

Information for Participants

57th Session of the IPCC

**Geneva, Switzerland
27 - 30 September 2022**

I. INTRODUCTION

The fifty-seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will take place at the [International Conference Center Geneva \(CICG\)](#), in the city of Geneva, Switzerland from 27 to 30 September 2022. The registration of participants to this meeting will open at CICG on 26th September 2022 from 14:00 – 18:00, on 27 September 2022 from 8:00 –18:00 and 9:00 – 16:00 from 28 to 30 August 2022.

Geneva is the capital of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. Host to 36 international organizations, over 300 non-governmental organizations, as well as many multinational companies, Geneva is a perfect example of an international and multi-cultural city. It is ideally located on the banks of Lake Geneva and at the foot of the Alps and the Jura Mountains.

Geneva's most famous monument, Jet d'Eau, is the world's tallest water fountain and provides a constant landmark for exploring the city. Geneva's ancient Old Town offers a living glimpse of the past while Geneva's more than thirty museums and art galleries capture the rich and vibrant history of the city including the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum and the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMCO).



*Please pre-register each designated participant no later than **Monday, 19 September 2022**, at the following website: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/register>, using the unique credentials sent to all Focal Points in advance of the session. Please upload a photo for each registered participant in the format specified.*

II. VISITORS TO GENEVA

1. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TRAIN STATION

Participants are recommended to arrive either at the [Genève Cointrin Airport](#) (GVA), where the major airlines operate daily flights as destination, or to the Geneva Cornavin train station.

2. TIME ZONE

Geneva is in Central European Summer Time (CEST) during the summer half of the year (from 27 March to 30 October in 2022). CEST is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

3. VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND

Where and how to apply for a visa: Switzerland applies Schengen regulations for the issuance of visas. This means that all participants requiring a visa to enter Switzerland should apply for their visa directly to the Embassy or Consulate-General of Switzerland in their country. In cases where no Swiss Embassy or Consulate is available, participants should apply to the country designated by Switzerland to handle visa applications.

Additional information in several languages regarding the implementation of the VIS system, registration of biometric data and the rollout timetable for Swiss embassies/consulates implementing the VIS system is available through the following link: <https://www.swiss-visa.ch/ivis2/#/i210-select-country>

When to apply: Time needed to obtain a visa may vary from case to case. It is strongly recommended that delegates inform themselves on the relevant appointment system and procedures as early as 6 months but at the latest 20 days before the planned arrival date, to ensure that the visa may be issued in a timely manner. Delegates can find this information on relevant national government websites, or they can consult directly with the Swiss Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country of residence.

Special circumstances: In cases where a delegate encounters some difficulties in obtaining his/her visa, a request must be sent by the delegate to the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization who will in turn submit it to Switzerland.

Such requests must contain all the necessary details: copy of the delegate's passport including pages with visa stamps and copy of the invitation letter. Requests should be received by the Secretary-General as far in advance of Congress as possible.

Additional information: Additional information regarding entry visas for people travelling to Switzerland within the international Geneva context may be found through the following links:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/missions/mission-onu-geneve/en/home/manual-regime-privileges-and-immunities/introduction/manual-visas/schengen-visas-entry-exit-travel.html>

Please use the interactive Travelcheck tool to check what entry requirements apply in your individual situation. Travelcheck takes account of the entry requirements set by both the Federal Office of Public Health and the State Secretariat for Migration.

4. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND COVID-RELATED ISSUES

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements are provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following websites:

- <https://www.who.int/travel-advice>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Neither the IPCC, nor Switzerland could be held responsible for (need to put text from invitation letter). Participants should make their own arrangements for health insurance and any other necessary insurance. We would advise you to obtain a health insurance that covers consequences of a COVID-19 infection.

In Switzerland, there are currently no national measures in place. Masks are not compulsory, including public transport. There is also no Covid certificates so you can move freely without conditions. Any update on the COVID specific information will be published on the Swiss Mission's website:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/missions/mission-onu-geneve/en/home/news/Coronavirus-COVID-19.html>

CovId specific information for the 57th Session will be provided to the delegates before the Session, based on the evaluation of the situation during the time.

5. WEATHER

MétéoSuisse provides regular weather updates through its mobile phone applications and through its website at the following addresses:

<https://www.meteosuisse.admin.ch/home.html?tab=overview>

6. CURRENCY

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF, SFr.). The Euro is also accepted at most businesses but expect to pay a premium rate. Check www.xe.com for the most up-to-date exchange rates. Most transactions in the city are conducted in cash and credit cards. ATMs are widely available throughout the city.

7. ELECTRICITY

Power systems are generally 230 volts and 50 Hz. An adaptor may be necessary.

Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters to plug into Swiss power sockets. Information on the appropriate plugs may be found on the Internet (for example, at:

<https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/j/>).



8. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants must make their own hotel arrangements. 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 CICG.

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

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

9. TRANSPORTATION

Participants will be responsible for coordinating their own transportation to and from the airport or train station.

Travel from airport by taxi:

Time: 10-15 minutes | Cost approximately 30-35 Swiss francs

Travel from airport by bus:

Bus 5 (direction "Thonex-Vallard", stop at Vermont)

Travel from train station (Cornavin):

Bus 5, 20, F; Tram 15: Please consult the [TPG](#) site for exact times.

Hotels in Geneva provide guests, upon request, with a free Geneva Transport Card. This personal, non-transferable pass gives the holder full access to Geneva's public transport network for the duration of their stay.

A map of the bus and tram network can be obtained free of charge from the UNIRESO Information Centre at Cornavin Station and from the following website: <http://www.tpg.ch>. Please note that this website is only in French.

10. *INTERNET SERVICES*

Wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) will be available in the main conference room and at CICG. The access is free and access details will be provided to delegates who are attending the Session.

11. *WORKING LANGUAGES*

During the session, simultaneous interpretation in the six UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided in the main conference room.
