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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Fifth Session

"Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions"

13-14 October 2025

Tempus building, Palais des Nations, Geneva

(in-person only, Webcast on UN TV)

Illustration by **Katia De Conti** in collaboration with AwareNearth, https://www.awarenearth.org/

ARRIVING IN GENEVA

Geneva International Airport is sometimes also called Cointrin. The main train station in Geneva is called Cornavin.

Many hotels provide a Geneva Transport Card, which allows the use of public transport in Geneva free of charge during the period of stay.

If you do not have one, public transport tickets can be purchased from ticket machines at most stops or online through the TPG app. These must be purchased prior to boarding a tram, bus, or ferry. A route planner for public transport is available at https://www.tpg.ch/. Travel cards or passes can be purchased at the main TPG centres (Rive, Cornavin, Lancy-Pont-Rouge and Bachet de Pesay).

Taxis are also available directly outside the airport and station, including Uber.

REACHING THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

The nearest bus stop is “Appia” (Pregny Gate), connected by bus lines 5, 8, 20, 22, 60 and 61

Access from Cornavin railway station is by Bus 5 and 60. Bus 5 also connects to the airport.

Another nearby stop is “Nations” (Peace Gate), but there may be disruptions there due to ongoing engineering works.

THE MEETING VENUE

The Committee session will be held in the **Conference room Tempus** – circled in green on the left, see map below and attached.

Access to the meeting venue will only be granted to **registered participants** upon presentation of **a valid ID or passport and a digital badge**.

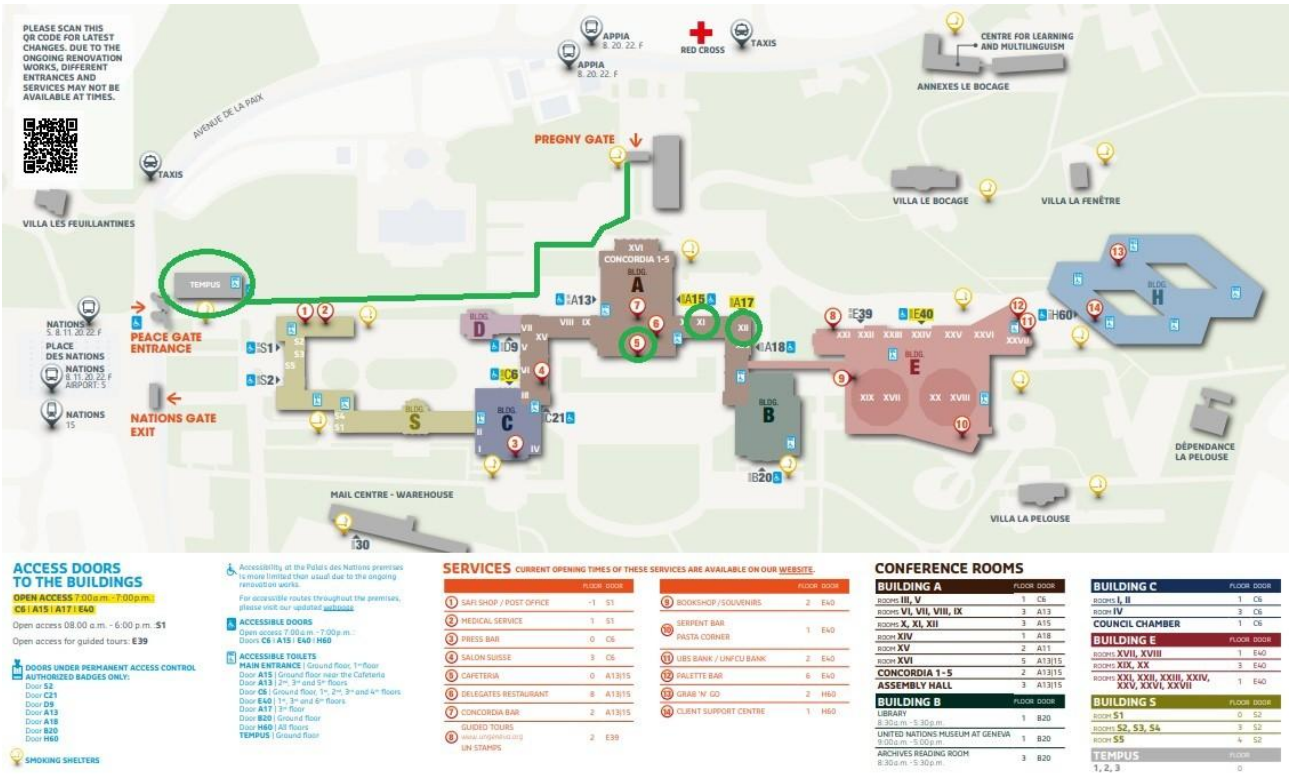
Your digital badge and registration confirmation should be sent via email, following registration for the meeting on Indico. If you have not received the email, please check your spam folder. If your registration has been confirmed, you may also log in to the INDICO registration page for the meeting: https://indico.un.org/event/1019545/ click on "Get UN Event Pass" to obtain your digital badge. **Please download the digital badge to your mobile phone or other mobile device.**

For the first morning, please go to the Pregny gate activate your badge. Please ensure sufficient time for security clearance, as bags are x-rayed and there may be queues.

