

Information Note for in-Person Participants

Global Consultation on Chemicals and Waste Issues of Concern



11 - 12 July 2023

Room V, Bâtiment A, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland & Online
Geneva, Switzerland

1. MEETING VENUE

The Global Consultation on Chemicals and Waste Issues of Concern will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from Tuesday, 11 – 12 July 2023 at:

Salle/Room V, A-Building
Palais des Nations
8, Av. de la Paix 14,
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
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2. SCHEDULE

The meeting will be opened at 9 a.m. on 11 July and is expected to conclude its work at 17:30 p.m. on 12 July, with lunch break from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on both days, subject to any necessary adjustments. It is strongly advised that you arrive well in advance to get your badge. The registration is open from 03/07.2023 at <https://indico.un.org/event/1006014/>.

3. VISAS

Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa for entering Switzerland as well as any transit visa. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival. Please note that a Schengen visa is required even for transiting through Schengen zone European countries. As time required for the processing of visa requests may vary, it is strongly recommended that visa applications be made sufficiently in advance. Visa support letters can be provided by the Secretariat upon request.

More information is available on the website of the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs at:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/information-entry-switzerland-residence.html>

4. MEETING DOCUMENTS

Please note that attendees are encouraged to download in advance the meeting documents, which will be published as they become available at:

<https://www.unep.org/events/unep-event/global-consultation-chemicals-and-waste-issues-concern>

5. HEALTH

Participants with a chronic illness should carry all necessary medication and medical items for the entire duration of the journey, in their original containers, clearly labelled.

Participants are advised to seek medical insurance with appropriate cover abroad, i.e., accident, sickness, medical repatriation, and death. The United Nations does not cover life or medical insurance for participants. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the participants to obtain adequate insurance prior to travel to Switzerland.

6. TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

Once in Geneva, the Palais des Nations is close by. The international airport (Geneva Cointrin) and the main railway station (Geneva Cornavin) are respectively 5 kilometers and 2 kilometers away from the Palais and are linked by public transport (tramway and bus) and by taxi.

By public transport:

From the Geneva International Airport:

- Take BUS 5 Direction "Thônex-Vallard"
- Get off at the bus stop Intercontinental
- Walk for 7 minutes to the United Nations Office **Visitor Pregny Gate**

From the Cornavin railway station:

- Take BUS F Direction "Gex" or "Ferney" / Bus 20 Direction "Bellevue"
- Get off at the bus stop Appia
- Walk for 2 minutes to the United Nations Office **Visitor Pregny Gate**
- or take BUS 8 Direction "OMS" / BUS 5 Direction "Geneve-Aéroport"
- Get off at the bus stop Intercontinental
- Walk for 7 minutes to the United Nations Office **Visitor Pregny Gate**
- or take TRAM 15 Direction Nations
- Get off at the tram stop Nations
- Walk for 8 minutes to the United Nations Office **Visitor Pregny Gate**

Taxi

Taxis are readily available for visitors travelling from the Geneva Cointrin Airport. They are easily available, but comparatively expensive. If you need a taxi, call 022 320 22 02 or 022 331 41 33.

Although Geneva is a comparatively safe place and violent crime is rare, the incidence of pickpocketing and theft has increased considerably over the last few years. Participants are advised to pay attention at the airport, around the Cornavin railway station, in the Pâquis district of the city and on buses and taxis, and to not leave their bags and luggage unattended at any time.

7. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements in advance of the meeting and for covering any associated incurred costs. The Secretariat encourages all Parties to make such arrangements at the earliest possible opportunity.

A list of hotels offering UN preferential rates is available [here](#), last updated January 2023.

8. CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

Swiss Franc (CHF). Average exchange rates: 1 US dollar~ 0,90 CHF. 1 Euro ~ 0,98 CHF (rates as of 30 June 2023). Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Switzerland.

9. ELECTRICITY

Participants are kindly requested to bring their own power adaptors.

Voltage: 220 volts

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plug/socket: C (CEE7/16), J



10. LANGUAGE

The meeting will be conducted in English and meeting documents will be made available in English.

11. TIME ZONE INFORMATION

Switzerland is GMT + 01.00 hours.

12. DISCLAIMER

UN Environment Programme disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants secure prior to departure insurance for the period of participation.