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1. Opening and Registration

The sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be held in Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from Tuesday, 12 March to Friday, 15 March 2024. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 March 2024, and registration of CBD participants will take place at the venue between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

David Attenborough Building

Pembroke Street

Cambridge, UK, CB2 3QZ

Tel: : +44 1223 331300

Website: <https://www.cambridgeconservation.org/david-attenborough-building-synergy-project/>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Meeting Documents



Documents will be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/IND-AHTEG-2024-06>.

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the meeting and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. WIFI access will be provided.

5. General information on access to Cambridge

Cambridge is serviced by the Stansted, Gatwick and Heathrow International Airports, details are provided in the annex to this document.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in the **annex** below require a visa which requires biometrics (photo and fingerprints) for entry into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and are strongly advised to contact the nearest UK diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures and to check if you are required to obtain a visa for entry into the UK can be found on the website of the Government of the UK at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>.

7. Health information

COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in the UK, however, masks are recommended following a recent exposure to COVID-19, when someone has, or suspect they have or is at high-risk of severe COVID-19, and for anyone in a crowded, enclosed, or poorly ventilated space. Participants are requested to bring their own masks.

8. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that they **must make their own hotel reservations and should do so as soon as possible**. The listing of hotels in the vicinity of the venue can be found in the accommodation section of the attached annex.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to funded participants on the first day of the meeting in the form of a prepaid credit card (Swiss Bankers card). **These funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting**. These will be copied and returned to participants during the meeting. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they are provided with the prepaid credit card from which they will access their DSA. Please note that the funds can take up to 24 hours to be loaded on the cards.

IMPORTANT: If you were provided with a Swiss Bankers card for a previous meeting, please inform the Secretariat and bring it with you to the meeting (if it is still valid) so that it may be reused. Please make sure you remember the PIN, otherwise contact the bank to request that they reset the PIN.

Swiss Bankers Contacts:

Swiss Bankers Prepaid Services Ltd, Customer Service
(forgotten PIN numbers, card replacements or transaction claims)

Tel: +41-31 710 12 15

Email: info@swissbankers.ch

Opening hours:

Mon-Sun: 8.00-22.00 Swiss time. Closed on Swiss bank holidays.

10. Official language

The official language in the UK is English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In March, average temperatures in Cambridge range between +10°C in the daytime and +3°C at night. Please bring appropriate warm clothing, for cool conditions. The current weather conditions may be found at <https://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=1899>.

The standard time zone for Cambridge is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT/UTC) there is no offset.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are Type G as shown below.



13. Currency

The currency in the UK is the British Pound (£). The current exchange rate as of 24 January 2024 is USD \$1 = £0.78 and €1 = £0.85 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change).

Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on indicators Meeting Logistics Information

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on indicators Meeting will be held from the 12th – 15th March 2024 in Cambridge, UK. This document provides details of how to get to the meeting venue, as well as other useful information for your stay.

Meeting venue

The workshop will be held at the David Attenborough Building, part of the University of Cambridge. The venue address is:

**David Attenborough Building,
Pembroke Street,
Cambridge
CB2 3QZ**

Travel

International arrivals

Stansted Airport

Stansted Airport is very convenient for Cambridge, being connected by a direct rail link (journey time approximately 45 minutes). By car the journey time is approximately 40 minutes.

Gatwick Airport

If arriving at **Gatwick Airport**, it is best to take the train to London Victoria, transfer to the tube (Victoria line) to London King's Cross station. You can then catch a direct train to Cambridge (journey time approximately 2.5 hours). By car the journey takes approximately 2 to 3 hours and is heavily dependent on traffic.

Heathrow Airport

There are regular trains from **Heathrow Airport** (journey time 2.5 hours). To travel by train from [Heathrow to Cambridge](#) the best option is to take the Heathrow Express from Heathrow to Paddington Station, followed by a short tube journey (via the Circle or Hammersmith and City lines) to King's Cross and then the direct train to Cambridge. By car the journey time is approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, but this can vary according to traffic conditions.

London St Pancras International – Eurostar

If arriving via the Eurostar at **London St Pancras International** railway station, it is best to take the train from **King's Cross Station**. King's Cross is adjacent to St Pancras and it takes about 2 minutes to get from one to the other by foot. Direct trains from Kings Cross to Cambridge take either 50 minutes or 1.5 hours, depending on the service. Alternatively, direct trains from St Pancras take about 1.1 hours, however they are not as frequent as services from Kings Cross.



Arriving by car/taxi

Cambridge is connected to many locations via the A14, M11 and A10.

There is no car parking at the David Attenborough Building (apart from disabled spaces), therefore travel within Cambridge from your accommodation to the meeting will need to be on foot or via public transport.

If you would prefer to drive into central Cambridge, there are various [Park and Ride](#) schemes. Alternatively, Grand Arcade car park (CB2 3QF) is a 2-minute walk from the David Attenborough Building but charges ~£30 to park over 5 hours.

