International Debt Management Conference

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Transforming debt management and development finance in times of accelerating change

Information for Participants

7–9 December 2026
Venue: Tempus, Palais des Nations, Geneva

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PART 1

Before and on arrival in Geneva

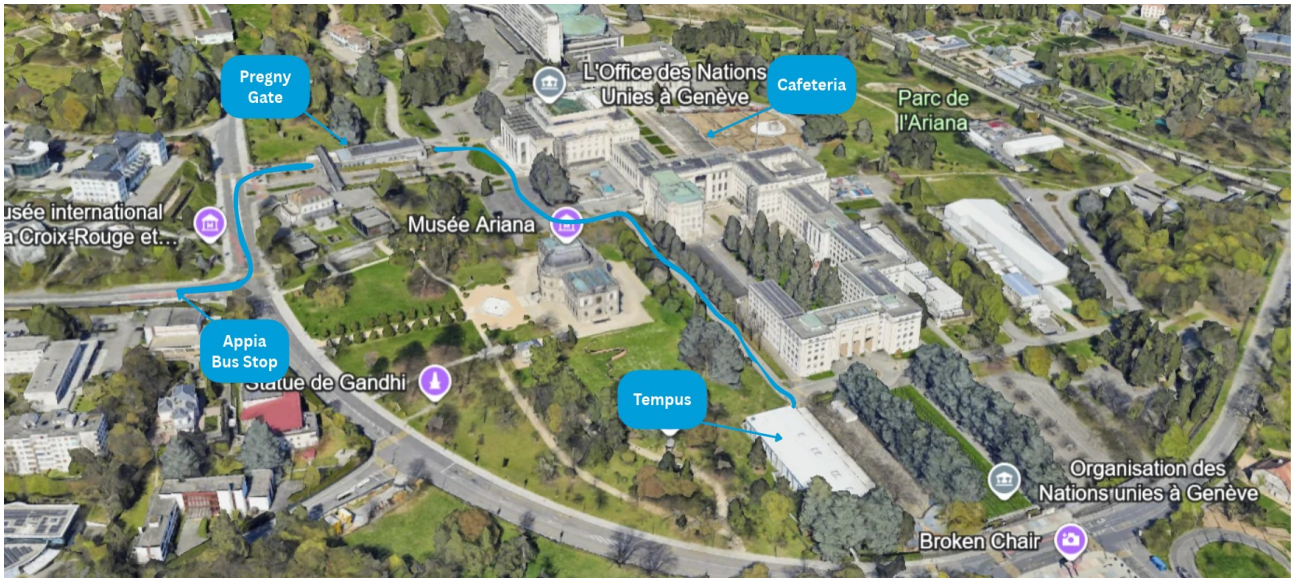
Registration	It is mandatory to register for the conference through the following link: International Debt Management Conference, fifteenth session | UNCTAD **Representatives of Permanent Missions are also required to register through the Indico platform and indicate the name of their Mission during registration.**
Visa information	For information on visa and other relevant regulations for travelling to Switzerland, please refer to the website of the State Secretariat for Migration of Switzerland: • Entry and visa regulations • Visa application form • Swiss diplomatic representations To facilitate the issuance of visas, the conference Secretariat will issue, upon request, an invitation letter to be attached to the visa application.
Arrival at the airport	Geneva Airport is about 5 kilometres from downtown Geneva. Trains, buses and taxis link the airport with Cornavin Station, Geneva's main railway station, every few minutes; the train journey takes about 7 minutes. From Cornavin, most hotels can be reached by bus, tram or taxi. Public transport itineraries and maps of the Geneva bus and tram network are available on the TPG website.
Transportation	The Palais des Nations is easily accessible by public transport. Participants are encouraged to consult the Geneva Public Transport (TPG) website for routes, schedules and journey planning. Participants staying in a hotel in Geneva will receive a free **Geneva Transport Card** at check-in or online. It gives unlimited use of public transport (bus, tram, train and yellow boats) within the city for the duration of their stay. • **Bus:** stop *Appia* or *Nations*, lines 5, 8, 11, 20, 22, 60, 61 • **Tram:** stop *Nations*, line 15 **Taxi:** The Uber app is widely used. Alternatively, taxis can be prearranged on +41 22 731 41 41 / 0800 141 141 (cannot be hailed in the street.) Taxis are not allowed on UN premises and will drop off at the Pregny Gate (Place des Nations).
Hotel information	Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations. Options are listed in Hotel.pdf attached in the mail.
Currency	The local currency is the Swiss franc (CHF). Euros are not legal tender in Switzerland. Some shops and hotels accept them, but change is usually given in francs at an unfavourable rate. Credit and debit cards (Visa, Mastercard, including contactless) are accepted almost everywhere, including restaurants, shops, taxis and public transport

