
GCOS STEERING COMMITTEE THIRTY FIRST SESSION

GCOS SC-31, 2–5 July 2024
WMO, Geneva, Switzerland

Information Note

The meeting will take place at the WMO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland – Press Room (0 Lake Side).

1. Arriving in Geneva

FREE TRANSPORT TICKET

Travellers staying in a hotel, youth hostel or camp site in Geneva can receive a « Geneva Transport Card » from the establishment. This card allows **free use of public transport in Geneva (zone 10) during your stay, including the Genève-Cornavin, Genève-Aéroport train journey**. Find out more information from [Genève Tourisme](#) or the establishment concerned.

GARE ROUTIERE: If you plan to go from [Airport](#) to [Gare Routiere](#), take a quick [train](#) to Gare Cornavin and then either walk 5 minutes downhill to Gare Routiere, or go 2 stops with bus 8, 9 or 25.

TAXIS: Available at taxi stand. Maximum 4 passengers. Average CHF 70 per trip. 15-30 minutes duration of the trip to Your address.

UNIRESO

The airport is located at nearly 4 km from Geneva city centre. It is easily reachable by train or by bus using the united network of public transport [UNIRESO](#). Only one single ticket is required to travel by train, tram, bus or boat in the area France-Vaud-Genève.

TPG city buses serve the airport (stops at the Check-in, in front of or on the side of the CFF station), at a frequency of:

- 8-15 minutes during rush hour for urban lines;
- 20-30 minutes during peak hours for regional lines.



2. Hotel Accommodation

Participants are advised that hotel accommodation in Geneva and the surrounding area may be scarce. Participants should inquire with the hotels to see if it is possible to have special UN rates for the dates of their stay. Please find below the list of some of the hotels located in the vicinity of WMO.

- [Hotel Ibis Genève Centre Lac](#)
Rue de Berne, 26 Pâquis, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland
- [Hotel Drake-Longchamp](#)
Rue Butini 7, Pâquis, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
- [Hotel Ibis Genève Centre Nations](#)
Rue du Grand Pré 33-35, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland
- [Hotel Les Nations](#)
Rue du Grand Pré 62, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
- [Hotel Eden](#)
Rue de Lausanne 135, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
- [Hotel Mon Repos](#)
Rue de Lausanne 131, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

For more information, you can consult the [Geneva Tourism](#) official website.

3. Access to WMO Headquarters

The Meeting will be held in the WMO Building in the Press Room (0 Lake Side).

Arriving in WMO on 2 July, you will have to show your passport and you will be given a Badge to access the building for the duration of the meeting.

4. Tourist information

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All participants who require a valid visa for admission to Switzerland should make their application for visas directly to the competent representation of Switzerland responsible for the applicant's country of residence. Applications must be made as soon as possible (minimum 20 days but maximum 3 months before departure). If necessary, WMO can provide a formal invitation letter in support of a visa application; for this purpose, the attached Request for Travel Visa Support form needs to be completed and sent to the WMO Secretariat at registration@wmo.int with a copy to mrobbez@wmo.int.

You can find more information about travel documents for entering Switzerland [here](#).

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF).
The average exchange rate is as follows:

1 Euro = 0.97 CHF
1 USD = 0.91 CHF