There is a taxi rank outside the station. Taxis cost around £8 to central Cambridge. Uber is also available.

Taxis

- Camcab: +44(0) 1223 704704
- Panther Taxis: +44(0) 1223 715715 / 1223 424424 / 1223 523523
- Cambridge City Taxis: +44(0) 1223 832832

Arriving by rail/bus

For timetables visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

There are fast trains from London King's Cross Station to Cambridge every half hour, taking about 50 minutes. Direct trains are available to Cambridge from Norwich, Ipswich, Kings Lyn, Peterborough, Birmingham, London Liverpool Street and Stansted Airport.

From the Railway station you can walk to the David Attenborough Building in around 20 minutes, or take the Citi 1, 3 or 7 to opposite Downing College.





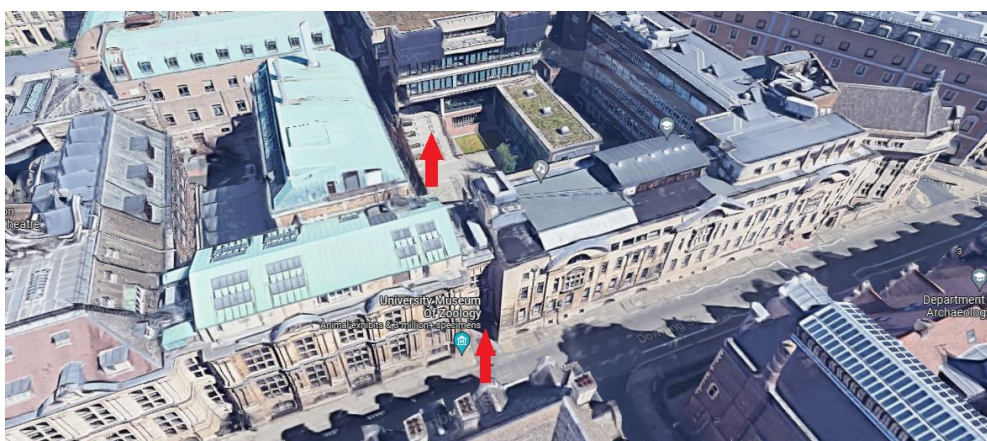
Arriving by cycle

Alternatively, you could bring your bike with you and cycle from the station. Cycling from the station will take around 10 minutes to the David Attenborough Building, and around a 20-minute cycle to the UNEP-WCMC office, both have plenty of cycle parking. You can plan your cycle route on [Cycle Streets](#), choosing the quietest or quickest route to suit.

Cycle hire facilities are also available at the station.

Arriving at the David Attenborough Building

To get to the main reception, enter the site through the Pembroke Arch on Downing Street and continue straight past the Museum of Zoology. There is lift access opposite the bike racks. See archway and stairs leading to the building entrance highlighted by arrows below.



Visas

To check if you need a visa to enter the UK, please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>. We are able to provide a visa letter if needed, please request one by emailing: events@unep-wcmc.org.

Accommodation

There are many accommodation options in Cambridge. Hotels nearby are listed below:

- [Hilton](#) Cambridge City Centre (2-min walk to David Attenborough Building)
- [University Arms Hotel](#) (7-min walk to David Attenborough Building)
- [Graduate](#) Cambridge (6-min walk to David Attenborough Building)
- [The Varsity Hotel](#) (12-min walk to David Attenborough Building)
- [Hyatt Centric Cambridge](#) (40-min walk or 15/20-min bus to David Attenborough Building)
- [Turing Locke](#) (40-min walk or 15/20-min bus to David Attenborough Building)

There may also be bedrooms at some of the College's, availability can be checked via: <https://www.meet-cambridge.com/events/accommodation/stay-in-a-cambridge-college/>.



Internet Access

Wireless internet access is available throughout the meeting venue. The wireless password will be provided on site.

Weather

March is the start of spring in the UK. The average spring temperatures in the UK range between 48°F and 59°F (9°C and 15°C). However, typical UK weather, it can be unpredictable and may rain, so please bring clothes suitable for all weather types (sun, wind, rain) and for both warmer and cooler temperatures.

Currency

The currency of the UK is GBP. Airports will have currency exchange counters, alternatively there are Bureau de Change available at multiple shops within Cambridge city centre. Many shops, restaurants and public transport will also accept card payments.

Emergency Information

The Emergency services can be contacted by calling 999 in the UK. Non-urgent medical queries can also call 111, and they will be directed to the appropriate support service.

The nearest hospital to the David Attenborough Building is [Addenbrookes Hospital](#).

There will be First Aid practitioners on site at the David Attenborough Building and will also be available at your accommodation.

Contact details

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Further details

[Home - Visit Cambridge](#)

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