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Information for High-Level Segment Participants



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High-Level Segment

The meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will include a high-level segment on the afternoon of Thursday, 4 May 2017 and the morning of Friday, 5 May 2017. The theme of the meetings and the high-level segment will be **“A future detoxified: sound management of chemicals and waste”**.

Opening Plenary (Room 1, CICG): The high-level segment will begin in Plenary at 15.00hrs on Thursday, 4 May 2017 and conclude at 13.00hrs on Friday, 5 May 2017.

Ministerial round-table discussions (CCV): Ministerial round-table discussions will be held from 16.30hrs to 18.30hrs on Thursday, 4 May 2017. Participation in the round-table discussions is limited to ministers, deputy ministers and ambassadors **only**. Please take note that space is strictly limited at the round-table discussions. Please also refer to “Venue of the Meetings” section below.

Ministerial Photo: A group photo of the ministers, deputy ministers and ambassadors will be taken after the close of the round-table discussions and before departure to the dinner.

Ministerial Dinner: The Government of Switzerland is kindly hosting a ministerial dinner at 19:30 in the Hotel President Wilson on the evening of Thursday, 4 May, and will distribute invitations to the dinner during the meetings.

A detailed programme of activities will be made available to participating ministers, deputy ministers and ambassadors. Further information on the programme, ministerial discussions and organizational aspects of the high-level segment is also provided in document UNEP/CHW.13/INF/3 - UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/3 - UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/3.

Please note the following:

- To promote interactive dialogue among ministers and other high-level delegates, there will be **no serial statements or formal speeches** during the interactive panel, round-table discussions, and/or plenary sessions of the high-level segment. Delegations wishing to submit a written statement for posting on the high-level segment webpage may do so by sending it to: jonathan.krueger@brsmeas.org
- The outcomes of the high-level segment will consist of a report of the high-level segment and a consolidation of the key messages emerging from the round-table discussions.

Venue of the meetings

The meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and the Plenary sessions of the High-Level Segment (4-5 May 2017) will be held from 24 April to 5 May 2017 at the following venue:

Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG)

17, rue de Varembé
CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Tel.: + 41 (0) 22 791 91 11. Fax: + 41 (0) 22 791 90 64
Internet: <http://www.cicg.ch/en/>

Ministerial round-table discussions (Thursday 4 May 2017, 16:30-18:30) will be held at the following venue (just across the street from the CICG):

Centre de Conférences de Varembé (CCV)

9-11 rue de Varembé
CH 1211 Genève 20
Switzerland
Tel.: + 41 (0) 22 791 91 11. Fax: + 41 (0) 22 791 90 64
Internet: <http://www.cicg.ch/en/>

Participants of the Ministerial round-table discussion will be escorted from Plenary (Room 1) at the CICG to the Ministerial round-table venue (CCV). Should you require to find your own way to the Ministerial round-table venue, please refer to the map on the last page.

Access to conference premises

Please note that access to the conference area is restricted to registered participants of the COP. In order to comply with the UN security requirements, participants are expected to wear their badges visibly at all time and in all areas. If you lose your badge, please report it to the registration counter immediately: <http://www.cicg.ch/en/>

Ministers, deputy ministers and ambassadors will be issued a “VIP” badge and may enter the conference premises through a dedicated “fast lane” for VIPs, once they have their badge.

Representatives from permanent missions in Geneva will be able to pick up badges for registered Ministers in advance of the meeting. Please note, a photo is required for VIP badges, so representatives should bring a passport size photo in electronic form (e.g. on a USB stick) when coming to pick up the badge.

Ministerial Lounge (CICG)

A VIP lounge will be available for ministerial use on the ground floor of the CICG. Please note that the Ministerial Lounge will only be available for use starting at 15:00 on Thursday 4 May 2017.

Visa

It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for the required visa. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival.

Please note that a Schengen visa is required even for transiting through Schengen zone European Countries. The time needed for a request for visa to be processed may vary from case to case. It is therefore strongly recommended that visa applications be made with sufficient time in advance, so that a Schengen visa can be issued.

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

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

• https://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/theme_n/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html

Emergency contacts

You can call the following emergency numbers from a public telephone (payphone) or from your mobile phone.

