



# 7<sup>th</sup> BioTrade Congress

## Global Governance for Trade and Biodiversity

25 and 26 March, 2024  
Palais des Nations – Room XVII  
Geneva

### Logistical note for participants<sup>1</sup>

#### Dates and timings:

##### Monday 25 March 2024

10h00 to 18h00 (Congress) – *Networking Cocktail from 18h30*

We kindly request that you arrive to the [Peace Gate entrance](#) **well in advance** for the registration and security screening procedures, as there may be longer queues due to concurrent meetings and ongoing constructions (click [here](#) to check opening times of the Security Service) Bring a valid passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Please note that no large bags are allowed to be brought into the buildings.

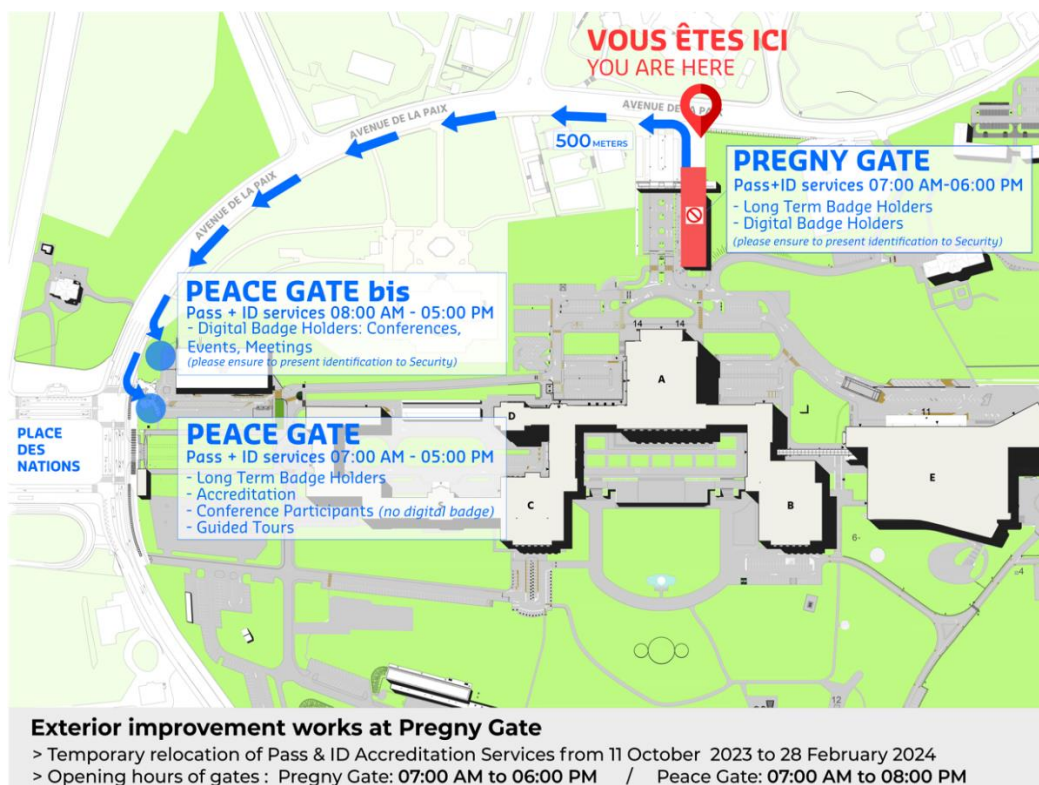
Congress begins promptly at 10h00 and ends at 18h00.

##### Tuesday 26 March 2024

10h00 to 17h45 (Congress)

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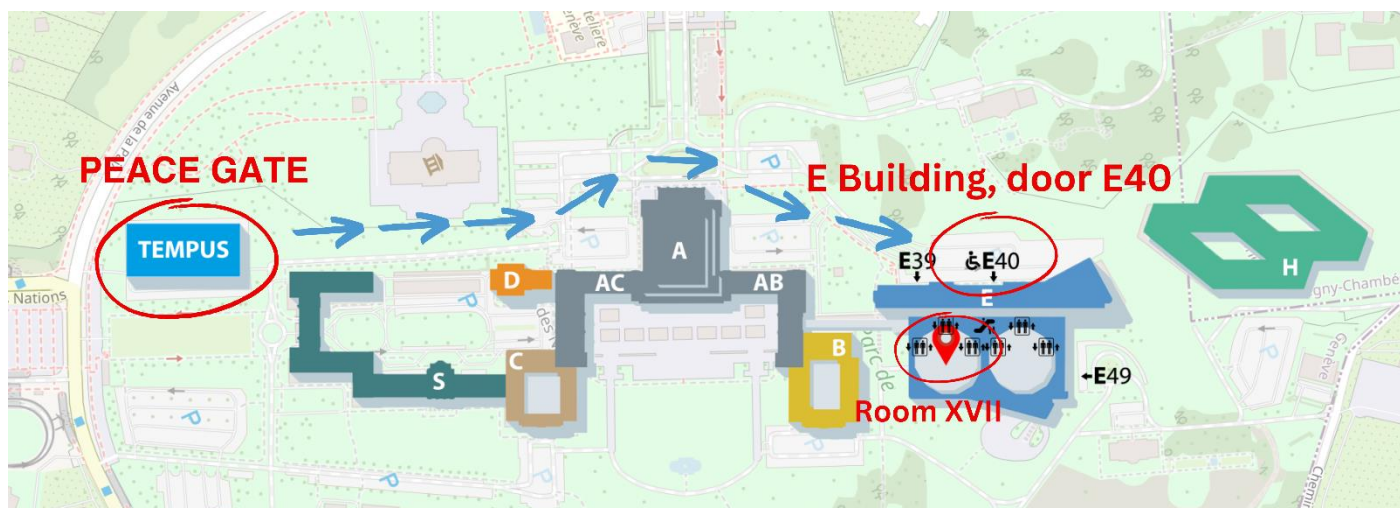
<sup>1</sup> A note with further details for funded participants will be sent under separate cover.