Delegates are only allowed to enter the Palais with what is considered **carry-on luggage** (e.g. computer bags, rucksacks, and handbags). No luggage storage is available. Delegates remain responsible for their belongings at the Palais throughout their stay.

Once your pass is activated, you should be able to also use the **Peace Gate** (close to Tempus) to enter and exit.

Pregny and Peace Gates will be open for pedestrians on working days between **7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** The Nations Gate is currently closed. Access to the Palais is not possible outside of these hours.



https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information/map

Smoking is only permitted in authorized smoking shelters, clearly marked and signposted for that purpose. Their locations may be found on the campus map,
here: https://iseek.un.org/article/reminder-about-unogs-smoking-policy.

TIMING

The panels run from 10:00-13:00 and from 15:00-18:00 on both days.

WORKING LANGUAGES

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all UN languages during the plenary sessions.

ART

Artist Clément Covizzi will be sculpting a **ceramic globe** on Day 1 of the Forum. Later in the evening, this will then be fired at nearly 1000°C, using the Korean-inspired Raku technique creating natural cracks through thermal shock. The globe's cracks and resilience symbolize both the fragility of our climate and the resilience of democracy in finding solutions.

The globe will be presented to the Chairperson of the Forum at the closing ceremony.

Stamp Mosaic: Artists from AwareNearth will be undertaking a collaborative stamp-mosaic in the corridor of Tempus building. Participants can choose from a series of mood-stamps for a photo. AwareNearth will create a mosaic with all the pictures taken at the end of the forum.

The poster/ cover art for the Forum has been designed by Katia De Conti.

LUNCH: Participants are responsible for their own meals during the meeting. The main cafeteria is marked at number 5 and circled in green on the map above. Other options available at the Palais des Nations can be found at the following site: Palais Food Options | The United Nations Office at Geneva (ungeneva.org).

There are **vending machines** in Tempus for coffee, tea and snacks. Cards/cash are accepted.

WATER: Please note that tap water at the Palais des Nations is safe to drink. As there will be no drinking water served in the meeting room, we encourage delegates to bring reusable bottles or containers for tap water. A water fountain is available in Tempus.

INTERNET ACCESS: Wifi access will be provided in the meeting room (no password required).

Electrical power plugs and sockets are unique to Switzerland (type J, three-pin, 230 V, 50 Hz; i.e. different from the EU two-pin plug): though slim two-pin plugs (type C) will fit.



Kindly note that chargers/adapters will not be provided at the venue, **please bring your personal charger**. Adapters may also be purchased at SAFI Shop at Building S, level -1.

SIDE EVENTS

Side events will take place on both days between 13:00 and 15:00 in Rooms XI and XII in Building A – circled in green in the map above.

Time	Room	Organizer	Subject	Details
Monday 13 October				
13:00 – 15:00	Room XII, Bldg A	Worlds Youth for Climate Justice	Screening "Yumi: the whole world".	A documentary about students from the South Pacific inspiring a global movement to demand legal accountability for climate change at the world's highest court, pushing for historic action
13:45 - 15:00	Room XI Bldg A	CRIN-UNICEF-OHCHR	Right here, right now: Children, Democracy and Climate Action	Hear from children from Latin America, Asia and Europe who will share their experiences of participating in democratic processes and climate action. They will be joined by a senior government official and children's rights advocates who will reflect on the responsibility and accountability of adults to realise children's civil, political and environmental rights, in a time of democratic and ecological fragility.
Tuesday 14 October				
13:15 – 14:45	Room XI Bldg A	OHCHR Environment and Climate Change Unit (ECCU)	Global Ethical Stocktake - Human Rights, Democracy and Climate Change	The Global Ethical Stocktake is a civil society–driven initiative aligned with the COP-30 process that brings ethical, cultural, and people-centered perspectives into climate negotiations. This dialogue invites diverse voices to reflect on the moral dimensions of the climate crisis and envision a just, sustainable future for all.
13:00 – 15:00	Room XII Bldg A	UNDP-IFES	Elections for People and Planet – Intersection of elections, climate change and environmental protection	This event will bring together diverse perspectives to explore this intersection of elections, climate and environment. The discussion will draw on the joint publication of UNDP and IFES' recent guide *Elections for People and Planet* as a resource to examine practical approaches and lessons for building more sustainable and climate-resilient electoral processes