



Confronting the Global Food Challenge

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24-26 November 2008,
Ecumenical Centre, 150 route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland

Conference Information

We are happy to provide you with further information for the conference.

1) Conference Programme

Please find the revised conference programme at the following address:

- English: www.tradeobservatory.org/library.cfm?refid=103833
- Español: www.tradeobservatory.org/library.cfm?refid=103834
- Français: www.tradeobservatory.org/library.cfm?refid=103835

If you would like to organise any side events or strategy meetings please contact Armin Paasch a.paasch@fian.de. If you would like to contact your UN or WTO mission please contact Carin Smaller csmaller@iatp.org.

2) Background resources

We have prepared four papers as background resources for the conference. We will send them to you shortly. You can also check regularly on the conference website.

3) Conference Website and Blogging

You can access all the conference information, program, and publications at http://www.tradeobservatory.org/issue_foodSecurity.cfm. We have also created a space for participants to blog before, during and after the conference. If you would like to write a blog please contact Anne-Laure Constantin at aconstantin@iatp.org

4) Accommodation

For self-funded participants

You can find hotels in Geneva, listed according to the categories under the following website: <http://www.genevetourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=000000526>. We recommend Hotel Bernina www.bernina-geneve.ch and Hotel de Geneve www.hotel-de-geneve.ch

For funded participants

You will be assigned to a double room at either Hotel de Geneve (1 Place Isaac Mercier, 1201 Geneva) or IBIS Hotel (10 rue Voltaire, 1201 Geneva). You will need your passport to check in and you will

share the room with another participant. Both hotels are 2 minute walking distance to the train station. We will send you a separate email confirming which hotel we have booked you.

The accommodation includes the room fee and breakfast. You will not have to pay any bill for that when you check-out. Special services (like using the telephone in the room or the mini bar) are NOT included in the arrangement and you will have to pay for it yourself.

For Tuesday evening a dinner is planned at the Ecumenical Centre. In order to cover the cost for the rest of your meals during your stay in Geneva, you will receive a per diem of 50 CHF.

5) Registration for the conference on site

Registration for the conference on site (receiving name badges, conference materials etc.) will be possible on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at the conference venue.

6) Transport in Geneva

To get from the airport to your hotels you can take a train or bus to the central train station "Cornavin, ". You can get a FREE public transport ticket when you leave the baggage collection area at the airport. There are two entrances to customs from the baggage hall. At the lefthand entrance there is a small machine on your left where you can collect your ticket.

- *Train:* stay on the arrivals level and follow the signs to the train station. Your ticket is valid on the train except in first class. The central station, here just called "Geneva" is the first stop after the airport and the journey is 5 minutes.
- *Bus:* From arrivals go up one floor to the departures level, out of the building and to the left. The bus stops are at the lefthand end of the car park. Take either a bus nr 5 to "Cornavin" or bus nr 10 to "22 Cantons" (this is on the far side of a church from the train station). Both buses take just over 20 minutes.

Hotel Bernina is opposite the train station.

Hotel de Geneve is 5 minutes from the train station. When you walk out of the station, take right (Boulevard James Fazy) then you'll pass the cinema Rialto, keep straight until you pass over a pharmacy. Then look at your left side, on a small square, the hotel is there. You can also take the tram no 13 or 15 (direction Palettes) in front of the station, and down 1st stop, (Isaac-Mercier). The hotel is at number 1 Place Isaac Mercier, 1201 Geneve.

IBIS Hotel is 5 minutes walk from the train station. When you walk out of the station, take right (Boulevard James Fazy) then you'll pass the cinéma Rialto, and then turn right onto rue Voltaire. The hotel is number 10 rue Voltaire, 1201 Geneva.

You will receive a public transport card at your hotel which allows you to travel on all forms of public transport (train, tram and buses). Please keep this card with you at all times. Public transport functions well in Geneva.

Taxis are rather expensive. From the airport to your hotels will cost around 40 CHF. From the station to the conference venue you need to calculate average 20 to 25 CHF per ride.

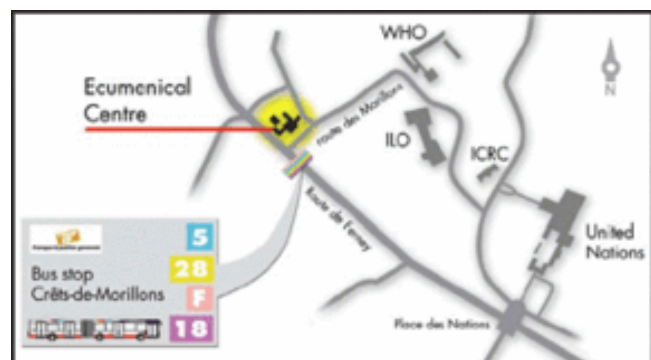
7) Venue of the Conference

The Conference will take place at the "Ecumenical Centre" or "Centre Oecuménique" in Geneva, Switzerland near to the International Labor Organization (ILO).

Address: Centre Oecuménique
150 route de Ferney,
1211 Geneva

For an interactive map go to:

- map.search.ch/geneve/rte-de-ferney-150



To get to the venue from the Central Train Station

Take bus nr. 5 at the Central Train Station (Cornavin) in the direction of AEROPORT or PALEXPO. The journey is just under 15 minutes. Get off at bus stop CRÉT-DE-MORILLON and the Ecumenical Centre is on your right.

Timetable at <http://www.tpg.ch/fr/ligne5> Buses are frequent.

To get to the venue directly from the airport

Take Bus nr. 5 (dir Hopital) or 28 (dir Jardin Botanique). The journey is about 10 minutes. Get off at bus stop CRET-DE-MORILLON and the Ecumenical Centre is on your left.

Timetable at www.tpg.ch/fr/ligne5 or www.tpg.ch/fr/ligne28.

8) Weather

Average temperatures in Geneva in November are between 2 to 8 Celsius degrees and it is often raining. Please make sure you bring warm clothes with you.

9) Contact persons:

In case you may need any assistance during your stay in Geneva please contact us on our mobile phones:

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