

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Aid for Trade Global Review 2019

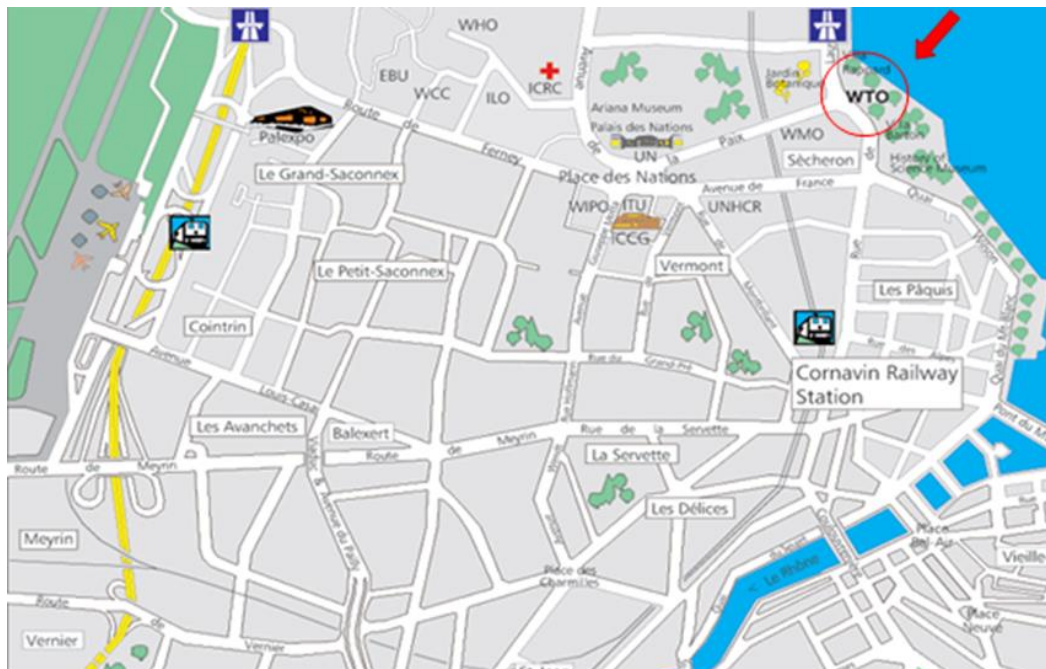
The Aid for Trade Global Review 2019 examines the theme of "Supporting Economic Diversification and Empowerment". It will be held from 3 to 5 July 2019 at the WTO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

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 bus stop. Bus schedules can be found [here](#). A one-way bus fare costs CHF3. The ticket is valid for 1 hour.



Practical details

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 close of business, **Wednesday, 12 June 2019**.

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 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 2 July from 8:00 to 19:00 (for speakers and VIPs only); on 3 and 4 July from 7:30 to 20:00 and 5 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.

Pre-Global Review events

The Global Review on 3-5 July will be preceded by the following pre-events:

On Monday 1 July, the Buenos Aires Declaration Workshop on "Women in Digital Trade" will be held in room W. It will explore how digital trade can offer more opportunities for women-led businesses. It will examine the current state of women's participation in digital trade and identify opportunities and challenges to boost their participation and share good practice. For registrations please use: trade-gender@wto.org

On Tuesday 2 July, the International Trade Centre (ITC) will organize the annual Joint Advisory Group to examine the activities of ITC and to make recommendations to the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and WTO's General Council on ITC's future work programme. For registrations please use: robert@intracen.org

Please note that ...

- There are no parking spaces available on the WTO premises
- The WTO is a non-smoking environment
- No food or drinks are allowed in the meeting rooms

Restaurant facilities near the WTO

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

Budget: 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 South building on the WTO premises. Across the street from the WTO there is a small supermarket where fresh sandwiches and salads can be purchased at reasonable prices. Additionally, just opposite the WTO, the restaurant l'Annexe offers Italian cuisine which can be either sit-down dining or taken-away.

Mid-range: If you are looking for sit-down dining, the Chinese restaurant Tsing Tao Restaurant (12 avenue de Secheron) offers a buffet and lunch menus. There is also a Lebanese restaurant, Azar&Co, 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. Le Pyramus, located in the Geneva Botanical Garden (5 minutes away from the WTO) also offers good value for money lunches (international cuisine). Like most restaurants in Geneva, a reasonably-priced lunch menu or "plat du jour" (suggestion of the day) can be found around between 25 and 35 CHF.

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 a photo ID and charge you. You can withdraw cash in the WTO building at the UBS ATM.

Accommodation

Hotels in Geneva book quickly, so please make sure to arrange your accommodation in advance. Hotels within walking distance to the WTO include the [Hotel Eden](#) and [Hotel Mon Repos](#). A little further, but still within close proximity, are the luxurious [Hotel President Wilson](#) or Intercontinental Hotel.

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