in the world (visit by appointment).

Garden

End of October-March: Every day 9.30am-5pm

April-End of October: Every day 8am-7.30pm

Greenhouses: Every day of the year: 9.30am-5pm

Entrance: free

### **Patek Philippe Museum**

Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 7

1205 Genève

Tel. +41 (0)22 807 09 10

Web: [www.patekmuseum.com](http://www.patekmuseum.com)

Located in a building erected in the early 20th century, the Patek Philippe Museum exhibits important collections of horology and enameling of Genevese, Swiss and European origin, dating from the 16th to the 20th century. A library entirely dedicated to horology and its related subjects documents these historic collections which are essentially composed of watches, musical automata and portrait miniatures painted on enamel as well as the Geneva based firm's prestigious creations since its foundation in 1839.

Tuesday-Friday: 2pm-6pm

Saturday: 10am-6p

Public guided tours available on Saturdays at 2pm (in French) and at 2.30pm (in English).

Closed on Sunday, Monday and bank holidays.

CHF 10.- Adults, CHF 7.- Senior citizens, disabled persons, students (18-25 years).

Free entrance for children under 18 years.

### **Coppet Castle (near Geneva)**

1296 Coppet. /VD

Tel. +41 (0)22 776 10 28

Web: [www.chateaucoppet.ch](http://www.chateaucoppet.ch)

The Castle of Coppet was reconstructed at the end of the 17th century upon the ruins of a 13th century fortified castle, some remains of which may still be seen. The castle lies in a vast park overlooking the Lake of Geneva. It tells the story of a family: that of the Swiss Jacques Necker, Finance Minister to Louis XVI, and of his daughter, Mme de Staël, who went into exile there due to her opposition to Napoleon. She initiated the "Salon de l'Europe" where prominent figures of the day debated on the arts, literature and politics. Since Necker's time, the castle has remained in the hands of his descendants. This explains the home-like atmosphere of the museum which displays superb furniture, paintings and objects in their original setting.

Easter-October: Daily: 2pm-6pm

Closed from November to Easter.

CHF 9.- Adults, CHF 7.- Students.

### **Shopping**

Although the Rue de la Confederation is an excellent place to begin your shopping trip, nearby there are also many excellent streets and public squares all over central Geneva, such as the Rive Droite, Rue du Mont Blanc, the Place du Molard, the Rue du Marche and the Rue du Rhône. These areas are rather upmarket and expensive, and so are perfect for a spot of serious window shopping, although they are also home to a number of good supermarkets.

The Rue du Mont Blanc is especially popular with tourists in Geneva and this spacious boulevard contains many interesting shops specializing in traditional Swiss crafts and chocolate confectionary. Shopping in this part of Geneva also has the added advantage of some pleasant scenery, since it is next to the waterfront and the Quai du Mont Blanc. Take time out, rest your bags and stop at one of the many cafes, before continuing with your shopping. Do bear in mind that if you spend large amount here you may be able to claim the VAT back within 30 days, although the goods must first be stamped by the Swiss customs.