	ticket machines. A small amount of cash may still be useful at markets and small kiosks. ATMs are widely available throughout Geneva, and currency can be exchanged at Geneva Airport and Cornavin railway station.
Electricity	Electricity in Switzerland is generally 230 volts (50 cycles). Travellers with computers and other appliances are advised to carry a plug adapter kit for the plugs and sockets in use in Switzerland.
Weather and time zone	The weather in Geneva in December is typically cold and wet, with temperatures generally ranging between 0°C and 7°C. Rain, fog and occasional snowfall are possible. Participants are advised to bring warm clothing, a coat and an umbrella. The standard time zone is GMT/UTC +1 hour.

PART 2

Conference information

Opening	The conference will open at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, 7 December 2026**, and will continue through Wednesday, 9 December 2026.
Security entry badge	Access to the Palais des Nations requires a United Nations security badge. After completing their registration through the United Nations Indico platform and receiving confirmation of their participation, participants will be issued a QR code. To obtain their badge, participants must present this QR code together with a valid passport or national identity card at the United Nations Security Service at the **Pregny Gate**. Badges cannot be issued without a valid photo ID (bring your passport). Participants may present the QR code digitally on a mobile device; however, carrying a printed copy is recommended as a backup. Once the badge has been issued, participants must proceed through the standard security screening. As waiting times at the Pregny Gate can be significant, particularly during major events, participants are strongly advised to arrive well in advance (+30min) of the conference opening to allow sufficient time for badge collection and security procedures. The gate is open from 8:00 a.m..
Venue	**Tempus** Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland (see map below)



Map *Walking route from the Appia bus stop to the Pregny Gate (badges and security) and on to Tempus.*

Working languages	The conference will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. Conference documentation will be made available electronically in English, French and Spanish.

Remote participation (Listen Live)	The conference is primarily organized as an in-person event. UNCTAD strongly encourages representatives from governments, international organizations and academic institutions who wish to participate actively in the conference to travel to the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For those unable to attend in person, a *listen live* option will be available, allowing remote participants to follow the conference proceedings in real time. Please note that this option only permits listening; remote participants will not be able to ask questions or make statements. Registered remote participants will receive the link to the *listen live* option approximately one hour before the conference begins, provided they have completed their registration in the United Nations Indico system.
Bank	A UBS branch with ATM is located inside the Palais des Nations near Door 6 (open Monday–Friday, 9:00–12:30 a.m. and 1:30–5:00 p.m.). ATMs are also widely available throughout Geneva.
Restaurants & cafeteria	**Cafeteria** Ground floor of the Assembly Building · 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Concordia Cafe** Second floor of the A building · 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wi-Fi	Free public Wi-Fi is available within the United Nations buildings.

Disclaimer: The Secretariat accepts no responsibility for medical, accident or travel insurance; compensation for death, disability or injury; loss of or damage to personal property; or any other loss that may occur during travel to, from, or during participation in the conference. Participants are strongly encouraged to obtain adequate medical, accident and travel insurance before departure.

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