

**ad hoc Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group (IASC WG) Meeting  
World Health Organization (WHO),  
18 July 2013, Salle C (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**On 18 July 2013, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group (IASC WG) will meet in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and will take place at WHO Headquarters in Salle C, 3rd Floor. The meeting will begin at 09h00 on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and will end at 17h30.**

**How to reach the World Health Organization, Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland:**

The World Health Organization (WHO/OMS) headquarters is situated on the outskirts of Geneva at the end of Avenue Appia, approximately three kilometers from the centre of town, and about one and a half kilometers from the Palais des Nations (UN). The exact address is:

World Health Organization (WHO)  
20 Avenue Appia  
1211 Geneva 27  
Tel: Main WHO line +41 22 791 11 11

**WHO Entry Security requirements**

**All participants are kindly requested to bring a photo ID to receive their security passes upon arrival at WHO HQ except those working with United Nations Organizations or WHO have access passes.**

**PARTICIPATION CONFIRMATION:**

Please confirm your participation at this ad hoc IASC-WG meeting by providing information of your name, title and the agency you are representing to: **IASC Correspondence [iasccorrespondence@un.org](mailto:iasccorrespondence@un.org)** and copy **Mirlinda Pasoma of the IASC Secretariat, [pasoma@un.org](mailto:pasoma@un.org) by Friday 28 June 2013.**

**Geneva public transport:**

**Free public transport from the Cointrin airport (Geneva Airport)**

From 1 January 2008 the airport has been offering free public transport tickets to incoming passengers. A new machine has been installed in the baggage hall, next to one of the green customs channels, that will dispense the tickets. It looks just like the ticket machines found at bus stops but the tickets are free and there's nowhere to put any money in!

The tickets will be valid for 80 minutes and for anywhere in the Geneva "metropolitan" area, covering trains, buses, trams and boats. The only requirement is possession of proof of incoming air travel (e.g. boarding pass, airline ticket).

## Geneva transport Card

As of January 1st, 2007, all visitors staying at a hotel, youth hostel or camping in Geneva can benefit from the Geneva Transport card, with no additional cost.

This personal and non-transferable pass is established upon the visitor's check-in in the hotel, youth hostel or camping of his (her) choice, enabling its holder to use of the entire public transportation network without restriction (bus, train and boat), with validity for the entire duration of his (her) stay including the departure day.



## Getting to WHO by Taxi

Most Geneva taxi drivers know the headquarters building as "OMS" (on Avenue Appia). There are taxi stands located at almost all main squares in Geneva. The receptionist at the WHO main reception desk can request taxis or a taxi can be called by telephone by dialing the following numbers: 022 320 20 20, 022 320 22 02 and 022 33 141 33.

By taxi, it takes about ten minutes to get to WHO from the airport (25-30 CHF) or from the railway station (20 CHF). A taxi to the centre of town costs 35-50 CHF, depending on the route and precise location.

## Public Transportation

### From the airport:

To travel from the airport to WHO, you may take the number 28 bus, which will take you right to WHO headquarter in approximately 15-20 minutes. Your bus stop for WHO is called Vie-de-Champs. The bus runs approximately every 30 minutes from the airport to WHO during the daytime.

The town centre can be reached within about 25 minutes from the airport with the number 10 bus. Both bus routes operate regularly on the weekends as well. Since bus schedules are subject to change, see the schedules posted at the bus stop or [www.tpg.ch](http://www.tpg.ch) for current schedules and times.

### From the train station Cornavin:

From Monday to Friday, WHO can be reached by bus number 8- with the destination board on the bus indicating **OMS**. The number 8 bus stops directly in front of the main entrance of WHO. To take the bus 8 to OMS while at the main train station (Gare - pronounced gaa) please go in front of the shopping mall called L. You may also take the buse **number F** from Cornavin and disembark at the bus stop **Vie-de-**

**Champs.** These numbers are also operating at the weekends. Then, walk 5 minutes to the main entrance of WHO.

The relevant bus timetables are displayed on the board next to the WHO reception desk as well as at all bus stops. Different arrival times are listed for weekdays, weekends and special holidays. The current timetables may be found on the internet at the Transports Publics Genevois (TPG) Web Site at [www.tpg.ch](http://www.tpg.ch).

