Venue and Meeting Information for TWS-8 Participants

Venue

The workshop will be held in the MIE 2 building, a new annex across from the International Environment House:

MIE 2 (Annex)  
International Environment House  
Chemin de Balexert 7-9  
CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland

Directions to the House can be found at: <www.environmenthouse.ch/howtogetto.htm>.

Participants will be responsible for their own transport to and from the airport/hotels and to and from the workshop.

Transport

Taxi Information

The cost of a taxi from the Geneva Airport (Cointrin) to the city centre is approximately CHF 25-30.

Bus Information

You must obtain a bus ticket before getting on the bus. The bus drivers are not able to issue tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket machines located at every stop. Ticket machines do not return change, so it is advisable to obtain exact change. Ticket machines do, however, accept euros. A single normal fare ticket for travel of one hour within 2 zones costs CHF 2.60. If you are planning on taking the bus repeatedly during the day, it may be advisable to purchase a day pass good for one day for CHF 8.--. Please also note that there are Cart@bonus for e.g. CHF 20.-- that allow to purchase bus tickets from the ticket vending machines without having to use change. These are on sale at selected TPG outlets, e.g. at the newspaper stands NAVILLE.

Directions

From Geneva Airport (Cointrin) to Central Train Station (Cornavin): (2 zones)  
Take bus 10 (direction Onex-Cité) from stop Aéroport  
Get off at stop 22-Cantons  
Travel time: approximately 20 minutes
From Central Train Station To International Environment House: (2 zones)
Take bus 6 (direction Vernier) or bus 19 (direction Vernier-Village) from stop Cornavin
Get off bus at stop Châtelaine-Ecole
Travel time: approximately 12 minutes

From International Environment House to Central Train Station: (2 zones)
Take bus 6 (direction Pré-Naville) or bus 19 (direction Bernex-Saule) from stop
Châtelaine-Ecole
If on bus 6: Get off bus at stop Chantepoulet
If on bus 19: Get off bus at stop 22-Cantons
Travel time: approximately bus 12 minutes

From Central Train Station to Geneva Airport (Cointrin): (2 zones)
Take bus 10 (direction Aéroport) from stop Cornavin
Get off at stop Aéroport
Travel time: approximately 18 minutes

Please also see the following websites:
www.tpg.ch (Transports publics genevois - Geneva public transport)
www.geneva.ch/map/ (for a map of Geneva)
www.gva.ch (for the website of Geneva Airport)
www.environmenthouse.ch/
www.unitar.org (UNITAR website)

Weather/Climate
End March/beginning of April is spring time in Geneva with fluctuating temperatures from 5-15 degrees centigrade. Coats are required and also rain gear.

For information on the weather in Switzerland you may consult: <www.meteo.ch>

Foreign Exchange
In order to change foreign currency into Swiss Francs or the other way round please note

UBS SA
Airport Branch Office (at arrival level)
TEL 022 306 14 88
Opening hours: Every day: 0800 to 2000

UBS SA
Cornavin Branch Office (Corner Place Cornavin/rue du Mont Blanc)
TEL 022 375 75 75
Opening hours: MON-FRI 0830 - 1630

MMM Bureau de Change Balexert
Open MO-WE 0900-1900 THU 0900-2000, FRI 0900-1900
TEL 022 979 35 65 (no commission for change operations)