



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Aid for Trade Global Review 2017 will be held from 11 to 13 July 2017.

Registrations, costs and visa

Registrations: All participants, including officials who already have badge access to the WTO, designated panellists, speakers, and moderators, must be registered for the event. On-line registration — will remain open until **Monday, 26 June 2017**.

Please note that all participants and accompanying guests must be registered to ensure that a badge is available upon their arrival at WTO headquarters. Officials already in possession of valid badge access to the WTO do not need a badge specifically for the Global Review event.

A full list of registered participants will be submitted to the Swiss Authorities prior to the event.

Badges/security: According to WTO security procedures, all participants must have a valid piece of ID (passport or identity card) in order to collect their badge. Badges will only be handed over upon presentation of a valid ID. Badge collection will be possible on 10 July from 7:30 to 19:00; on 11 and 12 July from 7:30 to 20:00 and 13 July from 8:00 to 12:00.

Badges must be carried visibly at all times while on WTO premises. Please note that strict security controls will be in place and getting into the WTO premises may take some time. Please plan the time of your arrival accordingly. To avoid delay, we request that staff and speakers arrive at least one hour before their scheduled session. Please note that participants who leave the WTO premises will be screened again upon their return.

Costs and visa arrangements: Participation at the Global Review meeting is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs are to be borne by participants. Please note that the WTO does not organize visa arrangements.

In the event that a Delegation wishes to pick up the badges for all their participants, they can do so by presenting a list of their registered participants to the BCI (<u>BureauControleIdentification@wto.org</u>), preferably as a note verbale.

Plenary sessions

Please note that for Plenary Session 1, and in view of the high number of participants registered for the event, it may not be possible to seat everyone. There will be limited reserved seating for speakers. Sessions 1 will be relayed. From session 2 onwards, there will be free seating based on availability.

Delegations who wish to make statements in the Closing Plenary Session on Thursday, 13 July, are kindly requested to not exceed three minutes in length for statements.

Parking

Space in the WTO car park will be very limited and largely restricted to Ministerial and other VIP vehicles. However, the Kazem Radjavi car park (located behind the World Meteorological Organization on the avenue de la Paix) should be available during the event.

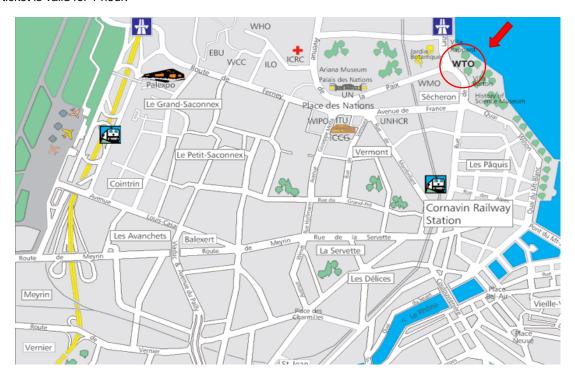
How to get to the WTO

Address of the WTO: World Trade Organization, Centre William Rappard, Rue de Lausanne 154, CH-1211 Geneva 21. Tel: +41 22 739 51 11

If you arrive directly from the Geneva Airport: Bus 28 takes you directly to the WTO (Jardin Botanique direction). Geneva International Airport offers you a free ticket into town, valid throughout the « Tout Genève » zone of the Geneva Public Transport system.

You can get the free ticket from the automatic distributor, located in the baggage claim area, just before going through customs. It is valid for 60 minutes and is available to arriving passengers only. If you prefer to take a taxi, they can be found directly outside the arrival hall. A one-way fare to the WTO should be no more than CHF40.

If you are already in town: The WTO is conveniently serviced by four major bus routes (N°1, N°11, N°25 and N°28). Take any of these buses in the direction of Jardin Botanique. The WTO building is located across the street from the Jardin Botanique stop. Bus schedules can be found here. A one-way bus fare costs CHF3. The ticket is valid for 1 hour.



Accommodation

Hotels in Geneva book quickly, so please make sure to arrange your accommodation in advance. Websites such as https://www.expedia.com/ and Hotel Mon Repos. A little further, but still within close proximity, are the luxurious Hotel President Wilson or Intercontinental Hotel.

Restaurant facilities near the WTO

A variety of options are available for dining in or around the WTO

Budget: The cafeteria of the World Meteorological Organization offers a lovely terrace with beautiful views of the Leman Lake and various lunch options ranging from 12 to 20 CHF. It is open from 12:30 to 14:30 and can be accessed upon presentation of a valid ID. For a quick bite, the café located in the WTO Atrium offers a variety of beverages, sandwiches and salads. There is also a canteen in the new building. Across the street from the WTO there is a small supermarket where fresh sandwiches and salads can be purchased at reasonable prices.

Mid-range: If you are looking for sit-down dining, the Chinese restaurant Tsing Tao Restaurant (12 avenue de Secheron) offers a buffet at approximately CHF22 and lunch menus for CHF15. There is also a Lebanese restaurant, Layalina, at 121 rue de Lausanne which is a short walk from the WTO. The Hotel Eden restaurant (135 rue de Lausanne) offers Swiss/French/Italian cuisine. Like most restaurants in Geneva, a reasonably-priced lunch menu or "plat du jour" (suggestion of the day) can be found.





Currency

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc, often written as CHF or SFr. While the Euro is accepted at most shops and businesses, it is better to exchange your money in advance so as to avoid paying a higher rate. Many smaller stores and supermarkets do not accept credit cards and those that do may ask to see photo ID and charge you. You can get cash in the WTO building at the UBS ATM.

Useful links

Geneva Tourism http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/

Weather: http://www.meteoschweiz.admin.ch/web/en/weather.html

Bus Schedule http://www.tpg.ch

Train Schedule http://mct.sbb.ch/mct/en/reisen.htm

Geneva Airport http://www.gva.ch