



FORUM OF MAYORS 2024

Cities Summit of The Future

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Practical Information Guide for Participants

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Introduction

What is the Forum of Mayors?

The [Forum of Mayors](#) is an annual event in the United Nations in Geneva that provides a platform for city leaders from across the Pan-European Region and beyond to meet and discuss and share innovative solutions to global urban challenges and sustainable development. The platform allows for direct engagement with member States and interaction with international organizations, fostering exchange and mutual learning. The city leaders explore best practices in creating climate-neutral cities, enhancing urban resilience, gender mainstreaming, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and community involvement in policymaking.

The fourth Forum of Mayors is taking place this **30 September – 1 October 2024** in Geneva as an in-person meeting and it will be held at the **Palais des Nations Conference Room XVII, starting at 10:00 and closing at 18:00**. Side events are also planned during the duration of Forum.

With this year's theme, "**Cities Summit of the Future**", mayors from around the world will convene to deliberate on the implications for their cities of the "Pact for the Future" agreed upon at the [United Nations Summit of the Future](#) in September 2024 in New York. During this Forum, the mayors will exchange visions regarding the roles of cities in implementing the Pact and agree on an outcome statement committing themselves to fostering a sustainable future.

What is the UNECE?

The [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(UNECE\)](#) was set up in 1947 by ECOSOC and is one of five regional commissions of the United Nations. It consists of 56 member States from across the Pan-European Region and its major aim is to promote economic integration. It focuses on intergovernmental and technical cooperation in areas such as environment, transport, energy, statistics, trade and innovation, forests, and urban development, housing, and land management. All interested United Nations member States may participate in the work of UNECE. Over 70 international professional organizations and other non-governmental organizations take part in UNECE activities.

What is the CUDHLM Session?

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) session normally takes place after the Forum of Mayors event and it supports regional exchange of experiences and good practices on promoting affordable, adequate, and climate-neutral housing, inclusive, circular, smart, and sustainable cities, as well as transparent and efficient land management.

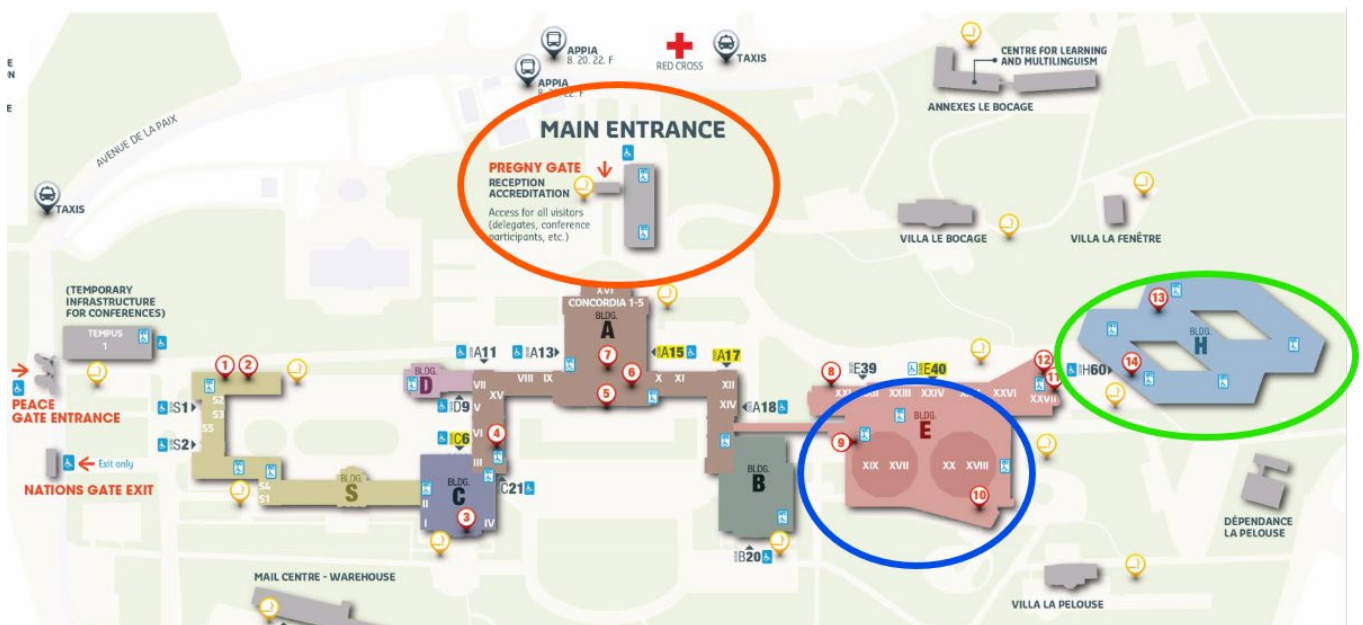
The 85th session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management will be held fully in-person, in Geneva, **Palais des Nations (Room XVII) starting at 10:00 AM Wednesday, 2 October, and closing at 6:00 PM on Friday, 4 October**. This year, it will hold a **Housing Affordability workshop** on **2 October** to address challenges and priorities regarding housing affordability in the UNECE region. Participants from the Forum of Mayors are also invited to attend the workshop.

