



**Seventy-fourth plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians
24 (p.m.) - 26 June 2026, Geneva**

INFORMATION NOTE

2 April 2026

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The meeting is open to representatives of all Member States of the United Nations. Specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.5, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization. Representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations may be able to participate subject to available capacity.

II. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held in room Tempus, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, starting at 14.30 on 24 June and finishing on 26 June. The timetable will be available in a separate file on the meeting webpage.

III. INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Simultaneous interpretation during the meeting will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the UNECE (English, French and Russian). The documents for the meeting will be available at the following website: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/CES2026>.

Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms in the Palais des Nations.

IV. VISAS

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa¹. Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit. If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide an invitation letter to facilitate visa procedures. Such letters can be requested by contacting the secretariat.

V. REGISTRATION AND ENTERING THE UN BUILDING

Participants are kindly requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/e/CES2026> by 20 May 2026.



¹ Information on visa requirements according to the traveler's nationality can be found on the website of the Swiss government: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>.

As the United Nations Security and Safety Service is moving to a more efficient and greener digital badging solution, **all registered and accredited conference participants will receive a digital badge by email (please check also the junk/spam folders).**

This digital badge will have your photo, name and last name, your organization, the name and date of the meeting and a QR code. **Please download the digital badge to your mobile phone or any other mobile device, for a faster entry to the Palais des Nations.** More details on how the digital badge will work can be found in this video: [Pavilion Prégny \(English\) - YouTube](#). Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device can print their confirmation and bring it to the badging desk at the Prégny Pavilion in order to have a paper badge issued and printed.

You may activate your digital badge at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Service at the **newly-renovated Prégny Pavilion:**

Address: Visitors' Entrance / Prégny Gate at Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva

Public transportation: Buses: 8, 20, 22, 51, 60 (the closest bus stop is Appia)

Working hours: from 08:00 to 16:45 on weekdays

Location: The Prégny Gate is located opposite the Red Cross (CICR) building on Avenue de la Paix, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations Gate and Peace Gate (on Place des Nations)

Doors B and C are dedicated to Conference Participants, Guided Tours and Visitors.



Please bring your photo ID (e.g., passport, or national identity card for EU citizens) to present it at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services together with your digital badge on the first day of the meeting. Your entry badge will last for the duration of the meeting for which you have registered.

It is advisable to arrive at the Prégny Gate 1 hour before the meeting to activate your badge and make your way to the meeting room. There might be a long queue at the gate due to other meetings starting on the same day. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, you may need 10-15 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

After activating your badge and during its period of validity, you may access Palais des Nations either through the Prégny Gate or the Peace Gate entrance. If you arrive in Geneva earlier, you may wish to activate your digital badge at the Prégny Gate one day before the start of the meeting. **Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations as such luggage is not permitted in the building.** You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g., computer bags, rucksacks and handbags.

Once you have entered through the Pregny Gate entrance, **to get to room TEMPUS**, turn to your right and continue walking for 7-10 minutes until you reach Building Tempus. The meeting room is on the same level with the entrance (map below).

VI. ACCOMMODATION

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

It is advisable to book your hotel well in advance as available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva at the same time. A list of hotels and other useful information about Geneva are available on the following website: <https://www.geneve.com/en/>.

The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental.
- There are several 3- and 4-star hotels near Servette/Grand Pre and Cornavin train station. These hotels are located about 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations.

VII. DINING

Meeting participants may choose to have lunch at the UN cafeteria located on the ground floor of the A building. It is open from 11:30 to 14:30 Monday to Friday. There are many dining options available nearby and in the city centre for evening meals.

VIII. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See <https://www.tpg.ch/fr> to plan your route. **Some hotels in Geneva offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at your hotel.** No tickets are sold on buses and trams.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA

Currency. The Swiss currency is the Swiss franc (CHF). All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants. Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre and at the UBS bank branch near the Palais des Nations, located at Camille-Vidart 17b, 1202 Genève. It is open from 09:00 to 17:30 from Monday to Friday.

