



Intersessional Meetings and Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting

18-20 June 2024

Administrative Information

1. Nature of the meetings

Intersessional meetings are being held pursuant to the decision of the 2019 Fourth Review Conference that “informal intersessional meetings will be held each year, preferably after the 30 April deadline for submitting transparency information, and that they could comprise a thematic segment and a preparatory segment.” On 24 November 2023, the Twenty-First Meeting of the States Parties decided to hold the Intersessional Meetings 18-20 June 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Intersessional Meetings will take place over a 2.5 day period, from 18-20 June 2024, respectively on 18, 19 June and in the morning of 20 June.

On the afternoon of 20 June, a half-day preparatory meeting for the Fifth Review Conference will be held for which a separate registration procedure will be required following UN standard practice (see section 4 on registration).

2. Format of the meetings

The Intersessional Meetings and the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting will be held in person. For those participants unable to attend, the possibility will be given to follow the meeting online.

3. Participation

The Intersessional Meetings and the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting are open to the States Parties, States not party to the Convention and interested international and non-governmental organisations.

4. Registration

<p><u>For the Intersessional Meetings:</u></p> <p>Please register on-line no later than 10 June 2024 at: https://www.apminebanconvention.org/en/intersessional-meetings/2024-im/</p> <p>Use the following password when registering: APMBC2024</p>	<p><u>For the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting:</u></p> <p>Please submit the composition of your delegation through note verbale to aplc@un.org no later than 14 June 2024.</p>
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5. Costs

There is no cost to delegations for participation in the Intersessional Meetings. Costs for organisational arrangements and interpretation are covered by Switzerland through a contribution to the GICHD.

Costs for the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting will be borne by participating States in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.

6. Venue

The Intersessional Meetings and the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting will be held at the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Building, 7bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva, Obasi Room.

7. Languages

In keeping with past practice, interpretation at the Intersessional Meetings will be provided in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

Interpretation for the Fifth Review Conference First Preparatory Meeting will be provided in all six UN official languages.

8. Travel and accommodation

Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses and to take steps to ensure that they have adequate medical coverage while in Switzerland. Several other large events will take place in Geneva in June. It is recommended that delegations book accommodation as early as possible.

More information concerning travel to Switzerland is available at:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/faq.html>

9. Visa requirements for Switzerland

Participants requiring entry visas for Switzerland and transit visas are required to make their own arrangements. Switzerland is an associated Member State of the Schengen Agreement and hence Schengen regulations apply for the entry. The process of acquiring a Schengen visa takes up to 21 days once your application is completed. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that delegates contact the Swiss representation responsible for their place of residence as soon as possible for information about visa application procedures and documents to be presented. Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs' website contains information about visa requirements, visa application forms and the list of Swiss representations abroad:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>

10. Arrivals in Geneva

A taxi from the airport to the city centre will cost approximately 35 CHF (15-minute ride). For more information on public transportation in Geneva, visit www.tpg.ch.

Delegates can also obtain a pass for public transportation in Geneva from their hotel for the entire length of their stay.

11. Side events

Information on side events that are open to all delegates will be provided on the Convention website as soon as this information becomes available. If you wish to book a room for a side event or meeting, please see the attached side event room request form (document 6) and submit it to the ISU (isu@apminebanconvention.org)

no later than 24 May 2024. Please note that side events or meetings that would run concurrent to the Intersessional Meetings are discouraged.

12. Questions about the programme for the Intersessional Meetings

For enquiries related to the content of the agenda for the meetings, please contact the ISU (isu@apminebanconvention.org).

Information as of 21 March 2024