

Information for Participants

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity,
Equity and Inclusivity.**

**Geneva, Switzerland
23 – 25 September 2025
Venue: WMO Headquarters**

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Expert Meeting on Gender, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will take place at the Headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva, Switzerland from 23 to 25 September 2025.

The registration for participants attending the Expert Meeting will open at WMO Headquarters on 23rd September 2025 from 08:00. Kindly carry your identification cards to collect your meeting badges at the Main Reception desk to enable entry into the WMO building.

Participants who will be joining the Expert Meeting remotely will be able to do so through Zoom. The meeting link and detailed joining instructions will be shared with the online participants closer to the meeting date.

Additional information about the Expert Meeting will be uploaded to the [meeting webpage](#) closer to the meeting date.

II. VISITORS TO GENEVA:

Geneva is the capital of the 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, the 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).

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 30 March to 26 October in 2025). CEST is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

3. VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO SWITZERLAND

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](#).

When to apply: Time needed to obtain a visa may vary from case to case. It is strongly recommended that participants 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. Meeting participants 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.

Additional information regarding entry visas for people travelling to Switzerland within the international Geneva context may be found through the following [link](#).

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:

- WHO [Travel Advice](#)
- WHO [Covid Information](#)

Neither the IPCC, nor Switzerland could be held responsible for participants should make their own arrangements for health insurance and any other necessary insurance.

5. WEATHER

During late September, Geneva usually experiences a shift towards cooler conditions as autumn begins. Daytime highs usually reach 21°C, while nighttime temperatures can drop to around 9°C, therefore it's advised to bring extra layers for warmth.

Periods of sunshine still occur, but cloud cover and rain become more common, with an average of 6 to 10 rainy days of rain during the month. However, weather can be unpredictable, so checking the latest updates from MétéoSuisse ([website](#) or [application](#)) before traveling is also recommended.

6. CURRENCY

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The Euro is also accepted at most businesses but expect to pay a premium rate. Refer to the money exchange [website](#) for the most up- to-date exchange rates. Most transactions in the city are conducted using 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 [here](#).



8. HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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 the WMO Headquarters

1) [Stay Kooook](#)

Rue de la Servette 93, 1202 Genève, 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 30-40 Swiss francs.

Travel from airport by bus:

Bus 5 and Bus 10 frequent between the airport and downtown, including the main Cornavin train station, with a journey time of about 15–20 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at airport bus stops and through the SBB [mobile application](#).

Travel from train station (Cornavin):

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

Most 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 [TGP website](#) or [mobile application](#).

III. INTERNET SERVICES:

Wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) will be available at the WMO Headquarters. The access is free, and access details will be provided to participants who are attending the meeting.

IV. WORKING LANGUAGES:

This expert meeting will be conducted in English and there will be no interpretation services available throughout the meeting.

V. CONTACT:

For enquiries related to preparations for the Expert Meeting, please contact the IPCC Secretariat: ipcc-sec@wmo.int