

Logistical Note

GEO Symposium & Open Data Open Knowledge Workshop 13-14 June & 15-16 June 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland

Meeting Venue

World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 7bis Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva. Room Obasi and others (for more detailed information on the rooms please visit the GEO Website).

Please bring your ID/Passport to enter the WMO building. The closest public transport stations to the WMO building are Genève-Sécheron (train) and Jardin Botanique (bus n°1, 11, 25 and 28 (→ Jardin Botanique), tram n°15 (→ Nations). Check <https://www.sbb.ch/en> (train) and/or <https://www.tpg.ch/fr> for timetables.

Badge pick-up

Located in the WMO lobby on the ground floor. Opens 08:00 am. Please make sure to have your passport to receive your personal badge for the duration of the event.

Accommodation

Hotels Nearby

Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own hotel booking as soon as possible. Below are names of hotels located in walking distance of the meeting venue:

Hotel Eden, Rue de Lausanne 135, www.eden.ch

Hotel Mon Repos, Rue de Lausanne 131, www.monreposhotelgeneva.com

Affordable alternatives

B&B Hotel Geneva Airport www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/geneva-airport

Ibis Genève Aéroport <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3535/index.fr.shtml>

There are many other hotel options in Geneva, and the rates tend to go higher during high-level meetings in the city. In that case, it is advised to look for hotels outside of Geneva, in the neighboring areas (Nyon, Annemasse, or Ferney-Voltaire). It is very easy to travel by bus and tram from most hotels to the meeting venue within 10-25 minutes.

Hotels at United Nation's rates (please refer to the [list](#))

Transport within Geneva

All hotels issue a free (electronic) bus pass to registered hotel guests. You will receive the bus pass at the time of check-in to your hotel or sometimes even before you check-in. With the pass, you can avail free transport on any bus, train, and boat on any line within Geneva. Connections are frequent and very efficient.

Meals

Coffee breaks will be provided by the meeting organizers. Lunch is not provided but the WMO cafeteria serves hot meals ranging from 10 to 15 CHF. Sandwiches and other snacks also available for a slightly lower price.

Entry to Switzerland/ Visa

Please consult and complete the travel checklist for entry into Switzerland which will advise on what requirements are needed with regard to visa and health requirements prior to entry into Switzerland. The checklist is available at: <https://travelcheck.admin.ch/home>. For visa requirements, Swiss Embassies and Consulates representations, and visa application form, please visit Switzerland's Online Visa System accessible at the following web link <https://www.swiss-visa.ch/ivis2/#/i210-select-country>. Additional information on entry requirements, including frequently asked questions, is also available on Switzerland's State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) website at: <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise.html>. A copy of your invitation letter may be attached to visa requests in order to facilitate issuance.

Medical insurance

Invited participants are responsible for their own travel-medical insurance coverage for the entire period of their travel and participation. Medical coverage will not be provided by the GEO Secretariat.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email: secretariat@geosec.org, or by telephone: +41 22 730 8505.