International emergency number: 112

Switzerland police: 117

Fire emergencies: 118

Medical emergency: 144 for an ambulance

Insurance

The United Nations does not cover life or medical insurance for participants. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the participants or of their Governments to obtain adequate insurance prior to travel to Switzerland.

Accommodation

It is the responsibility of participants to make their own arrangements for accommodation. The Secretariat encourages all Parties to make such arrangements at the earliest possible opportunity.

An updated list of hotels offering preferential rates to the United Nations is available.

Local transportation and security

Once in Geneva, reaching the conference centre is simple. The international airport (Geneva Cointrin) is about 5 kilometers from the conference centre, a journey of approximately 10 minutes by taxi. The main railway station (Geneva Cornavin) is 2 kilometers from the conference centre and the two are linked by public transport (tramway and bus) and by taxi.

Public transport in Geneva is fast, frequent, safe and clean. Bus number 10 links the airport with downtown Geneva, with connections approximately every eight minutes, and train services are also available. The Unireso ticket, offered by the Geneva airport authority, allows the free use of public transport in the city for a period of 80 minutes. Unireso tickets can be obtained from the machine in the baggage collection area on the arrivals level of the airport.

The conference centre can be reached from the main railway station by taking bus number 5 (alight at either the Vermont stop or the Varembe stop), bus number 8 (alight at the International Telecommunications Union stop) or tram number 13 or 15 in the direction of Nations (alight at Sismondi).

Taxis are easily available and safe, 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 particular attention at the airport, around the Cornavin railway station and in the Paquis district of the city, and to not leave their luggage unattended at any time.

Electricity

Participants are kindly requested to bring their own power adaptors.

Voltage: 230 volts

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plug/socket: C (CEE 7/16), J



Currency

Swiss franc (CHF). Average exchange rates:

1 US dollar ~ 1,00 CHF. 1 Euro ~ 1,07 CHF.

Banking

An office of the Union des Banques Suisses (UBS) is situated across the street from the CIGG, at 17bis chemin Louis-Dunant. Opening hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Exit the CIGG through the main door, take left, cross the road "Chemin Louis-Dunant" and you are in front of the bank.

Postal service

The Post Office is located on the ground floor of the CIGG building at 15, rue de Varembe. Opening hours: 8am to noon and 2 pm to 6 pm (Monday to Friday). Exit the CIGG through the main door and turn right.

Restaurants

The CIGG bar and restaurant are located on the ground and first-floor levels. Other cafes, restaurants and shops are within walking distance of the CIGG.

Other useful information

Geneva International Airport:

<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx>

Information to travel free on public transportation during your stay in Geneva:

<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67>

Map of Geneva with search function:

<http://www.ville-geneve.ch/plan-ville>

Contact details

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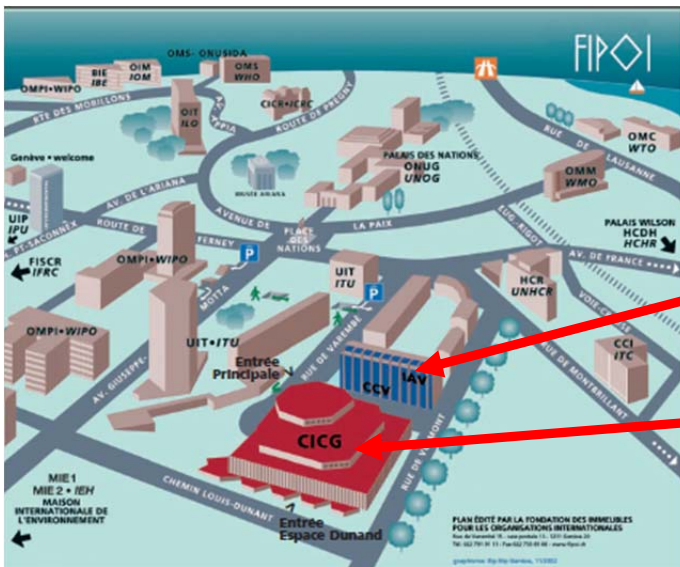
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The COPs website is:
<http://www.brsmeas.org/2017COPs/Overview/tabid/5306/language/en-US/Default.aspx>



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CCV – Ministerial round-table discussions

CICG – High-Level Segment Plenary Sessions

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