



***PAN-EUROPEAN BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE  
DIVERSITY STRATEGY***

**Geneva, International Environmental House II, 28 June – 1 July 2011**

**COUNCIL FOR THE PAN-EUROPEAN  
BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY STRATEGY**

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**13th Meeting of the Council  
for the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy**

**28-29 June 2011  
Geneva**

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**Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
Capacity-Building Workshop on Updating and Revision of National  
Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**

**30 June – 1 July 2011**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

*Document prepared by  
the Secretariat for PEBLDS*

### **Meeting Venue**

The meeting will be held at the International Environment House II (IEH II), building next to International Environment House I (IEH I):

International Environment House (IEH II)  
Chemin de Balaxert 7-9  
CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland

Directions to the IEH can be found at: <http://www.environmenthouse.ch/index.php?page=contact>

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

### **Opening and Closure of the meetings**

The Chair of the PEBLDS Council, Mr. Robert Lamb, will open the meeting and welcome the participants to the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PEBLDS Council on 28 June 2011 at 10:00am.

The Closure of the 13th Council Meeting will be on 29 June at 5:00pm.

The CBD capacity-building workshop on updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) will be held back-to-back to the 13th Meeting of the PEBLDS Council, from 30 June to 1 July 2011 in the same location.

### **Taxis**

Taxis are readily available for visitors traveling to the International Environment House from Geneva Cointrin Airport, the Cornavin train station or the city centre. Please note that taxis are safe but comparatively expensive. If you need to call a taxi please call 022 – 320 22 02 or 022 – 331 41 33.

### **Public transport**

You must obtain a bus ticket before getting on the bus. The bus drivers are not able to issue tickets. Ticket can be purchased at the ticket machines located at every stop. Ticket machines do not return change.

#### **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 IEH – 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 IEH 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 12 minutes

From Central 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

## Hotel reservations

Participants should make their own hotel reservation as soon as possible (June is usually a busy period).

A few suggestions:

<p><i>Etap Hotel (walking distance from IEH)</i>  30, avenue Louis Casai  CH-1216 Cointrin, Geneva  Tel: +41 22 710 46 36  Fax: +41 22 710 46 10  Internet: <a href="http://www.etaphotel.com">www.etaphotel.com</a>  UN price: 107 CHF (single room standard)  Breakfast 11 CHF</p>	<p><i>Suite Hotel (walking distance from IEH)</i>  30, avenue Louis Casai  CH-1216 Cointrin, Geneva  Tel: +41 22 710 46 60  Fax: +41 22 710 46 00  Internet: <a href="http://www.suite-hotel.com">www.suite-hotel.com</a>  UN price: 199 CHF (single or double room standard) Breakfast 11 CHF</p>
<p><i>Hotel Crowne Plaza (between airport and IEH)</i>  75 – 77, Avenue Louis Casai  1216 Cointrin  Tel: +41 (0) 22 710 30 00  Fax : +41 (0) 22 710 31 00  Internet : <a href="http://www.cpgva.ch">www.cpgva.ch</a>  UN price: 237 CHF (single room standard) CHF  262 CHF (single room superior) Breakfast included.  Free shuttle service from airport to hotel.</p>	<p><i>Hotel NH Rex (between IEH and railway station)</i>  42-44, Avenue Wendt  1203 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 544 74 74  Fax : +41 (0) 22 544 74 99  Internet: <a href="http://www.nh-hotels.com">www.nh-hotels.com</a>  UN price: 185 CHF (standard room) 225 CHF (superior)</p>
<p><i>NH Hoteles Geneva Airport Hotel (airport)</i>  21, Avenue de Mategnin-airport  1217 Meyrin/Geneva 1  Tel: +41 (0) 22 989 90 00  Fax : +41 (0) 22 989 99 99  Internet: <a href="http://www.nh-hotels.com">www.nh-hotels.com</a>  UN price: 185 CHF (standard room) 215 CHF (superior room) 245 CHF (junior suite)  Breakfast buffet included.  Free shuttle bus between airport and hotel every 20 min.</p>	<p><i>Hotel- Residence Le Montbrillant (city center close to railway station)</i>  2, Rue de Montbrillant  1201 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 733 77 84  Fax : +41 (0) 22 733 25 11  Internet : <a href="http://www.montbrillant.ch">www.montbrillant.ch</a>  UN price: 165 CHF (single room standard) 198 CHF (single room executive) 265 CHF (double room standard) Breakfast included.</p>
<p><i>Hotel Cornavin (city center close to railway station)</i>  23, Boulevard James Fazy  1201 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 716 12 12  Fax : +41 (0) 22 716 12 00  Internet : <a href="http://www.fassbindhotels.com">www.fassbindhotels.com</a>  UN price: 279 CHF (single room standard)  Breakfast included.</p>	<p><i>Hotel Montana (city center close to railway station)</i>  23, Rue des Alpes  1201 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 732 08 40  Fax : +41 (0) 22 738 25 11  Internet : <a href="http://www.hotel-montana-ge.ch">www.hotel-montana-ge.ch</a>  UN price: 140 (single room standard) 210 CHF (double room standard).  Breakfast included.</p>
<p><i>Hotel Mon-Repos (city center close to railway station)</i>  131, Rue de Lausanne  1202 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 909 39 09  Fax : +41 (0) 22 909 39 93  Internet: <a href="http://www.hmrge.ch">www.hmrge.ch</a>  UN price: 167 CHF (single room standard) 217 CHF (double room standard).  Breakfast buffet: 18 CHF.</p>	<p><i>Hotel Churchill (city centre)</i>  15, Rue du Simplon  1207 Geneva  Tel: +41 (0) 22 591 88 88  Fax : +41 (0) 22 591 88 78  Internet: <a href="http://www.tbh-ge.ch/churchill/">http://www.tbh-ge.ch/churchill/</a>  UN price: 145 CHF (single room standard) 180 CHF (double room standard). Breakfast included.</p>

