

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

Palais des Nations, Geneva

LOGISTICS NOTE FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region



29 – 30 March 2023

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Venue of the Regional Forum

The Forum will be held at the **E Building of Palais des Nations in Geneva, Rooms XIX and XVII** (8-14 avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva).

Additionally, one round table will take place in the nearby premises of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Press Room** (7bis Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva).

Getting your badge and accessing the Palais des Nations:



Entry to the Palais des Nations requires a United Nations grounds pass issued to authorized users. Registered participants can obtain a badge at the **Villa Les Feuillantines** across the road from the **Peace Gate** by presenting a valid passport or a national identity card. Following the issuance of a badge, **access to the Palais des Nations** will be through the **Peace Gate "bis"**, a new temporary access screening point.

- Permanent Missions can get their badges for their delegations in advance, starting on Monday, 27 March, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm CEST.
- Civil Society pre-meeting participants can pick up their badges in advance from 8:00 am-4:30 pm CEST on Monday, 27 March. The badges will be valid until 30 March, including the Regional Forum.
- Other participants may pick up their badges in advance from 8 am-4:30 pm CEST as of Tuesday, 28 March.

Please refer to the following plans indicating [the location of Villa Les Feuillantines](#) and [how to access the premises through the Peace Gate "bis"](#).

International conferences and UN meetings in Geneva at present do not require a COVID certificate. Still, the following measures must be maintained:

- All meeting participants (even those who hold UNOG ground entry passes) must register to events via the Indico registration system, including providing a contact phone number.
- As of 9th January 2023, masks will no longer be mandatory on all UN Geneva premises.
- Participants are still encouraged to practice protective hygiene measures, such as regular hand-washing and social distancing.
- Anyone with COVID-like symptoms or who has tested positive for the virus should not enter UN premises.

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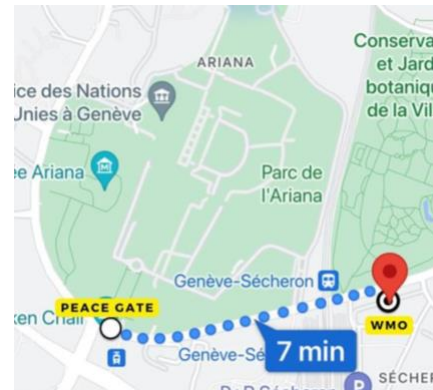
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Access to the WMO Building:

The Peer Learning Roundtable on **SDG 9 Infrastructure and SDG 17 Partnerships** (29 March 15:00-18:00 CEST) will be a hybrid event with the physical participation in the Press Room of the WMO Headquarters and a possibility to connect remotely via Zoom video conference facility. Due to the size of the room, the organisers can only accommodate 50 people in person. Therefore, participants who plan to join in-person please email to Ms. Natalia BERGHI, Programme Officer, WMO Regional Office for Europe roe@wmo.int as soon as possible for the seating, which will be on a first come, first serve basis.

- The zoom link will be shared with the participants planning to attend the event remotely.
- In-person participants should use the main entrance of the WMO HQs located at the following address: **7, avenue de la Paix, Geneva**, which is a 7-minute walk from the UN Peace Gate.



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Registration

Register for the Regional Forum via the UN platform Indico using the following link:

<https://indico.un.org/event/1002106/>

Reaching the Palais des Nations

In Geneva, unireso public-transport tickets must be purchased prior to boarding a tram, bus or ferry. Ticket machines are available at most stops. Travel cards or passes can be purchased at the main TPG centres (Rive, Cornavin and Bachet de Pesay). Please note tickets are not available on the bus itself. Hotels, youth hostels or campsites typically offer a Geneva Transport Card, which allows use of public transport in Geneva free of charge during the period of stay.

Palais des Nations transit stops are Appia and Nations.

Access from Cornavin railway station:

- Bus lines 20, F (“Appia” stop), then a 5 minutes’ walk to the Peace Gate
- Bus line 5 or tram line 15 (“Nations” stop)

Access from Cointrin airport:

- Bus line 5 (“Nations” stop)

Other bus lines with stop at “Nations”:

- Bus lines 11 and 22
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Lunch

The UN cafeteria proposes a daily menu at CHF 12-13, or sandwiches. Payment in the cafeteria is accepted by credit cards and cash. See more information on the webpage: [Palais Food Options](#)

Useful information

Wi-Fi

You will be able to connect to free wi-fi in most areas of the Palais des Nations.

Social media

Follow the latest updates and take part in the conversation about the Regional Forum and progress towards the SDGs in the region on social media via #RFSD2023. Find more information on the website of the Regional Forum: <https://regionalforum.unece.org/events/regional-forum-2023>

Emergencies

For urgent matters related to the Regional Forum, please contact Ms. Felirose Gutierrez (Programme Assistant, Sustainable Development Unit, UNECE) on her phone +41 (0) 22 917 14 88. In true emergencies, please dial the following emergency numbers: General emergency calls: 112. Ambulance: 144. Police: 117. Fire service: 118.