

# Information Note

**Geneva, Switzerland, 9 - 11 April 2025**

Dear registered participant,

The United Nations Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Mine Action (IACG-MA) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) are looking forward to welcoming you to Geneva for the 28<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers (NDM-UN28).

Please find some useful information for your visit.

## I. Arrival in Geneva and local transportation

Geneva airport is located 4 km from the centre of Geneva and is easily accessible by train, bus, or taxi.

### Trains

The fastest way to travel from the airport to the centre of Geneva is by train. All trains departing from or going to the airport stop in the centre of Geneva at the main train station, Cornavin.

The train journey takes seven minutes, and up to seven trains per hour run between the airport and Cornavin train station.

For live train times, click [here](#).

### Buses

Buses run between the airport and Geneva. At the airport, busses depart from outside the front of the airport at the check-in level, one level above arrivals.

The following busses run between the airport and the city centre.

- Bus 10 heading to “Rive” stops at Geneva city centre.
- Bus 5 heading to “Thônex-Vallard” stops at Place des Nations (the UN and CIGG), international organizations and the city centre.

For more information about routes, itineraries, timetables, fares, etc., please consult the Geneva Public Transport website ([click here](#)).

You can buy bus and tram tickets using machines at every bus and tram stop. A UNIRESO zone 10 ticket costs CHF 3.00 and allows you to travel to the city centre by train from the airport.

## Taxis

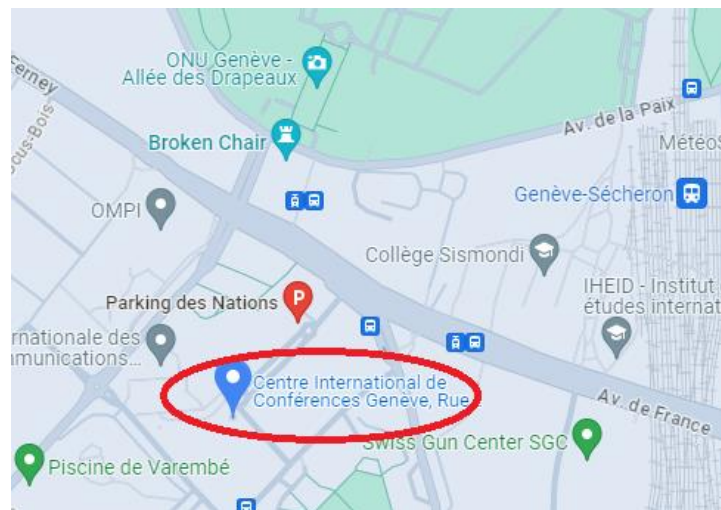
A taxi ride from the airport to Geneva centre costs about CHF 35 and takes about 15 minutes.

## II. Venue

The NDM-UN28 will be held at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG).

### Venue Address

17 rue de Varembe, CH - 1202 Geneva, Switzerland ([Map link](#))



## Getting there

From the main train station “Cornavin”:

- Take bus 5 heading to “Genève Aéroport” and get off at the bus stop “Vermont”
- Take bus 20 heading to “Valavran” and get off at the bus stop “Varembe”
- Take tram 15 heading to “Nations” and get off at the tram stop “Sismondi”
- On foot: approx. 25 minutes (2.1 km)

From the airport:

- Take bus 5 heading to “Thônex-Vallard” and get off at the bus stop “Vermont”
- By taxi approx. 15 minutes
- From the motorway:

Take motorway exit “Genève Lac”, continue along the lakeside to arrive in the International Geneva sector and access the CICG right at the heart of it. The closest parking lot is the [Parking des Nations](#), located 50 metres from the CICG.

### III. Participation

Registration closed on 28 February 2025. If you would still like to register for the meeting, please contact [unmasgeneva@un.org](mailto:unmasgeneva@un.org).

All meeting participants, including UN badge holders, must have registered to attend NDM-UN28.

Participants will be provided with an NDM-UN meeting badge based on the information provided on the registration form.

### IV. Obtaining a meeting badge

Meeting badges will be available for pick-up at the main entrance of CIGC on Wednesday, 9 April starting at 08.00. A photo ID is required to collect your badge.

For security reasons, meeting badges must always be worn and visible while in the CIGC.

