

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON MEASURING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
(Geneva, 27-29 April 2011)

INFORMATION NOTICE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will be held in **Room VII** (3d floor) at the Palais des Nations.
It will start at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 April 2011, and close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 29 April 2011.

I. PARTICIPATION, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

1. All participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible at the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside, with reference to the **Sub-regional Workshop on Measuring Violence against Women**. The invitation letter from UNECE should be sufficient. If additional information is required, please contact UNECE Secretariat (social.stats@unece.org) and we will be able to assist you with visa questions.
2. All participants should register for the workshop. The participants who have not yet sent their registration forms to are kindly asked to do so by **12 April 2011** to social.stats@unece.org.
3. In order to enter the Palais des Nations, all participants need to obtain a security pass (ID badge). For this purpose, please present yourself with your passport and the original registration form at the UN Security Identification Office, Pregny Gate, Palais des Nations (Avenue de la Paix 14; buses 8, F, V, Z and 28, stop Appia) by 8:30 a.m. at the latest on Wednesday, 27 April 2011. The Security Identification Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (non-stop). For identification and security reasons, delegates are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.
4. The plan of the UN premises at Geneva is attached to this information notice.

II. DOCUMENTATION AND METHOD OF WORK

5. The working languages of the meeting will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided and documents will be available in English and Russian.
6. Meeting documents will be made publicly available on the website of the UNECE Secretariat at: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2011.04_gender.htm. **No materials will be distributed during the workshop. Participants are responsible to print their the materials posted on the website and bring them to the workshop.**

For information related to the module on measuring domestic violence elaborated by UNECE, please consult the following link <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/VAW/Measuring+violence+against+women>.

III. ACCOMMODATION

7. Participants are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. The UNECE Secretariat provides a list of hotels on its website at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm> (follow the link "Hotels in Geneva"). The following information is also available:
 - The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-Star Intercontinental.
 - Grand Prè, Cornavin, Suisse are four-star hotels and within 7-10 minutes to the Palais des Nations by buses 8, 5, 28, F, V, Z and trams 13 and 15.
 - There are several three-star and four-star hotels near Cornavin, the main train station. These hotels are moderate in price and are 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des

Nations. Examples include: Manotel, des Alpes, International and Terminus, Montana, Savoy, Suisse, and Windsor.

IV. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

8. Geneva International Airport now offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



9. When checking-in at your hotel you should receive a free [Geneva Transport Card](#), enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay.

Getting from the Airport to Geneva

10. The Geneva Airport is approximately 4 kilometres from the city centre. The train is the most efficient way to get into the city. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva - Cornavin station. The journey takes six minutes.

11. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

12. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva's free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport: <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/>
- Free Geneva Transport Card: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417>

V. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE

13. Should you have any questions regarding the information provided above, please contact:

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Map of the UN premises in Geneva

