



**2013 Conferences of the Parties to the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Geneva, Switzerland, 28 April – 10 May 2013**



***Information for
high-level segment
participants***



BASEL CONVENTION



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION



STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

High-level segment

The high-level segment of meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, 9 May 2013 and the morning of Friday, 10 May 2013. Further information on the high-level segment can be found in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.2/INF/3

<http://synergies.pops.int/?tabid=2915>.

Venue of the meetings

The meetings of the conferences of the parties will be held at the following venue:

Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG)

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Visa

It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for the required visa. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival.

Please note that Switzerland joined the Schengen area on 12 December 2008 and a Schengen visa is therefore required to enter the country. Swiss visa desks can only accept applications from persons whose main destination is Switzerland. The time needed for a Schengen visa request to be processed may vary and it is therefore strongly recommended that applications be made a minimum of three weeks prior to travel. Further information is available on the website of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland at the following link:

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rebs.html>.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that delegates take out international medical, accident and travel insurance. It is the responsibility of participants to make their own arrangements for insurance. The Secretariat is not liable for any loss or damage whatsoever that may be incurred by participants, during their travel time to and from the meetings or during the period of participation at the meetings.

Accommodation

It is the responsibility of participants to make their own arrangements for accommodation. The Secretariat encourages all parties to make such arrangements at the earliest possible opportunity.

An updated list of hotels offering preferential rates to the United Nations will be made available on the meetings website: <http://synergies.pops.int/?tabid=3129>.

Access to conference premises

Please note that access to the conference area is restricted to registered participants of the COP. In order to comply with the UN security requirements, participants are expected to wear their badges visibly at all time and in all areas. If you lose your badge, please report it to the registration counter immediately. <http://www.cicg.ch/en/> (attached: CICG floor plan)

Participants' registration and reception of Ministers
Ministers will be received at the CICG entrance, and will enter the venue through a fast VIP line. Conference service assistants will guide them to the plenary hall. Upon registration, color-coded identity badges, without a photo, will be provided for ministerial level participants. Representatives from permanent missions in Geneva will be able to pick up badges for registered Ministers in advance of the meeting.

Ministerial Lounge (CICG)

A VIP lounge will be available for ministerial use on the ground floor.

Lost and found property

All inquiries concerning lost and found items can be addressed at the CICG reception desks.

Emergency contacts

You can call the following emergency numbers from a public telephone (payphone) or from your mobile phone.

International emergency number 112

Switzerland police 117

Fire emergencies 118

Medical emergency 144 for an ambulance

Electricity

Voltage: 230 volts

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plugs/sockets: C (CEE 7/16) and J

Internet café

An "Internet Café", open all day, is available for all participants at the lower level of the CIGG building. These PCs are equipped with USB ports, as well as the standard office applications and tools, and have a shared printer. All PCs have permanent Internet access.

Local transportation and security

Once in Geneva, reaching the conference centre is simple. The Geneva international airport is about 5 kilometres from the conference centre, a journey of approximately 10 minutes by taxi. The main railway station, located in Cornavin, is about 2 kilometres from the conference centre and the two are linked by tramway, bus and by taxi.

Public transport in Geneva is fast, frequent, safe and clean. Bus number 10 links the airport with downtown Geneva, with connections approximately every eight minutes, and train services are also available. The Unireso ticket, offered by the Geneva airport authority, allows the free use of public transport in the city for a period of 80 minutes. Unireso tickets can be obtained from the machine in the baggage collection area on the arrivals level of the airport www.tpg.ch.

The conference centre can be reached from the main railway station by taking bus number 5, alight at either the Vermont stop or the Varembe stop, bus number 8, alight at the International Telecommunications Union stop, or tram number 13 or 15 in the direction of Nations, alight at Sismondi.

Taxis are easily available and safe, but comparatively expensive. If you need a taxi, call 022 320 22 02 or 022 331 41 33.

