

INFORMATION NOTE

16 June 2026

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the European Region of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM: Europe) will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva back to back with the 74th plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), with a joint session of CES and UN-GGIM: Europe taking place on 24 June afternoon.

II. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

The UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary meeting will be held in Room Tempus at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 13:00 – 17:00 on 23 June, and from 09:00 – 13:00 on 24 June.

The Joint Session of CES and UN-GGIM: Europe (Common Day) will be held in Room Tempus at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 14:30 – 17:30 on 24 June.

III. INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary meeting will be held in English only. Documents for the meeting will be available at the [related event page](#) on the UN-GGIM: Europe website.

Simultaneous interpretation during the Joint Session with CES will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) – English, French and Russian. The documents for the meeting will be available at the following website: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/CES2026>.

Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms and campus at the Palais des Nations.

IV. VISAS

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa¹. Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide an invitation letter to facilitate visa procedures. Such letters can be requested by contacting the secretariat.

V. REGISTRATION AND ENTERING THE UN BUILDING

As the United Nations Security and Safety Service is moving to a more efficient and greener digital badging solution, **all registered and accredited conference participants will receive a digital badge by email. Please check also the Spam/Junk mail folder.**

¹ Information on visa requirements according to the traveler's nationality can be found on the website of the Swiss government: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>.

This digital badge will have your photo, name and last name, your organization, the name and date of the meeting and a QR code. **Please download the digital badge to your mobile phone or any other mobile device, for a faster entry to the Palais des Nations.** More details on how the digital badge will work can be found in this video: [Pavilion Prégny \(English\) - YouTube](#). Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device can print their confirmation and bring it to the Prégny Pavillion to have a paper badge issued and printed.

You are advised to activate **both** your digital badges, on the 23rd of June, at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Service at the **Prégny Pavilion**:

Address: Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva.

Public transportation: 5, 8, 20, 22, 60, 61 (closest stop "Appia").

Location: The Prégny Gate is located opposite the Red Cross (CICR) building on Avenue de la Paix, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Broken Chair and Peace Gate (on Place des Nations).

Doors B and C are open for all persons entering the Palais.

Working hours: from 08:00 to 16:45 on weekdays.



Please bring your passport to present it at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services together with your digital badge on the first day of the meeting. Your entry badge will last for the duration of the meeting for which you have registered.

It is advisable to arrive at the Prégny Gate 1 hour before the meeting to activate your badge and make your way to the meeting room. There might be a long queue at the gate due to other meetings starting on the same day.

After entering the Palais des Nations campus, you may need 10-15 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

After activating your digital badge or collecting your paper badge and during its period of validity, you may:

- Enter UN premises through the Prégny Gate if you are a holder of a red badge (Academia, NGO, Private sector, other);
- Enter UN premises through the Peace Gate or the Prégny Gate if you are a holder of a green badge (Government, Observer Org, UN Agencies); and
- Exit UN premises through the Peace Gate, or the Prégny Gate for holders of any badges.

Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations as such luggage is not permitted in the building. 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 handbags.

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Once you have entered the Prégny Gate entrance, **to get to room Tempus (only one meeting room in the Building)**, turn to your right and continue walking downhill until you reach building Tempus – the building closest to the Peace Gate. Enter through the glass doors and walk to any of the entrances of the conference room.

Joint Session, 14:30–17:30, 24 June

The selected building and selected room will be the same for the afternoon session. If you have already activated your badges, there is no need to leave the campus. We strongly recommend taking your belongings during the lunch break as the room will be prepared for the Joint Session.



ACCESS DOORS TO THE BUILDINGS

OPEN ACCESS 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
C6 | A15 | A17 | E40

Open access 08:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.: S1

Open access for guided tours: E39

DOORS UNDER PERMANENT ACCESS CONTROL
AUTHORIZED BADGES ONLY:

Door S2
Door C21
Door D9
Door A11
Door A13
Door A18
Door B20
Door H60

SMOKING SHELTERS

Accessibility at the Palais des Nations premises is more limited than usual due to the ongoing renovation works.

For accessible routes throughout the premises, please visit our updated [webpage](#).

ACCESSIBLE DOORS
Open access 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.:
Doors C6 | A15 | E40 | H60

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS
MAIN ENTRANCE | Ground floor, 1st floor
Door A15 | Ground floor near the Cafeteria
Door A13 | 2nd, 3rd and 5th floors
Door A11 | 5th floors
Door C6 | Ground floor, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors
Door D9 | Ground floor, all floors
Door E40 | 1st, 3rd and 6th floors
Door A17 | 3rd floor
Door B20 | Ground floor
Door H60 | All floors
TEMPUS | Ground floor

SERVICES CURRENT OPENING TIMES OF THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

	FLOOR	DOOR
1 SAFI SHOP / POST OFFICE	-1	S1
2 MEDICAL SERVICE	1	S1
3 PRESS BAR	0	C6
4 SALON SUISSE	3	C6
5 CAFETERIA	0	A13 15
6 DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13 15
7 CONCORDIA BAR	2	A13 15
8 GUIDED TOURS www.ungevents.org UN STAMPS	2	E39