A list of hotels in Geneva, with possible online booking, can be found at Geneva's official tourism information website at <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch>.

Please note that all participants, including funded participants, are required to pay for their accommodation and any expenses incurred during the travel to and stay in Geneva, including visa fees. UNEP is not responsible for hotel and transport payment.

### **Information for funded participants**

Sponsored participants will be provided a round-trip air ticket (economy class) from their city of residence to Geneva, Switzerland.

Please contact Ms. Tamar van Straten or Ms. Lourdes Advincula as soon as possible with regard to travel arrangements (please send us a scanned copy of your passport):

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All sponsored delegates will receive daily subsistence allowance (DSA) on the first day of the meeting. DSA will be paid in traveler checks.

To facilitate the process, funded participants are kindly requested to bring their original passport, a photocopy of the passport page showing their photo and the original travel tickets/ stubs from the boarding passes which have already been used.

### **Visas:**

Please check the requirements applicable to you and make your own arrangements to obtain an entry visa for Switzerland. Please let us know if you need a personalized invitation letter.

### **Insurance:**

It is strongly recommended to participants to secure their own international medical, accident and travel insurances.

### **Currency:**

Swiss Franc (CHF). Average exchange rates: 1 US Dollar ~ 0.67 Euro ~ 0.87 CHF (9 May 11)

### **Weather:**

The weather in June is usually pleasant with daytime temperatures ranging from 20 – 25 degrees centigrade. For information on the weather in Switzerland you may consult:

[<www.meteo.ch>](http://www.meteo.ch)

### **Electricity**

Voltage: 230 volts  
Frequency: 50 Hz  
Plug/socket: C (CEE 7/16), J

### **Other useful information**

- Geneva public transport

<http://www.tpg.ch>

- Geneva International Airport:

[<http://www.gva.ch>](http://www.gva.ch)

- Map of Geneva with search function:

[<http://map.search.ch/geneve>](http://map.search.ch/geneve)

- Information to travel free on public transport during your stay in Geneva

Geneva Tourism:

[http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/publications/publications\\_informative/transports-gratuits\\_EN.pdf](http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/publications/publications_informative/transports-gratuits_EN.pdf)

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