Tickets must be purchased before entering buses. Individual tickets are available from vending machines at the bus stops. The normal fare for one adult ticket is SFrs 3.50. Please note that the vending machines do not give change. Cards for multiple trips at a reduced price can be purchased from newsagents in town bearing the "TPG" sign. Monthly passes for persons residing in Switzerland can also be purchased at the Geneva bus office (Cornavin or in Cours de Rive). There are special youth fares for persons below the age of 25 years. Be sure to take advantage of this!

## Parking at WHO

Parking space at WHO is very limited and visitors are encouraged to use public transportation. The general traffic regulations and rules for parking in the WHO grounds or their immediate vicinity are the same as those in force throughout Switzerland. Motorists are requested to follow the instructions of the guards as well as the various traffic signs.

## Visiting France

Participants who wish to visit France should obtain a French visa before they leave their home country, as visas are not available upon arrival.

## Health

Geneva Cantonal Hospital	<a href="http://www.hug-ge.ch">http://www.hug-ge.ch</a>	Tel: 022 372 33 11
La Tour Hospital	<a href="http://www.latour.ch">http://www.latour.ch</a>	Tel: 022 719 60 00
SOS medecins	<a href="http://www.sos-medecins.ch">http://www.sos-medecins.ch</a>	Tel: 022 748 49 50
Geneva medecins	<a href="http://www.geneve-medecins.ch">http://www.geneve-medecins.ch</a>	Tel: 022 754 54 54
Geneva Pharmacies	<a href="http://www.pharmacies-geneve.ch">http://www.pharmacies-geneve.ch</a>	Tel: 022 781 76 36

## Emergency phones:

## Taxi phones:

Ambulance	144		022 320 20 20
Police	117		022 331 41 33
Fire	118		022 906 79 79
Road help	140		
Enquiries	1811		
		112	European emergency number

## ACCOMODATION:

**Participants are requested to make their own arrangements. A list of hotels is included with this logistics note.**

## Restaurants

Resto-rang	<a href="http://www.resto-rang.ch">http://www.resto-rang.ch</a>	Excellent, interactive guide with almost all restaurants in Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich, Basel and Bern
Resto.ch	<a href="http://www.resto.ch">http://www.resto.ch</a>	The Swiss restaurants directory

## Entertainment - Events

Loisirs.ch	<a href="http://www.loisirs.ch">http://www.loisirs.ch</a>	Ideas and holiday plans in Geneva area
Shows tickets	<a href="http://www.opus1.ch">http://www.opus1.ch</a>	Concert tickets, shows etc.
Sortir à Genève	<a href="http://www.sortir-a-geneve.ch">http://www.sortir-a-geneve.ch</a>	Bars, restaurants, cinemas, etc.
I love Geneva	<a href="http://www.ilovegeneva.ch">http://www.ilovegeneva.ch</a>	Search engine about going out, moving, living in Geneva...
Agenda de Genève	<a href="http://www.agendadegeneve.ch/">http://www.agendadegeneve.ch/</a>	Geneva events diary
Ski info	<a href="http://www.skiinfo.com">http://www.skiinfo.com</a>	All about skiing in the area...

## Further Information/Assistance

**For further information regarding the administrative arrangements for the IASC WG meeting in Geneva, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Emergency Risk Management & Humanitarian Response (ERM) at World Health Organization, [sharonc@who.int](mailto:sharonc@who.int) +41 22 791 2948.**

**Smoking is not allowed inside or outside of the WHO Building**

**WISHING YOU A FRUITFUL MEETING**