

**Thematic Workshop on Synergies for Capacity Building under International Agreements
Addressing Chemicals and Waste Management**
30 March – 2 April 2004
Geneva, Switzerland

Venue and Meeting Information for TWS-8 Participants

TWS 8-2

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 *Châteline-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

Châteline-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 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 Balaxert

Open MO-WE 0900-1900 THU 0900-2000, FRI 0900-1900

TEL 022 979 35 65 (no commission for change operations)