How to get to the United Nations of Geneva (Palais des Nations)

In Geneva, to board the tram, bus, Lemman Express train, or the ferry, you must purchase the **Unireso Transport Publics Genevois (TPG)** public transport tickets beforehand. Ticket machines are available at most bus stops. Bus passes and tickets can also be mainly purchased at the TPG centres (Gare Cornavin, Rive and Bachet de Pesay). Please note tickets are not available on the bus itself. However, when you stay in hotels in Geneva, they will typically offer you a Geneva Transport Card or Tourist pass, which allows free use of public transport in Geneva and nearby villages during your period of stay.

To reach the United Nations of Geneva, there are two main entrances and two different bus stops (**NOTE: You will need to get your digital badge accreditation at the PREGNY GATE.**)

1. To enter via the **Peace Gate** (near the Broken Chair), the bus/tram stop is **Nations**.
 - a. From Gare Cornavin train station, take Bus 5 direction Aeroport or Tram 15 direction Nations.
 - b. From Cointrin Airport, take Bus 5 Direction Thônex Vallard
2. To enter via the **Pregny Gate**, the bus stop is at **Avenue Appia**.
 - a. From Gare Cornavin train station, take Bus 20 direction Bellevue Valavran or Bus F direction Ferney.
 - b. From Cointrin Airport, take Bus 5 Direction Thônex Vallard



Inside the United Nations of Geneva (*Palais des Nations*)

Once you have your digital badge accredited and have entered the UN compound, you should proceed to Building E Conference Room XVII, where the main venue for the Forum of Mayors fourth meeting and sessions will be held (see map above). The conference meeting room XVII is located on the ground floor of the building. The 85th CUDHLM session will also take place in the Conference Room XVII.

Event Registration

In order to gain access to the Forum of Mayors fourth meeting and side events, all participants must register online via the UN platform Indico link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007260/>. Once registration is successful, participants will receive a confirmation of their registration application.

Entering the United Nations and Getting your digital badge accreditation

The Pregny Gate, at Avenue de la Paix 14, is the main entry point to go to the Forum of Mayors venue. The gate officially opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 7:00 PM daily. However, we highly recommend that you come earlier to avoid queueing and in case of issues related to your digital badge. Please prepare a valid ID or your passport as proof of identity. When you arrive at the Pregny Gate, **scan your digital badge QR Code on the scanning platform and go through the gate. Buildings E and H are to the left of the Pregny gate.**

NOTE: Please note that due to security restrictions, you may not enter the UN premises with big luggages or checked-in luggages. Handcarry or cabin luggages are allowed, however, these might need to undergo security check.

For any questions or issues you might have, please contact Ms. Aurea Fagel (phone: +412291776950, e-mail: aurea.fagel@un.org).

Staying Safe

International conferences and UN meetings in Geneva at present do not require a COVID certificate. Still, the following measures must be maintained:

- All meeting participants (even those who hold UNOG ground entry passes) must register to events via the Indico registration system, including providing a contact phone number.
- As of 9th January 2023, masks will no longer be mandatory on all UN Geneva premises.
- Participants are still encouraged to practice protective hygiene measures, such as regular hand-washing and social distancing.
- Anyone with COVID-like symptoms or who has tested positive for the virus should not enter UN premises.

