



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. VENUE

World Meteorological Organization

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CH 1211 Geneva 2
Switzerland

2. ACCOMMODATION

Participants must make their own hotel arrangements. A list of hotels is available [here](#). Hotel Eden and Hotel Mon Repos are within short walking distance to WMO, but participants to WMO meetings have stayed at various hotels throughout Geneva.

3. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for coordinating their own transportation to and from the airport. At the airport, free tickets for public transport within the Canton of Geneva are available from the machine in the Baggage Conveyor Hall before passing customs. Hotels in Geneva are providing guests with a free ticket for public transport.

A map of the bus and tram network can be obtained free of charge from the UNIRESO Information Centre at Cornavin Station and from the following website: <http://www.tpg.ch>. Please note that this website is only in French.

Taxis are readily available at the Geneva Cointrin Airport. Costs vary depending on where the hotel is located, but the cost to go from the airport to downtown ranges from CHF 30 to 40.

4. ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to check your visa requirements for Switzerland. Please note that Switzerland is **NOT** part of the European Union; however, **it is under the Schengen Visa rules**.

5. LOCAL CLIMATE

Due to the tempering effects of the lake and surrounding mountains, Geneva is pleasant almost year round. September and October are the rainiest months. January and February are the coldest but rarely drop below freezing. Summers are long with relatively low humidity and cool breezes from the lake. For more information, see <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=193>.

6. CURRENCY AND BANKS

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The Euro is also accepted at most businesses but expect to pay a premium rate. Check www.xe.com for the most up-to-date exchange rates. Most transactions in the city are conducted in cash and a surprising number of businesses and restaurants do not accept credit cards. ATMs are widely available throughout the city, dispensing notes up to CHF 1000.