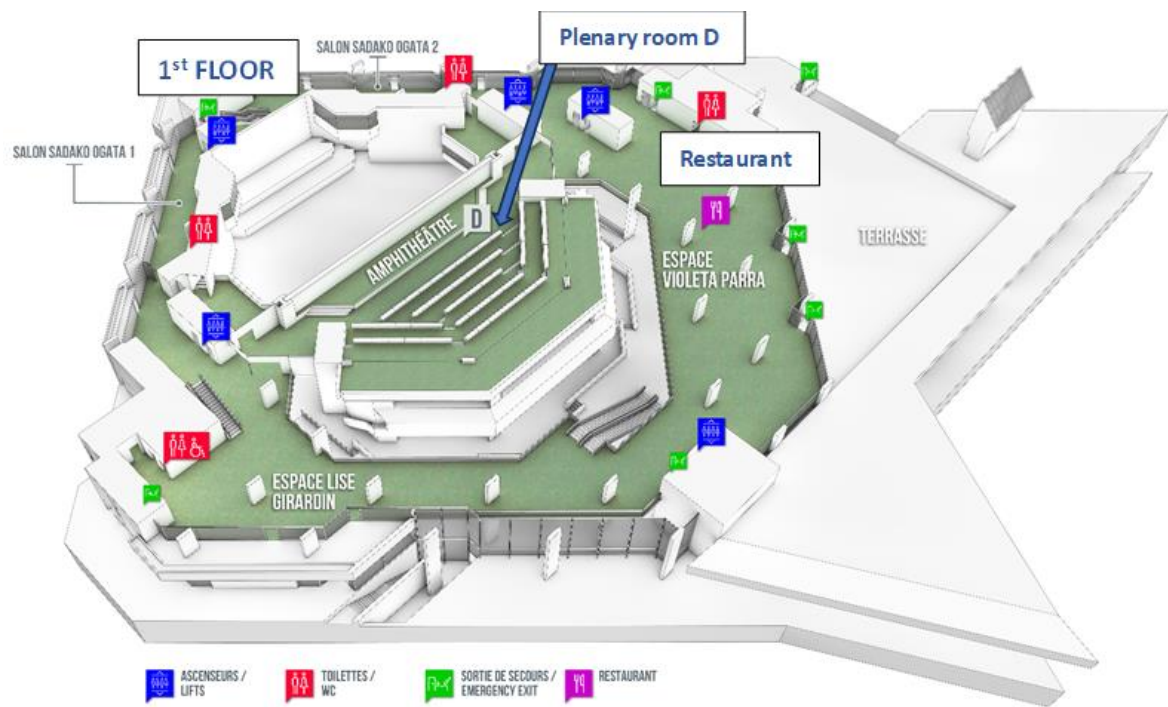
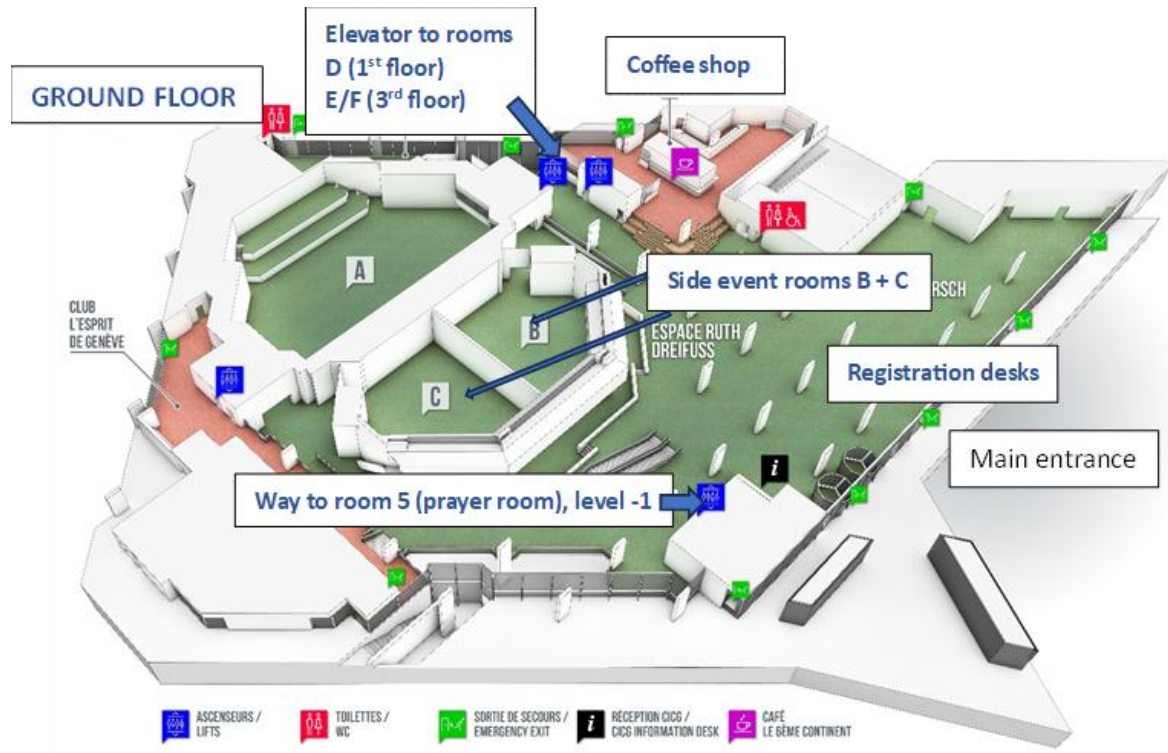
### V. Meeting rooms

