

## PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD

### FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

DATE: 25-27 June 2019

VENUE: Starling Hotel & Conference Center, Geneva, Switzerland

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## Information for Participants

### DATE AND VENUE

The forty-fourth meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board will open in Geneva on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 9:00 and is expected to close on Thursday, 27 June 2019 at approximately 18:00.

Plenary sessions will be held in the Geneva I & II conference room located on level -1, left bank (rive gauche) of the:

Starling Hotel and Conference Center  
Route François-Peyrot 34 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex, Geneva  
<https://starling-hotel-geneva.com/>

### REGISTRATION

Online registration is required for the PCB meetings through the [UNAIDS](https://www.unaids.org/) website. For security reasons, all participants are required to wear name badges in order to access the premises. Badges will be produced based on online registration requests. Queries concerning the system can be addressed by email to [PCBRegistration@unaids.org](mailto:PCBRegistration@unaids.org). Registration should be completed by 14 June 2019.

### VISA

Since 12 December 2008, Switzerland applies the Schengen Agreement regulations concerning visas. Please refer to the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs informative note on the implementation of Schengen-Dublin, accessible through following link:

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

Visa procedures may take up to 21 days. Participants are therefore advised to apply for a visa well in advance of their departure date. It is understood that the decision whether or not to issue a visa to any applicant rests with the competent Swiss authorities. Participants whose registration has been approved, may request a registration confirmation letter which they may wish to present with their visa application.

## ACCOMMODATION

Finding accommodation in Geneva in June may not be easy. Participants are advised to arrange their hotel accommodation as early as possible. The Starling hotel has a negotiated rate of CHF210 (breakfast included) or CHF185 (without breakfast) for UNAIDS meeting participants. Participants are requested to contact the hotel directly to book their rooms.

Hotel reservations can also be made through the Geneva Tourism & Convention Bureau web site: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch>

## ACCESS TO THE VENUE

The Starling Hotel and Conference Center is located next to the Palexpo Exhibition and Congress Center and 3 minutes from Geneva International Airport. The airport train station has direct links to Cornavin, Geneva's main train station, and to the city centre.

Public transport: By train: Airport railway station has direct links to the Cornavin main station.

By bus: the Starling hotel is served by buses 5 and 28. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. is available on the site of the Transports publics genevois: <http://www.tpg.ch>

All participants staying at hotels, youth hostels or campsites in the canton of Geneva can benefit from a free Geneva transport card. For more information, please consult the following link: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/useful-information/how-to-get-around/geneva-transport-card/>. Participants not staying at hotels, youth hostels or campsites will be able to purchase their tickets from ticket machines (located at every stop) before boarding the transport.

By taxi: It takes about fifteen minutes to get to Starling Hotel and Conference Centre from the Cornavin railway station and Geneva city centre. The numbers most frequently used for calling taxis are:

+41 (0) 22 3 202 202; online booking via <http://www.taxis.ch>  
+41 (0) 22 33 141 33; <http://www.taxi-phone.ch>  
+41 (0) 22 320 20 20; <http://www.geneve-taxi.ch>

By car: The hotel has 150 parking places. Next door Palexpo offers 2800 parking places. [www.e-covoiturage.ch](http://www.e-covoiturage.ch) is a website where drivers and passengers can contact each other to arrange journeys together, so saving them both money and helping the environment.

By shuttle bus: The hotel has a free shuttle bus from/to the airport. Detailed information can be found on the hotel web site.

## BADGE AND INFORMATION DESK

On Monday 24 June, delegates will be able to collect their badges from the Security Desk located at the main entrance of the UNAIDS building from 8:15 until 18:00. Delegates must present the original of the registration form sent beforehand, to the conference Secretariat and their national identification card or passport.

On the first day of the conference, there could be a bit of a wait, so participants are advised to arrive in good time.

Participants who do not register during the specified time will be able to do so during the meeting so that they can be issued a badge and have their name appear on the list of participants.

## **DOCUMENTS**

All meeting documents will be posted on the UNAIDS web site during the month of May and June: <http://www.unaids.org/en/whoweare/pcb/44> . Participants are encouraged to download the documents from the web site. A limited number of paper copies will also be available at the entrance of the plenary room.

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

UNAIDS publications will be available at the publications desk in the meeting area.

## **SPEAKING IN PLENARY**

To ensure accurate interpretation and a precise report, participants are encouraged to submit to the Secretariat the text of their presentations for immediate delivery to interpreters and to send an electronic version of the document to: [PCBGovernance@unaids.org](mailto:PCBGovernance@unaids.org)

## **FACILITIES AT THE VENUE**

There is an ATM in the main lobby.

The hotel has a Fitness and Wellness centre with a swimming pool, jacuzzi, hammam and sauna.

## **INTERNET ACCESS**

Computers with access to the internet are available in the hotel Business Corner. A free WI-FI internet connection is provided across the hotel. Guests can access it by connecting to the “Starling wireless” network.

## **CATERING SERVICES**

Two coffee breaks and buffet lunch will be provided to all meeting participants every meeting day near the plenary room. Starling Hotel Geneva has 3 restaurants and 1 bar. Starling Café and Cbar & Lounge offer international food. L’olivo serves fine Italian food. The Cbar & Lounge with world cuisine has catering until midnight. Additional details and opening hours can be found under on the hotel web site.

## PERSONAL SECURITY

The hotel is accessible to persons with reduced mobility, some lifts and toilets have been especially equipped and details can be obtained from the reception desk.

Starling Hotel Geneva staff can be contacted for information and help in case of emergency. The WHO Medical Service (tel.: 022 7913040) is available to participants needing urgent medical attention.

Geneva can be regarded as a safe city with a low rate of violent crime. However, pick pocketing and purse or cell-phone snatching can occur near the vicinity of train and bus stations, airports and in some public parks.

### Geneva emergency numbers:

- Security 117
- Medical Emergencies 114
- Fire 118
- Roadside assistance 140

## 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 of the spring season, when a raincoat could be necessary.

