

24th meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board

Information for Participants

Venue

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board will be held at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), rue de Varembé 17, Geneva. Plenary sessions will be held on the ground floor in meeting room 2.

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Please see map of the CICG surrounding area on page 3.

Time

The meeting will open at 9 a.m. on 22 June 2009 and is anticipated to close at approximately 6 p.m. on 24 June 2009.

Access to the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)

The CICG is situated two minutes from the United Nations. It is close to the international agencies, within easy reach of the airport and the main train station and on a direct bus route to the city centre.

By road: There is underground parking at the Parking des Nations. Participants can get

tickets for one day parking at the cost of CHF 8.--. These tickets will be sold at

the registration desk.

By bus/tram: The best access to CICG from the Geneva Cornavin railway station is by bus

number 5 (get off at Vermont), bus 8 (get off at IUT) or tram 13/15, direction

Nations (get off at "Sismondi").

From Geneva Cointrin International Airport bus number 28 offers a direct connection – participants will have to get off at bus stop "Nations" and then

walk for 5 minutes.

By taxi: The numbers most frequently used for calling taxis are:

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Registration of Participants/Information Desk

A Registration/Information Desk will be set up in the lobby at the entrance of the Conference Centre and will be open from 8:15 on 22 June. Participants are requested to register in advance by completing a PCB registration form. Registered participants will be issued badges which will allow them entry into the meeting rooms. Participants who have not registered in advance, will be able to do so at the registration desk.

Reception for Participants

A welcome reception is foreseen to take place on 22 June from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the UNAIDS Headquarters building. All participants will receive an invitation during registration on 22 June 2009.

Documents

All meeting documents will be available at the entrance of room 2. Documents will also be available on the UNAIDS website at the end of May:

http://www.unaids.org/en/AboutUNAIDS/Governance/PCBArchive/24th PCB Meeting June 2009.asp

For distribution of publications/documents to the PCB, participants are requested to refer to the Registration/Information Desk.

Internet Area

Computers with access to the internet will be available to delegates in the lobby of the Conference Centre. WiFi - Wireless Internet free access is available throughout the CICG.

Post Office and Newspapers

The post office is located just outside the center on rue de Varembé and is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Newspapers can be bought at the bar of the center.

Catering Services

A 600-place self-service restaurant and one bar are available on the CICG premises. There are several restaurants, including Chinese, French, Indian, Italian, Japanese and Thai, within walking distance from the Centre. The Registration/Information Desk can be contacted for details.

Personal Security

Geneva can be regarded as a safe city with a low rate of violent crime. However, pickpocketing and purse or cell-phone snatching do occur in the vicinity of train and bus stations, airports an in some public parks. Do not leave anything on car seats. Doing so attracts the attention of thieves. Never leave bags containing money, airline tickets, credit cards or passports in a parked car. Thefts frequently occur as a result of that.

Emergency numbers are:

- Police 117
- Ambulance 144
- Fire 118
- Roadside assistance 140

Geneva Transport Card

All visitors staying at a hotel, youth hostel or camping in Geneva can benefit from the Geneva Transport Card, with no additional cost. For more information please go to: http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/?rubrique=0000000417&lang=eng.

Weather

Geneva climate is mild with average temperatures during the month of June varying from an overnight low of 11°C (52° F) to as high as 29°C (85°F) during the day. The weather is usually sunny and warm but it is also very variable at the end the spring season, when a raincoat could be necessary.