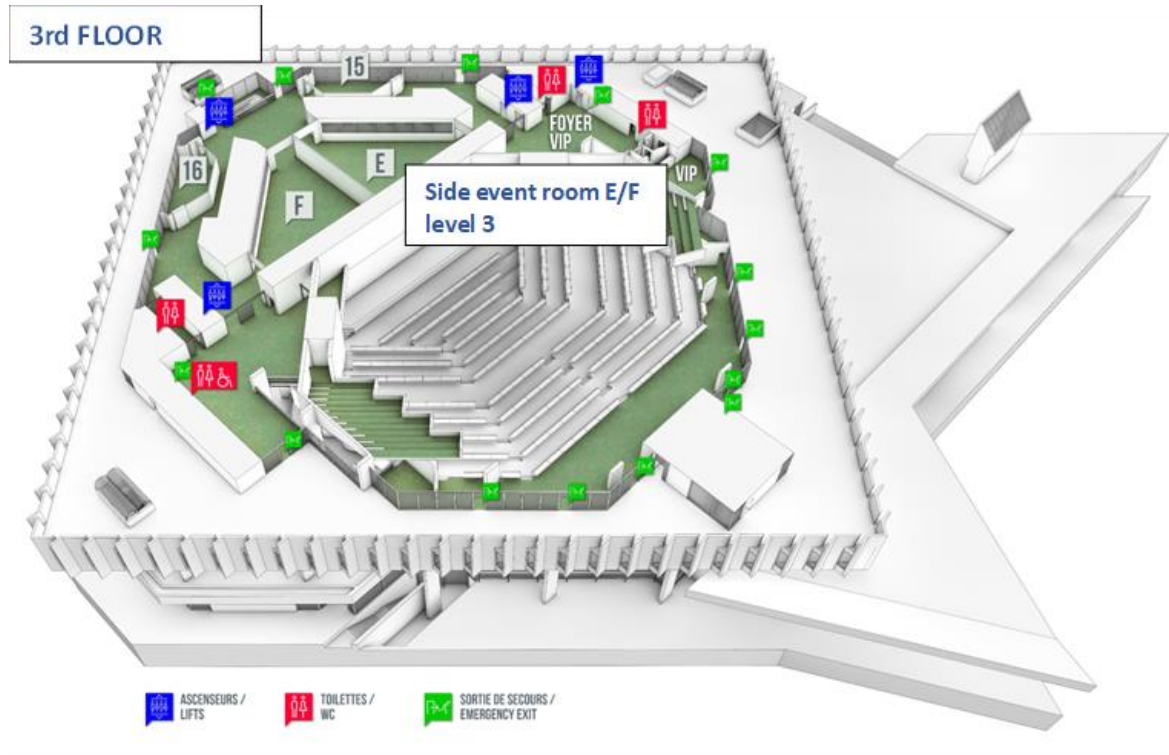
Plenary sessions will take place in the conference room [Amphitheatre D](#) (1<sup>st</sup> floor).