## Venue for the event:

### Palais des Nations – Room XVII

United Nations Headquarters in Geneva: Palais des Nations  
8, Av. de la Paix 14  
1211 Geneva, Switzerland

## Entering the Palais des Nations and directions to meeting room:



1. Please access the Palais des Nations from Ave de la Paix and the entrance **PEACE GATE** for security check and accreditation/registration. You will receive an email before the meeting to submit documentation in advance.
2. From **PEACE** gate:
3. Walk straight for 750 meters (about 10 minutes) following the blue arrows on the above map and/or directions for 'Guided tours' to '**E Building** until you reach '**E building**'.
4. Once at '**E building**' enter through door '**E40**'
5. Go down one floor to level '**E1**'  
Walk straight ahead past room XXVI around the corner, past vending machines to end of corridor - **Room XVII**.

## During the meeting:

### Contact person:

If you encounter any technical difficulties or have any questions during the Congress, kindly contact:  
Ludovic Arnaud at [biotrade@unctad.org](mailto:biotrade@unctad.org); or  
Lara Koritzke at [lara@uebt.org](mailto:lara@uebt.org)

### Stay hydrated:

It is recommended to bring your own refillable water bottles. You can fill them with water at any time at a water station near the event room. Please note that it is not permitted to enter the event room with food or drinks.

## Useful information for your stay in Geneva:

### Weather:

The weather in March is cool during the day and it can get very cold at night.  
The average temperature in Geneva in March is 7 °C and can reach up to 10 °C in the afternoons. Overnight can reach close to freezing temperatures or just below with an average low of 0 °C.  
Rain may occur day or evening. Please make sure to bring appropriate clothing.  
The standard time zone will be the UTC +1 hour.

### Plugs:

Plugs in Switzerland differ from the standard EU plugs, hence you may need a plug-adaptor.  
The plugs in Switzerland are 230V, 50 Hz as pictured:



**Internet:**

Free public Wi-Fi is available in the meetings at the Palais.

**COVID information:**

There are currently no COVID-related restrictions on entering Switzerland. You do not need to present proof of vaccination, recovery, or recent test results in order to enter the country. Should the epidemiological situation change, a country or region may be placed on the list of countries and regions that could become subject to border health measures. No country or region is currently on this list, so no such border health measures are currently required. Please note, however, that third country nationals must continue to fulfill the normal entry requirements when crossing the border (e.g. valid visa and travel documents, where required). To see the alphabetical list of countries that have visa obligations to enter Switzerland click [here](#).

**How to get to the Palais des Nations:**

To reduce the carbon footprint of our event, we encourage use of public transport.

**By public transportation:**

- The main train station in Geneva is Gare Cornavin. There are a few options to reach the venue from Gare Cornavin.
  - Walk: 2.5 km or a 35-minute walk from Gare Cornavin.
  - Tram: Take tram #15 towards "Nations." The ride takes 10 minutes (5 stops). From the tram stop, it is less than 1-minute walk to the Peace gate.
- You can buy transport tickets at machines located at tram or bus stops or through the SBB application. You must purchase your ticket prior to boarding the bus or tram.

**By plane:**

The closest airport is Geneva Airport (code GVA) and it located 5km northwest of the city.

- Taxi: The journey to the Palais des Nations takes around 15-20 minutes.
- Bus: Take bus #5 directly from the airport to the 'Nations' stop, which takes approximately 20 minutes (7 stops).

**By car:**

Visitors are not allowed to park inside the premises of the Palais des Nations. Taxis also may not enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. A large underground paid parking is available at the Place des Nations, next to the United Nations, and can be accessed via Rue de Varembeé.

**Where to stay:**

There are many hotel options available across the city. Please visit the website of the Geneva Tourism & Conventions Foundation for more information on tourist reception, information and assistance: <https://www.geneve.com/>

**Travelers are responsible to arrange for their accommodation, including funded participants.**