Time zone. Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone.

Electricity. The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Switzerland uses 'type J' 3-pin electrical plugs and sockets. European 'type C' 2-pin plugs such as that shown below will fit these sockets, but all other equipment, including European 'type F' plugs, will require a socket adaptor.

**Type C: This will fit****Type F: This will NOT fit**

Water. We ask you to consider reducing your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. [Geneva tap water](#) consistently rates among the highest-quality tap water in the world.

Useful telephone numbers:

- General emergency calls: 112
- Police: 117
- Ambulance: 144
- Fire Department: 118

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Additional details will be communicated to all registered meeting participants by e-mail.

For any questions, please contact:

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ACCESS DOORS TO THE BUILDINGS

OPEN ACCESS 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
C6 | A15 | A17 | E40

Open access 08:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **S1**

Open access for guided tours: **E39**

DOORS UNDER PERMANENT ACCESS CONTROL AUTHORIZED BADGES ONLY:

- Door **S2**
- Door **C21**
- Door **D9**
- Door **A13**
- Door **A18**
- Door **B20**
- Door **H60**

SMOKING SHELTERS

Accessibility at the Palais des Nations premises is more limited than usual due to the ongoing renovation works.

For accessible routes throughout the premises, please visit our updated [website](#).

ACCESSIBLE DOORS

Open access 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Doors **C6 | A15 | E40 | H60**

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

- MAIN ENTRANCE** | Ground floor, 1st floor
- Door **A15** | Ground floor near the Cafeteria
- Door **A13** | 2nd, 3rd and 5th floors
- Door **C6** | Ground floor, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors
- Door **E40** | 1st, 3rd and 6th floors
- Door **A17** | 3rd floor
- Door **B20** | Ground floor
- Door **H60** | All floors
- TEMPUS** | Ground floor

SERVICES CURRENT OPENING TIMES OF THESE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

	FLOOR	DOOR
1 SAFI SHOP / POST OFFICE	-1	S1
2 MEDICAL SERVICE	1	S1
3 PRESS BAR	0	C6
4 SALON SUISSE	3	C6
5 CAFETERIA	0	A13 15
6 DELEGATES RESTAURANT	8	A13 15
7 GUIDED TOURS www.unhcr.org UN STAMPS	2	E39

	FLOOR	DOOR
8 BOOKSHOP/SOUVENIRS	2	E40
9 SERPENT BAR PASTA CORNER	1	E40
10 UBS BANK / UNFCU BANK	2	E40
11 BAR PALETTE	-6	E40
12 GRAB 'N' GO	2	H60
13 CLIENT SUPPORT CENTRE	1	H60

CONFERENCE ROOMS

BUILDING	FLOOR	DOOR
BUILDING A		
ROOMS III, V	1	C6
ROOMS VI, VII, VIII, IX	3	A13
ROOMS X, XI, XII	3	A15
ROOM XIV	1	A18
ROOM XV	2	A11
ROOM XVI	5	A13 15
CONCORDIA 1-5	2	A13 15
ASSEMBLY HALL	3	A13 15
BUILDING B		
LIBRARY	1	B20
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		
UNITED NATIONS MUSEUM AT GENEVA	1	B20
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.		
ARCHIVES READING ROOM	3	B20
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		

BUILDING	FLOOR	DOOR
BUILDING C		
ROOMS I, II	1	C6
ROOM IV	3	C6
COUNCIL CHAMBER	1	C6
BUILDING E		
ROOMS XVII, XVIII	1	E40
ROOMS XIX, XX	3	E40
ROOMS XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII	1	E40
BUILDING S		
LIBRARY	0	S2
ROOMS S1	0	S2
ROOMS S2, S3, S4	3	S2
ROOM S5	4	S2
TEMPUS		
FLOOR		
1, 2, 3		0