Side events will take place in:

- [Side Event Room/Plenary B](#) (ground floor),
- [Side Event Room/Plenary C](#) (ground floor), and
- [Side Event Room/Plenary E](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
- [Side Event Room/Plenary F](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> floor).

All plenary sessions in Amphitheatre D and some of the side events will be conducted in 'Davos style' to encourage more interactive discussions between the panelists and the audience.





Sessions will be recorded. Recordings will be made available on the NDM-UN28 meeting website ([click here](#)) following the meeting.

The meeting organizers are committed to providing accessible and inclusive services, physical spaces, and information to persons with disabilities. In case a member of your delegation requires special seating arrangements in the conference room, please inform the meeting organizing team ([unmasgeneva@un.org](mailto:unmasgeneva@un.org)) in advance.

## VI. Communications

Meeting participants are welcome to communicate about side events on social media, and to share their experiences on their organization/and personal accounts using the hashtag **#NDMUN28**.

A limited number of conference photos will be available on the official event webpage, [www.ndmun.org](http://www.ndmun.org). Photos taken during the meeting will be uploaded twice a day. Photos can be downloaded and used to communicate about conference activities.

## VII. Code of Conduct

UNMAS and GICHD are committed to enabling an event at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. NDM-UN28 is guided by the highest ethical

and professional standards, and all participants are expected to behave with integrity and respect towards all participants attending or involved with it. Please review the UN code of conduct [United Nations System Code of Conduct](#)

## VIII. Agenda

The full agenda will be available on the NDM-UN28 meeting website ([click here](#)).

## IX. Miscellaneous

**Interpretation** into English, French and Arabic will be provided during the plenary sessions.

Side events will be in English only.

**Wi-Fi** is available throughout the meeting venue.

**Coffee** will be offered to participants in the morning and in the afternoon.

**Food:** there is a cafeteria and a coffee shop inside the CIGG and several restaurants nearby where meeting participants can buy lunch.

**Prayer Room:** A prayer room is available at the CIGG. Information will be available at the CIGG reception desk.

**Visa information:** participants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements to enter Switzerland. Information can be found at: [travel documents for entering Switzerland](#).

**Health Insurance:** participants are responsible to have adequate travel and health insurance for the duration of their stay in Switzerland.

**Electricity:** Switzerland has its own standard for [electrical plugs](#) (SEV 1011, 220 VAC/50Hz).

**Meeting photographer.** A photographer will take photos during the meeting. If you object to the possible use of your image, please notify the meeting planning team [umasgeneva@un.org](mailto:umasgeneva@un.org).

## X. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. Please note that hotel accommodation can be limited in Geneva. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you book your accommodation well in advance of the meeting.

Some rooms have been reserved in hotels close to the meeting venue, which can be booked on a first-come first served basis. The rates are available up to the deadlines indicated in the

table below. After these deadlines, the official hotel rates will be applied, and these rooms will no longer be reserved. Each participant is responsible for finding accommodation.

Name/address of hotel	Link	Deadline	Price
<b>Hotel Royal</b> Rue de Lausanne 41-43, 1201 Geneva	<a href="#">Reservation link</a>	10.03.2025	Best available daily price
<b>Hotel Eden</b> Rue de Lausanne 135, 1202 Geneva	<a href="#">Reservation link</a>	08.03.2025	Best available daily price
<b>Hotel International &amp; Terminus</b> Rue des Alpes 20, 1201 Geneva	<a href="#">Reservation link</a>		Best available daily price <i>*Please enter the promo code "GICHD" to access the best rates.</i>

## XI. Cancellations

If your plans change and you will no longer attend the meeting, or if you face any last-minute cancellation, kindly inform the organizing team ([unmasgeneva@un.org](mailto:unmasgeneva@un.org)) as early as possible.

## XII. Useful links

- NDM-UN28 meeting webpage ([link](#))
- International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) website ([link](#))
- Geneva Public Transportation website ([link](#))
- Geneva Airport information ([link](#))

## XIII. Emergency services telephone numbers in Switzerland

- Police: 117
- Fire service: 118
- Ambulance: 144

## XIV. Contact Information

Please contact the NDM-UN organizing team by email at [unmasgeneva@un.org](mailto:unmasgeneva@un.org).