

## Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

22 September 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

### Practical Information

#### Date and venue:

The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place in Geneva, Switzerland on Friday, 22 September 2017 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. PAG 8 will immediately precede the First Conference of the Parties (COP1) of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which begins on 23 September 2017 with regional consultations. Registration for PAG 8 will be open from 8:30 am to 9:00 am on 22 September 2017.

Venue of the meeting will be at the:

International Environment House 2 (IEH 2)  
Chemin de Balexert 7  
CH-1219 Châtelaine (GE)  
Switzerland

#### Transport within Geneva:

For those getting to the venue by taxi can either ask the hotel reception to order a taxi or call +41 (0) 22 331 41 33.

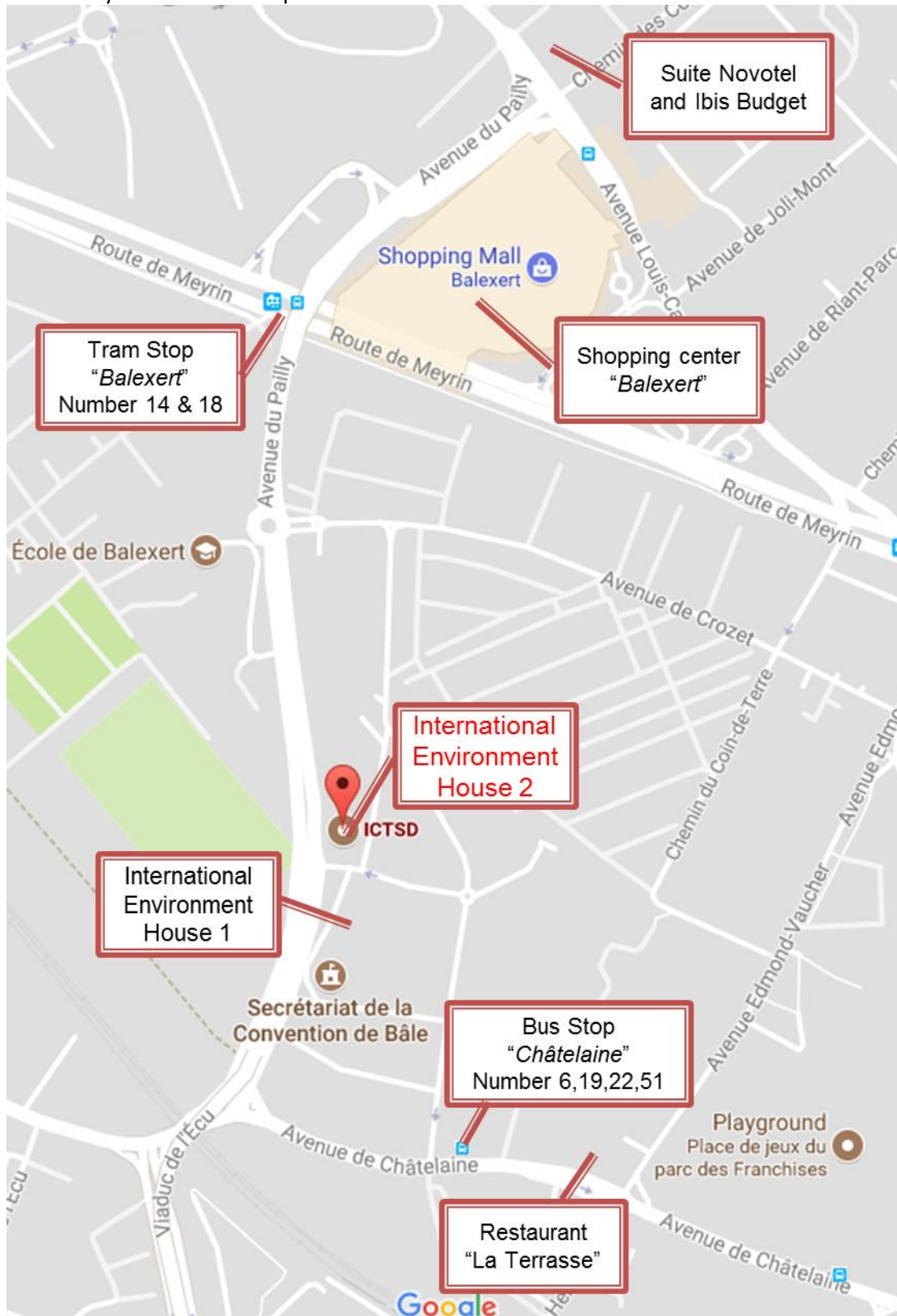
For those getting to the venue by **public transport**, the following options are recommended:

- From the **airport**: Bus Y, 23 or 28 to '**Blandonnet**' (direction "Ferney-Voltaire-Mairie" for Y, "ZIPL0" for 23 and "parfumerie" for the 28), then switch to Tram 14 (direction "Meyrin") or 18 (direction "CERN") and alight at '**Balaxert**' (direction 5 min. walking distance to the IEH)
- From '**Gare Cornavin**' (main train station): Tram 14 (direction "Meyrin") or 18 (direction "CERN") to '**Balaxert**' (5 min. walking distance to the IEH)
- From '**22 Cantons**' (1 min. walking distance from 'Gare Cornavin'): Bus 6 or 19 (direction "Vernier village") and alight at '**Chatelaine**' (2 min. walking distance to the IEH)

Itineraries can be accessed at <http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international>. Bus tickets for one hour within the Geneva area cost 3,50 CHF. A short trip ("saut de puce"; 3 stops max) costs 2,00 CHF. A day travel card costs 10,60 CHF. Tickets have to be bought at the machines at the bus/tram stop before entering the bus.

A 80min free ticket can be obtained at the airport arrival in the baggage collection area and it is valid for the whole city.

The following map illustrates the location of the meeting venue (International Environment House 2) and the nearby bus and tram stops:



## Accommodation:

All participants (DSA funded and non-funded) are responsible to make their own arrangements for accommodation. If you wish to stay close to the meeting venue, we would recommend either of the following hotels:

- 'Suite Novotel' (<http://www.suitenovotel.com/gb/hotel-5654-suite-novotel-geneve/index.shtml>): 3-star hotel; located right opposite the 'Balexert' shopping center; prices starting around 180 CHF per night, plus 24 CHF for breakfast.
- 'Ibis Budget Geneva' (<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-5653-ibis-budget-geneve/index.shtml>): economy hotel; located right opposite the 'Balexert' shopping center; prices around 110 CHF per night, plus 12 CHF breakfast.

For other options, please see the following website:

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

## Meals:

Coffee, tea and snacks will be offered during coffee breaks on Friday 22 September. Lunch can be taken at the International Environment House 1 cafeteria at own expense.

Options nearby the venue also include the following:

- La Terrasse: Italian food (see map)
- Several restaurants and snack-bars can be found in the nearby shopping center 'Balexert' (<http://www.balexert.ch/categorie/restaurants/>) located 5 min walking distance from the IEH (also see map)

For other options, please visit the following website:

<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/eating-drinking/>

## Other:

- Electricity: Switzerland uses plug type J. You may need to bring a plug adaptor.
- Weather: Forecast predicts cloudy to rainy weather at ca. 15°C during day time.
- Time zone: Geneva time is CET, which is GMT + 01:00 hours.

## Documents:

Meeting documents can be accessed on UNEP website:

<http://www.unep.org/chemicalsandwaste/global-mercury-partnership/partnership-advisory-group/events/eighth-meeting-global-mercury>

## Agenda:

The meeting agenda is available on the website.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.