**Participant’s Guide – AGM 2010**

**Geneva**

12th and 13th October

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**Transport**

**Travel by train and bus**

You will find all information about your arrival and departure by train on the site of the Swiss railways SBB. Just buy a ticket till Cornavin main railway station in Geneva. The site of SBB can be found at:  
[www.sbb.ch/en](http://www.sbb.ch/en)

The conference building is situated only about 3 kilometres away from the Cornavin main railway station, in the Palais des Nations, the UN Head Office in Geneva; and can be easily reached by taxi, tram or bus in less than 10 minutes

Public transport from Cornavin main railway station:

- Bus n°8: Bus stop "Nations" (direction OMS)
- Tramway n°13 and n°15: Stop "Nations" (direction Nations)

**If you arrive by plane, at Geneva International Airport**

The access to the AGM 2010 is really facilitated by good public transport services. You can furthermore pick up a free ticket for public transport from the machine in the baggage collection area at the Arrival level of the Geneva International Airport. This Unireso ticket offered by Geneva International Airport allows you to use public transport for free for a period for 80 minutes.

Public transport from International Airport to Gare Cornavin, the main railway station:

- Train: there are regular trains going from "Genève Aéroport" to "Genève" taking about 5 minutes and stopping at Geneva’s main Train station "Gare Cornavin"
- Bus n°5: Bus stop "Gare Cornavin" (direction Hôpital)

Public transport from International Airport to the conference venue, Palais des Nations:
• Bus n°5 : Bus stop "Nations" (direction Hôpital), taking about 11 minutes
• Bus n°28 : Bus stop "Nations" (direction Jardin Botanique)

Conference Venue

Palais des Nations

The UNEP FI Annual General Meeting will be hosted in the Palais des Nations, the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The UNOG is the second largest United Nations centre after the United Nations Headquarters in New York; and it is housed in the Palais des Nations, an outstanding testimony to twentieth century architecture, situated in a beautiful park in Geneva overlooking Lake Geneva, with a splendid view of the Alps and, on a clear day, the Mont Blanc.
The Palais stands in the 45-hectare Ariana Park among majestic trees many of which are over 100 years old. The City of Geneva has made the park available to the UN for its offices for as long as the UN exists.

The UNEP FI Annual General Meeting 2010 is going to be hosted in the Palais des Nations, Building E, Room XXIV. As specified above it is easily accessible from the International Airport of Geneva or the main Train Station (Gare Cornavin) both by Public Transport services (stopping at "Nations") or Taxi.

The conference room (Room XXIV, Building E in red) can be best reached through the side gate called Pregny, where further information can be requested at the reception. Map of the Palais des Nations: http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical_information/2010_Practical_Guide.EFR.pdf

Accommodation

Geneva offers a wide range of accommodations and apartment houses. The prices vary according to the hotel category and the time when the booking is being made.

Special Hotel Offer for AGM 2010

We are pleased to announce that the conference organizer at UNEP FI has pre-booked a number of rooms with special rates for conference participants during the AGM 2010.
You can benefit from these offers by registering for the conference and contacting Manotel Hotel Group referring to the code provided by them for UNEP FI signatory members. See the document posted on the Extranet.

**Average prices per night in Geneva:**

- **5 Stars hotels**
  Single: CHF* 350.- to 400.- (EUR 235 to 270)
  Double: CHF 400.- to 550.- (EUR 270 to 370)

- **4 Stars**
  Single: CHF 235.- to 350.- (EUR 160 to 235)
  Double: CHF 265.- to 380.- (EUR 180 to 255)

- **3 Stars**
  Single: CHF 180.- to 250.- (EUR 120 to 170)
  Double: CHF 235.- to 305.- (EUR 160 to 205)

- **2 Stars**
  Single: CHF 110.- to 185.- (EUR 75 to 125)
  Double: CHF 150.- to 200.- (EUR 100 to 135)

*Swiss francs

**Economy Accommodation**

Geneva offers something for everyone. Aside from youth hostels, plenty of establishments offer affordable accommodation at low budgets.

Average prices for these accommodations vary from 29 CHF (20 EUR) to 60 CHF (41 EUR) per room per night. Some of the hostels require a minimum stay of 5 nights. In order to see the whole range of offers, please visit: http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/?rubrique=0000000277

**Survive in Geneva**

**Currency Exchange**

Currency Exchange is available at the railway station, which is within reasonable distance by Bus n° 5. The currency is the Swiss Franc [CHF]: 1 Euro is about 1.5 CHF.

**Official Emergency Numbers**

Police: 117
Ambulance: 144
Fire: 118

**Local Time**

GMT Time Zone +1 hour.
About Switzerland and Geneva

Geneva has been successful in combining the best of both worlds. It is an up-to-date international centre of world importance and a small and friendly town of only 180,000 inhabitants. Some call it the ‘world’s smallest metropolis’, others, the ‘capital of health’. Set on the banks of Lake Léman between the Alps and the Jura mountains, in the Southwest corner of Switzerland, Geneva enjoys a temperate climate and breathtaking scenery, with Alpine lakes, snow-capped mountains, lush forests and an enchanting countryside. Many international organisations have their headquarters located in Geneva. The city also has over 30 museums, as well as many art galleries, theatres and an opera house where an impressive number of famous artists have performed.

Suggested Activities

- Boat trip on Lake Geneva [www.cgn.ch/eng] or a short 10 minute boat trip from one side of Geneva to the other
- Wine tasting around Geneva
- Climbing the cathedral in Geneva’s old town to get a spectacular view of the city and lake
- Relaxing and enjoying the lake and sun with a delicious piece of cake [try the chocolate one] at Bains des Paquis, Geneva’s casual place to enjoy the lake
- Buying some chocolate gifts from the Chocolatier Du Rhône, Rue de la Confédération 3, 1211 Genève.

For any other activities please contact Geneve-Tourisme directly on: +41 (0)22 909 70 00 or visit the website www.geneve-tourisme.ch.

Useful Websites

Useful websites to enjoy your stay in Geneva:

- Airport [Cointrin]: www.gva.ch
- Boat trips: www.cgn.ch
- Cinemas: www.geneve.cine.ch
- Cruises on the Geneva Lake: www.cgn.ch
- Currency converter: www.xe.com/ucc
- Excursions: www.keytours.ch
- Free bike rental: www.geneveroule.ch/en
- Geneva [information about]: www.geneva.ch
- Museums, music, spectacles, Nightlife: www.geneve-tourisme.ch
- Public Transport in Geneva: www.tpg.ch
- Restaurants: www.restaurants-geneve.ch