	FLOOR	DOOR
9 BOOKSHOP/SOUVENIRS	2	E40
10 SERPENT BAR PASTA CORNER	1	E40
11 UBS BANK / UNFCU BANK	2	E40
12 BAR PALETTE	6	E40
13 GRAB 'N' GO	2	H60
14 CLIENT SUPPORT CENTRE	1	H60

CONFERENCE ROOMS

BUILDING A	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS III, V	1	C6
ROOMS VI, VII, VIII, IX	3	A13
ROOMS X, XI, XII	3	A15
ROOM XIV	1	A18
ROOM XV	2	A11
ROOM XVI	5	A13 15
CONCORDIA 1-5	2	A13 15
ASSEMBLY HALL	3	A13 15
BUILDING B	FLOOR	DOOR
LIBRARY 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	1	B20
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	1	B20
ARCHIVES READING ROOM 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	3	B20

BUILDING C	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS I, II	1	C6
ROOM IV	3	C6
COUNCIL CHAMBER	1	C6
BUILDING E	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOMS XVII, XVIII	1	E40
ROOMS XIX, XX	3	E40
ROOMS XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII	1	E40
BUILDING S	FLOOR	DOOR
ROOM S1	0	S2
ROOMS S2, S3, S4	3	S2
ROOM S5	4	S2
TEMPUS	FLOOR	DOOR
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VI. ACCOMMODATION

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

It is advisable to book your hotel well in advance as available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva at the same time. A list of hotels and other useful information about Geneva are available on the following website: <https://www.geneve.com/en/>.

The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental.
- There are several 3- and 4-star hotels near Servette/Grand Pre and Cornavin train station. These hotels are located about 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations.

VII. DINING

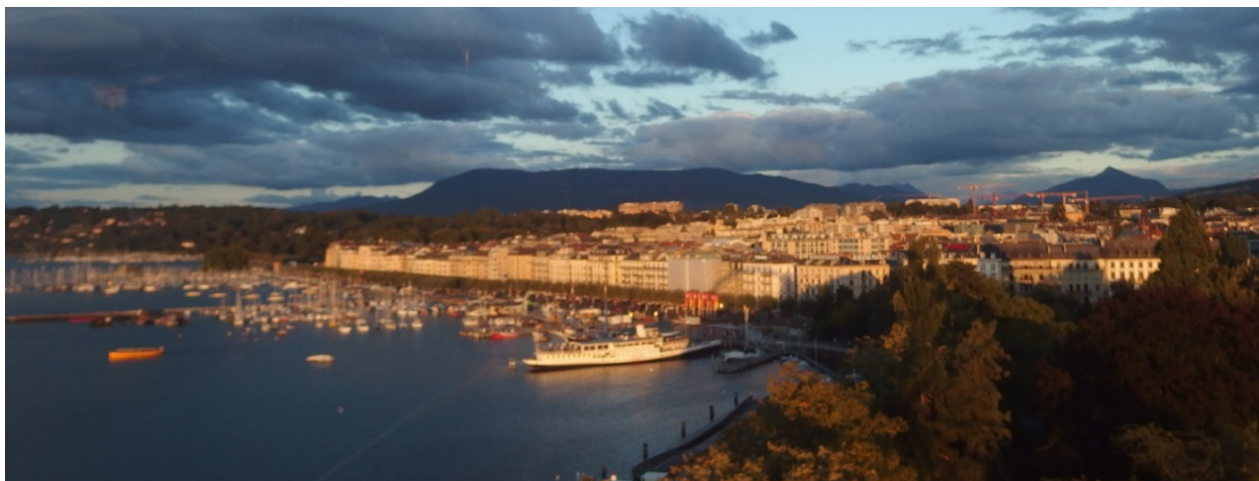
Meeting participants may choose to have lunch at the UN cafeteria located on the ground floor of the A building. It is open from 11:30 to 14:30 Monday to Friday. There are many dining options available nearby and in the city centre for lunch meals. [La vie en champs](#) and [Vieux Bois](#) are closer options to Tempus.

VIII. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See <https://www.tpg.ch/fr> to plan your route. **Some hotels in Geneva 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 your hotel.**

Should you need to purchase public transport tickets, you may do so from the ticket machines at bus stops for the 'all Geneva' zone, zone 10, valid for one hour for any line you would take. For other SMS ticket options, route maps and itineraries use the 'TPG Preview' app). No tickets are sold on buses and trams.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA



Currency. The Swiss currency is the Swiss franc (CHF). All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants. Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre.

Time zone. Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone.

Electricity. The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Switzerland uses 'type J' 3-pin electrical plugs and sockets. European 'type C' 2-pin plugs such as that shown below will fit these sockets, but all other equipment, including European 'type F' plugs, will require a socket adaptor.



Type C: This will fit



Type F: This will NOT fit

Water. We ask you to consider reducing your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. [Geneva tap water](#) consistently rates among the highest-quality tap water in the world.

Phone usage. Despite its central location in Europe, Switzerland operates outside the EU's roaming agreements, meaning visitors from EU countries may incur higher fees for calls, texts, and data usage. To avoid unexpected charges, travelers are advised to check with their mobile providers before departure to activate international roaming plans or packages that cover Switzerland.

Useful telephone numbers:

- General emergency calls: 112
- Police: 117
- Ambulance: 144
- Fire Department: 118

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Additional details will be communicated to all registered meeting participants by e-mail.

For any questions, please contact the UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

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