Food Options

There are a range of food options at the *Palais des Nations*:

- The main cafeteria which serves hot meals for 15 – 20 CHF, a grill area, pizza, and salad.
- The Serpent Bar in Building E where you can purchase light meals, sandwiches and goodies and coffee/tea/drinks.
- The Grab and Go in Building H which offers microwavable meals, sandwiches, pies, snacks, and drinks.
- There are also vendor machines spread across the building which offers drinks & nibbles.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information/food-options>

Side Events Locations

Conference Room XVII (in front of)

Opening of Exhibition UN4Ukrainiancities: “Rebuilding Futures in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv”, organized by UNECE. 30 September 09:30 - 9:45

Mayor’s Lounge

The Mayor’s Lounge is a meeting point and sitting area located just in front of the Bar Serpentine, where participants can hold informal talks and discussion or for them to sit during breaks.

Bar Serpentine

Cocktail Reception (with Quiz on Cities) by the City of Geneva and Canton of Geneva and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations. 30 September 18:15

Conference Room XXIII

High-level Meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations organized by Global Cities Hub and UNECE. 01 October 13:15 - 14:45.

Building H, H-200

Urban Peace Dialogues: Cities of Memory by City Diplomacy Lab, Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations in Geneva, Mayors for Peace Europe and the Cities of Memory Network. 30 September 08:15 - 09:30.

Woman and Mayor: Empowering Urban Leadership for Sustainable Futures by UNECE and co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva. 30 September 13:15 - 14:45.

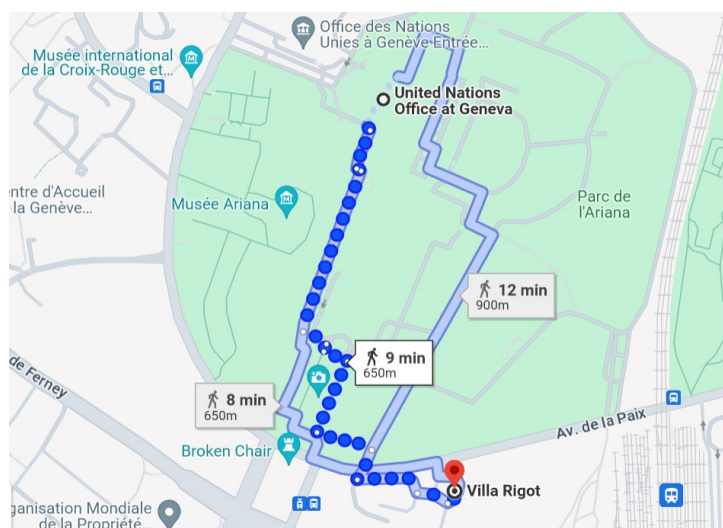
Breakfast Reception organized by IUCN with the presence of the IUCN Deputy Director General Mr. Stewart Maginnis, 01 October 08:00 - 08:30

Solutions to Triple Planetary Crisis in Cities by Global Cities Hub, IUCN, and UNECE. 01 October 08:30 - 09:45.

Villa Rigot, Avenue de la Paix 9

Localization of the SDGs & Voluntary Local Reviews by UNECE, Global Cities Hub and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland. 01 October 18:15 - 21:00.

NOTE: The Villa Rigot is just outside the Palais des Nations and is a short walk away.
(Please see map and photo below)



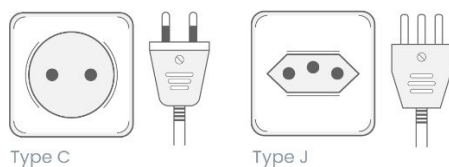
Additional information on Geneva

Weather and time zone

The weather in Geneva in early October is generally mild and reasonably dry and the average temperatures are between 6°C (42°F) and 15°C (59°F). The time zone in Geneva is (GMT+2).

Voltage

The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. The types of sockets used:



Type C

Type J