

## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)**

**Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**15-18 November 2016**

*(Note: 15 – 16 November is a Members meeting while 17 – 18 November is a plenary session. All country representatives and other stakeholders that are not IAEG-SDG Members should only plan to attend the plenary session.)*

#### **I. Date and venue of the meeting**

1. The plenary session of the 4<sup>th</sup> IAEG-SDG Meeting will be held in Room VII at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 17 to 18 November 2016.

#### **II. Website address and documentation**

2. The documents for the meeting will be available at the following website:

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-meeting-04/>

3. Participants are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them as no documents will be made available in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

#### **III. Accommodation and travel arrangements**

4. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. We advise you to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting as hotels in Geneva may be fully booked when there are many events taking place. Maps of Geneva, a list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following websites:

<https://www.geneve.com/>

<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>

Please find below a list of hotels in Geneva not so far from the Palais des Nations:

<http://www.hotelmonrepos.ch/en/>

<http://www.eden.ch/>

<http://www.astoria-geneve.ch/>

<http://www.hotel-suisse.ch/uk/index.php>

<http://www.hotel-arcades.ch/>

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-2154-ibis-geneve-centre-gare/index.shtml#>  
<http://www.hotelalpes.ch/>  
<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-8069-ibis-geneve-centre-nations/index.shtml>  
<http://www.montbrillant.ch/uk/index.php>

5. Participants are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with a reference to the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDG). If necessary, UNECE can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa. Please contact Ms. Heather Page (e-mail: [pageh@un.org](mailto:pageh@un.org)) and Mr. Benjamin Rae ([raeb@un.org](mailto:raeb@un.org)) if you need such a letter.

#### IV. Badges

7. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need an ID badge. To obtain the badge, you will have to enter the Palais des Nations at the **Pregny Gate**, Avenue de la Paix 14 (buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop "Appia") (see maps). It is advisable to arrive **1.5 hours** before the meeting is due to start in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny Gate is opposite the Red Cross ("CICR") building, approximately 300 meters uphill from the Nations Gate at the Place des Nations, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen.

8. Please bring your photo ID (e.g. passport) to present to the Security Office on the first day.

9. Once you have your badge, it will be possible to exit and re-enter the Palais des Nations through the Pregny Gate or the Nations Gate.

10. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations. Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations. Such luggage is not permitted in the building, and there is only limited storage space for it at the Pregny Gate. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g. computer bags, rucksacks and hand bags.

#### V. Travelling from the airport into Geneva

11. Geneva International Airport now offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus, boat) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



12. Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The train is the most efficient way to travel to the city centre. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva “Cornavin” station. The journey takes six minutes.

13. In addition to the train, there are **buses** from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

To the United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:

- [bus 5](#) (direction Hopital) - stop “Nations”
- [bus 28](#) (direction Jardin Botanique) - stop “Appia”
- Geneva city centre: [bus 10](#) (direction Onex)

14. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 35.

15. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva’s free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - [www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/](http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/)

## VI. Transport in Geneva

16. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at the reception when you check in to your hotel.

17. Geneva is a small city and it is easy to reach places by foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It takes another 10-15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

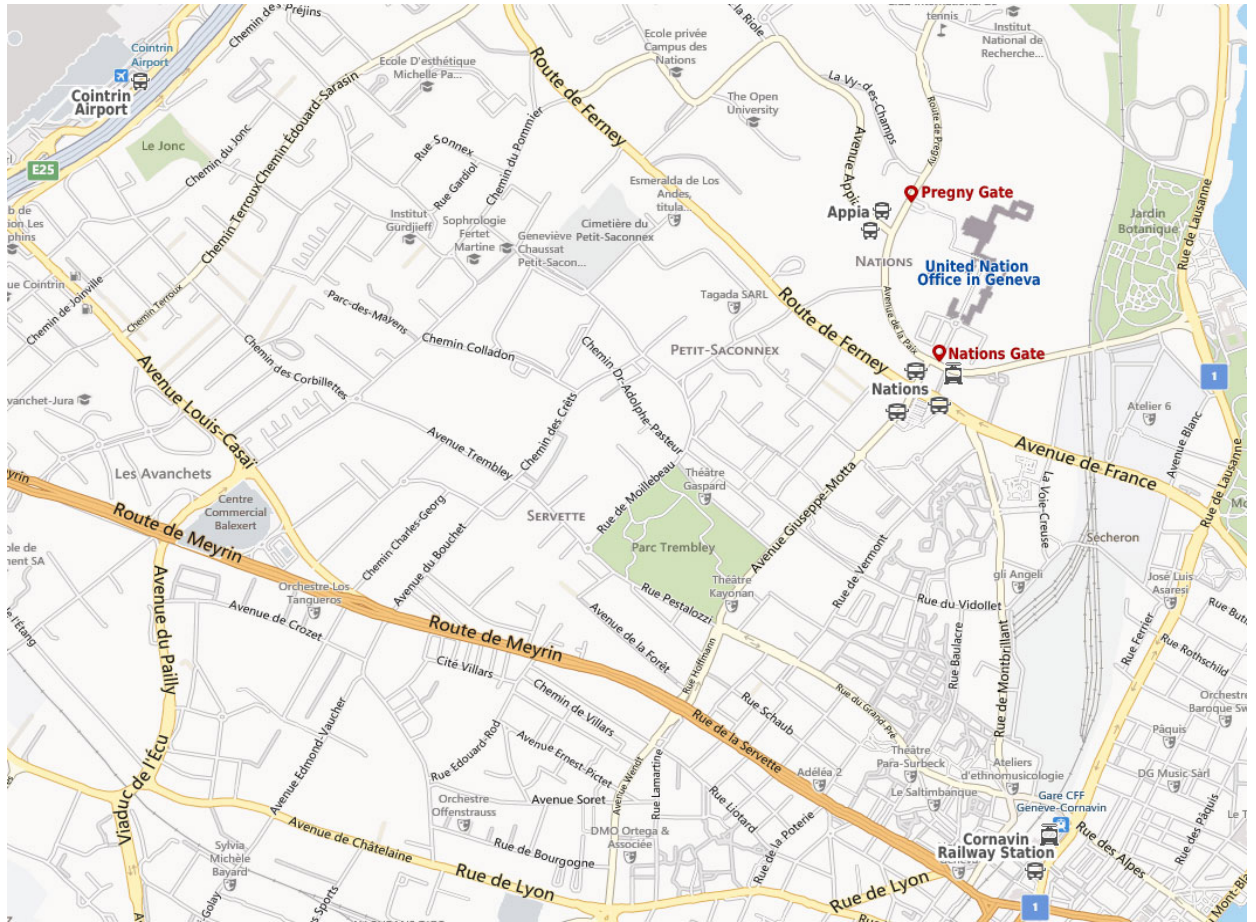
18. **Tram 15** goes from Cornavin train station to the Place des **Nations** (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). From Cornavin take the tram in the direction “Nations”, which is also the name of the last stop where you should get off.