Although Geneva is a comparatively safe place and violent crime is rare, the incidence of pick pocketing and theft has increased over the last few years. Participants are advised to pay particular attention at the airport, around the Cornavin railway station and in the Paquis district of the city, and to not leave their luggage unattended at any time.

Currency

The official currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). Average exchange rates:
1 United States dollar ≈ 0.93 CHF;
1 euro ≈ 1.22 CHF.

Banking

An office of the Union des Banques Suisses (UBS) is situated across the street from the CIGG, at 17 chemin Louis-Dunant. Opening hours: 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday. Exit the CIGG through the main door, take left,

cross the road „chemin Louis-Dunant“ and you are in front of the bank.

Postal service

The Post Office is located on the ground floor of the CIGG building at 17, rue de Varembe. Opening hours: 8 am to noon and 2 pm to 6 pm (Monday to Friday). Exit the CIGG through the main door and turn right.

Restaurants

The CIGG bar and restaurant are located on the ground and first-floor levels. Other cafes, restaurants and shops are within walking distance of the CIGG. More information is available on the meetings website: <http://synergies.pops.int/?tabid=2914>.

Other useful information

Geneva International Airport:

<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx>.

Information to travel free on public transport during your stay in Geneva:

<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67>.

Map of Geneva with search function:

<http://www.ville-geneve.ch/plan-ville>.

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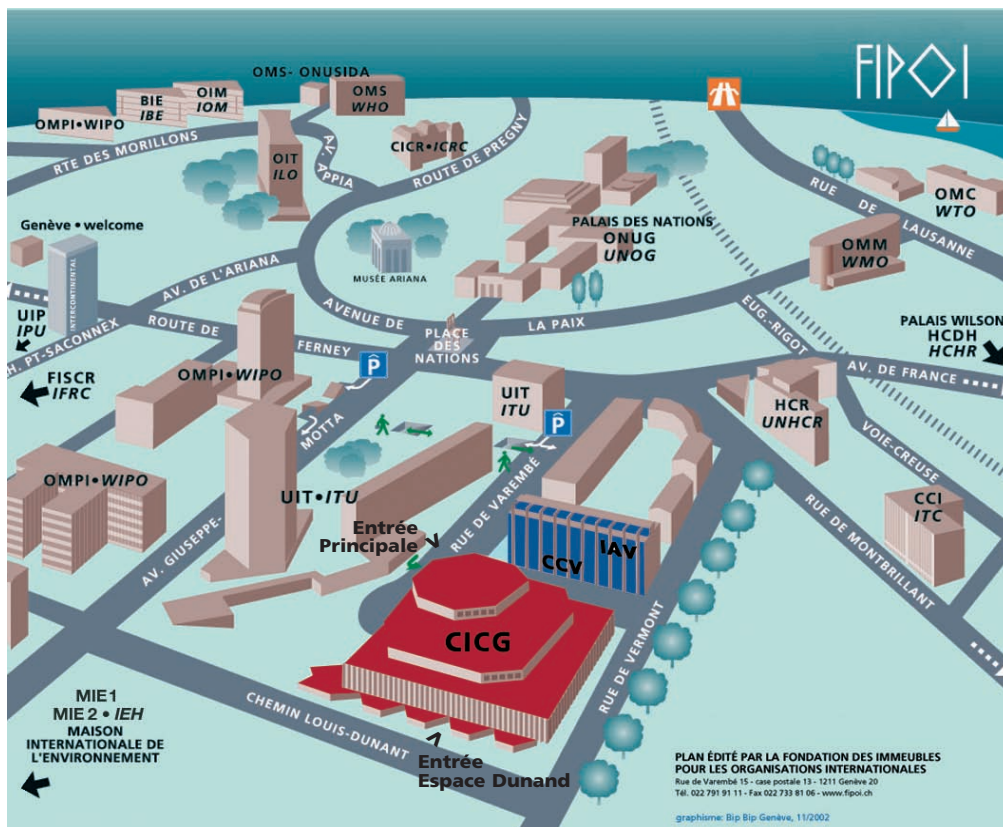
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