



PERMANENT FORUM ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

Accommodation

Kindly be informed that you are responsible for making your reservations for accommodation.

Visa

It is the full responsibility of the participant to comply with all requirements and instructions regarding an entry visa as well as to apply for the visas well in advance. Foreign nationals may apply for a visa at the competent Swiss representation of their country of residence. More details on visa application are available here:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/usa/en/home/visa/entry-ch/up-90-days.html>

Arrival at Geneva airport

Geneva airport is located quite close to the city center which you can easily reach with public transport (bus and train). Taxis are also available.

- **By train:** The train will bring you to the Cornavin main train station in the center of Geneva in about 7 minutes. You can take the train from the airport train station, about 5 minutes' walk from the arrivals on the same floor. All trains leaving from the airport train station stop at the Cornavin main station. Then, depending on where your hotel is, you can walk, take a taxi, or take a bus.
- **By bus:** Bus no. 5 goes to the Cornavin main train station via the Place des Nations and takes about 30-35 minutes to reach Cornavin. Bus no. 10 also goes to the Cornavin main train station, but via a different route (Charmilles) and takes about 30-35 minutes.

***Tip:** Buy a ticket for public transport that is valid for an hour ("billet tout Genève"). The ticket is valid on all buses and trams, but also on all trains to the Cornavin main train station. You can pay with coins and credit/debit cards. There are machines in the airport train station hallway, as well as in front of the bus stop.*

- Taxis are expensive but nevertheless available just outside of arrivals. Only official taxis are allowed to operate, and they have meters which charge by distance and time. They also charge an additional tax per piece of luggage. You are not expected to tip a taxi driver, but you can round up the sum if you so wish. A journey from the airport to Cornavin train station will cost you a minimum of 30-40 CHF (depending on traffic).



- Normally taxis accept credit cards, but it is always better to check before getting on the taxi.

Tip: In Geneva, you cannot hail taxis in the street. You have to call them or go to one of the few taxi stations. Taxis numbers: 022 320 22 02 or 022 331 41 33.

Telephone

The international code for Switzerland is +41. Geneva land-line numbers will all start with 022, drop the 0 if you're calling from abroad (+4122 ...). Switzerland's mobile phone numbers will start with 076; 077; 078; or 079; again, drop the 0 if you're calling from abroad (+4178 ...).

Public transport to Palais des Nations

Geneva is separated into 2 sides by the Lake and the river Rhone: the "right bank" (or "rive droite" in French) and the "left bank" ("rive gauche"). The Cornavin main train station is located on the right bank close to the lake. The Palais des Nations is also located on the right bank.

Tip: If you stay at a hotel/hostel/residence, you will be entitled to a free day-pass for public transport (ask the reception). With this pass you can take all buses, trams, trains, and even the little yellow boats called "Mouette" in Geneva.

- The session of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent is held in the **Palais des Nations** located next to Place des Nations. The Palais des Nations is surrounded by a big park which has 3 entrances. The entrance you are allowed to use is called Peace Gate (see map below). This entrance is located just opposite Place des Nations, in front of the "broken chair" sculpture. Once you cross the street, turn to your left, walk approximately 30 – 40 seconds and you will see the Peace Gate.
- To go to Palais des Nations, you can take **tram 15** from Cornavin Station or along rue de Lausanne until the last stop "**Nations**", and then walk to the Peace Gate.

Accreditation/Badge:

To enter the Palais des Nations, you need to get accredited, and this can only be done at the location of Villa Les Feuillantines. Villa Les Feuillantines is located opposite to the Peace Gate (see map below).



In order to receive an entry badge to Palais des Nations, please register yourself through Indico - <https://indico.un.org/event/1000570/>. Due to the high volume of accreditations expected in the morning of Monday 5 December 2022, please arrive at Villa Les Feuillantines at 8:00 AM in order to get your badge.

You will have to queue up for a “meeting participants” badge (not a day visitor badge). You will have to announce which meeting you are coming and present your passport. When accessing Palais des Nations, we highly recommend carrying your passport with you.

Following issuance of a badge, access to the Palais des Nations will be through the Peace Gate.

- Please be advised that you need to wear your badge at all times in Palais des Nations.





Inside Palais des Nations

The Permanent Forum session is held in Room XVIII which is located in the E building on floor 1, and the closest entrance door is door E40. Room XVIII is also close to a bar/café referred to as “Serpentine bar”, which is located on floor 1. Please note that you will need to walk approximately 15 minutes from the Peace Gate to building E. (see red arrow on the map below).

- Please note that the Palais des Nations is undergoing important renovations, so access is prohibited to a number of places. You will nevertheless find a UBS bank (including ATMs), an official bookshop, and one main cafeteria serving breakfast and lunch. The Serpentine bar also serves coffee, tea and other beverages and snacks (including sandwiches and salads).
- Although the majority of COVID-19 measures at the United Nations Geneva premises have been lifted, wearing a mask remains required in conference rooms at the Palais des Nations.



BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS AND DON'T LEAVE YOUR LUGGAGE UNATTENDED (even on UN premises)! While violent street crime is very low in Geneva, there are pickpockets and other thieves who tend to target tourists and people coming for UN and other conferences. So please keep an eye on your belongings.

Emergency numbers are: 117 – Police
118 – Fire Department
144 – Medical Emergency

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