19. **Buses** 5, 8, 11, 28, F, V, and Z serve the Place des Nations, and stop close to the Nations gate. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z also stop near the Pregny Gate at the stop named “**Appia**”.

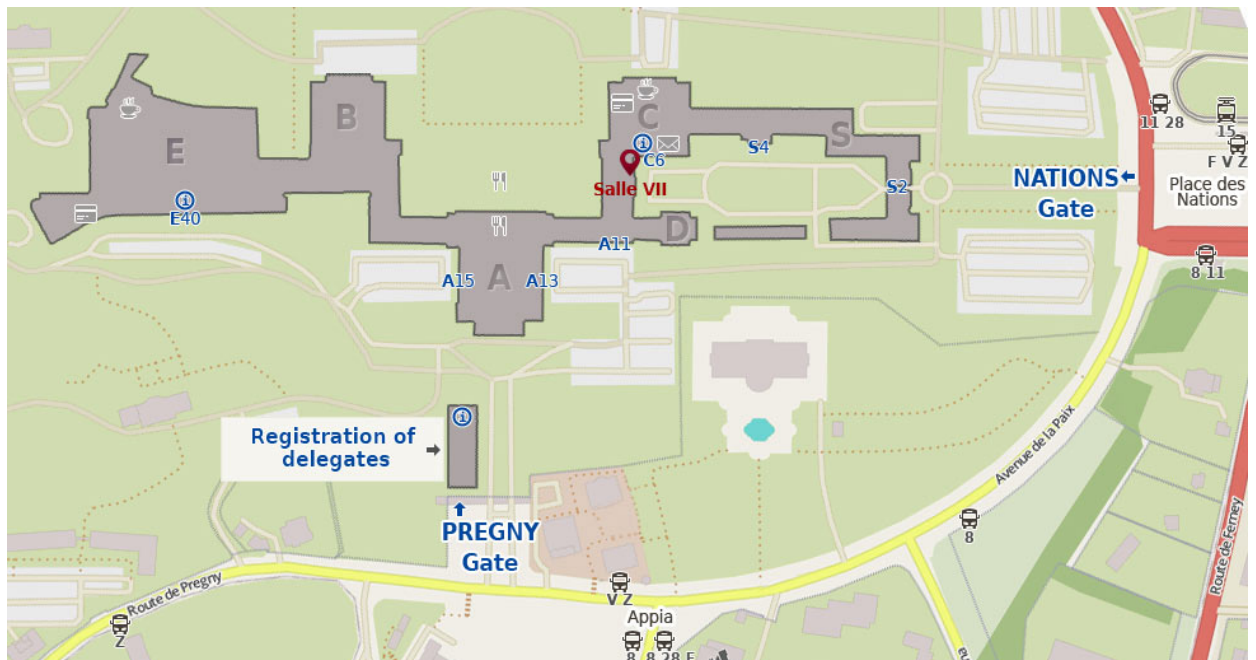
20. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares is available on the site of the **Transports Publics Genevois** ([www.tpg.ch/](http://www.tpg.ch/)).

21. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 meters uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are available any time. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis cannot enter the UN compound - passengers will have to get off at the Pregny or Nations gates.

## VIII. Maps



**Map of how to get to Salle VII**



*Obtain your ID badge at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14.*

*Delegates with a valid ID badge can enter from Pregny Gate or Nations Gate.*