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## **Sixth Replenishment of GEF Resources (GEF-6)** **April 16-17, 2014**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

### **Note on Logistics**

#### **Schedule/Location**

The fourth meeting of the GEF-6 Replenishment will be held in Geneva, Switzerland on Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17, 2014 at:

**Centre de Conférences  
de Varembé (CCV)**  
9-11 rue de Varembé  
CH-1211 Genève 20  
Tél. +41 22 791 91 11  
Fax +41 22 791 90 64

#### **Registration**

Registration is required to attend the replenishment meeting. Registration and distribution of event badges will be at the main entrance of CCV starting at 8:30 am on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am.

#### **Events**

Mr. Joachim von Amsberg, Vice President, Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships, and Ms. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility, will host a cocktail/dinner for the Heads of Delegation on **Tuesday, April 15, 2014** at 7:00 pm. The location will be confirmed and communicated as soon as possible.

A cocktail reception for all participants will be held by the host country on **Wednesday, April 16, 2014**, at the Restaurant of the World Meteorological Organization, 7bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva immediately following the afternoon session.

Lunch will be served for all participants on **Wednesday, April 16** and **Thursday, April 17, 2014** near the meeting room at CCV.

## **Attendance Confirmation**

Please confirm your attendance by sending an e-mail to Ms. Mariz Dugayo at [mdugayo@worldbank.org](mailto:mdugayo@worldbank.org) and Ms. Vinod Satpathy at [vsatpathy@worldbank.org](mailto:vsatpathy@worldbank.org), with copy to [geftrustee@worldbank.org](mailto:geftrustee@worldbank.org). In your email confirmation, please indicate the following:

Head of Delegation (HoD): Name/Position Title/Organization  
Attending HoD Dinner: Yes/No  
*Please include any dietary restrictions.*

Other Attendees: Name/s; Position Title

We would appreciate receiving your confirmation by **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

## **Accommodation**

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel bookings and settling their accommodation and other costs directly. Please see *Annex 1* for a list of hotels near the meeting venue, provided by the host country (early booking rates online are usually below the rates listed in the annex). The closest hotel to the meeting venue is Hôtel Intercontinental Genève.

*Participants are encouraged to book their accommodation as soon as possible as this is an especially busy period in Geneva.*

## **Visas**

Securing visas is the sole responsibility of travellers.

Switzerland has been in the Schengen area since December 12, 2008. Citizens from countries outside the Schengen area, and who require a visa should address their request to the appropriate Swiss representative office. A list of Swiss representations is available from the Swiss government website at: <http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/ reps.html>.

Should you require an invitation letter, please contact Ms. Mariz Dugayo at [mdugayo@worldbank.org](mailto:mdugayo@worldbank.org), or Ms. Vinod Satpathy at [vsatpathy@worldbank.org](mailto:vsatpathy@worldbank.org).

## **Other Information**

Please see *Annex 2* for other useful logistics information provided by the host country.

If you have any further questions regarding this meeting, please contact Ms. Mariz Dugayo ([mdugayo@worldbank.org](mailto:mdugayo@worldbank.org) or telephone +1.202.473.6089) and Ms. Vinod Satpathy ([vsatpathy@worldbank.org](mailto:vsatpathy@worldbank.org) or telephone +1 202.458.9717).

## Annex 1

### List of Hotels

#### Hotel N'vY Manotel

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Rue de Richemont 18, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 544 66 66  
<http://www.hotelnvygeneva.com/>  
**From 305 CHF per unit/night onwards**

#### Ibis Genève Centre Nations

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Rue du Grand Pré 33-35, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 919 20 30  
<http://www.ibis.com/de/hotel-8069-ibis-geneve-centre-nations/index.shtml>  
**From 165 CHF per unit/night**

#### Hôtel Eden

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Rue de Lausanne 135, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 716 37 00  
<http://www.eden.ch/special-offers-geneva-hotel>  
**From 250 CHF per unit/night**

#### Mandarin Oriental Geneva

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Quai Turrentini 1, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 909 00 00  
<http://www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva/>

#### Hôtel Intercontinental Genève

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Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 7-9, Geneva  
Tel : +41 22 919 39 39  
<http://www.intercontinental-geneva.ch/#/accueil>  
**From 365 CHF per unit/night**

#### Hôtel Strasbourg

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Rue Pradier 10, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 906 58 00  
<http://www.hotelstrasbourg.ch/en>  
**From 190 CHF per unit/night**

#### Hôtel NH Rex

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Avenue Wendt 42-44, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 544 74 74  
<http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/switzerland/geneva/nh-rex.html>  
**From 150 CHF per unit/night**

#### Starling Geneva Hotel and Conference Center

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Route François-Peyrot 34, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 747 02 02  
<http://www.shgeneva.com/>  
**From 295 CHF per unit/night**

#### Hotel Président Wilson

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47 Quai Wilson, Genève 21  
Tel: +41 22 906 66 66  
<http://www.hotelpwilson.com/en/>  
**From 515 CHF per unit/night**

#### Design Hôtel F6

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Rue Ferrier 6, Geneva  
Tel: +41 22 901 66 66  
<http://www.hotel-f6.ch/en/>  
**From 178 CHF per unit/night**

#### Hôtel Les Nations SA

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Rue Grand-Pré 62  
Tel: +41 22 748 08 08  
<http://www.fassbindhotels.com/hotel-les-nations-en.html>  
**From 115 CHF per unit/night**

Additional hotels and information can be found on:

<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation/>

## Other Information

### 1. Directions to the Venue:

The CCV is adjacent to many international organizations in Geneva. It takes about ten minutes to reach the CCV from the city center and the main railway station (Genève Cornavin). It takes 15 to 20 minutes to reach CCV from the international airport (Genève Cointrin).

Public transport in Geneva is excellent, and the Unireso ticket offers access to municipal public transport. Free tickets (good for 80 minutes) are available at the airport near the baggage claim area. Many hotels also provide transportation tickets for your entire stay. You can also purchase tickets at vending machines that accept Swiss Francs, Euros, and credit cards.

From Geneva Airport (Genève-Cointrin, 5km):

- Bus n° 5 to Thônex-Vallard, stop at Vermont ;
- Bus n° 10 to Rives, stop at Gare Cornavin ; from there see above. More information can be found at: [www.tpg.ch](http://www.tpg.ch) ;
- By Train: throughout the day, all trains leaving the airport stop at Cornavin main station. Look for the "Gare CFF" or "Cornavin" signs. More information can be found at: [www.cff.ch](http://www.cff.ch).
- By Taxi: the fare is around CHF 35.-/40.

From Geneva railway station (Genève-Cornavin, 2km):

- Bus n° 5 to Aéroport, stop at Vermont or Varembeé;
- Bus n° 8 to OMS, stop at UIT (International Telecommunications Union);
- Tram n° 15 to Nations, stop at Nations.

### 2. Weather in Geneva:

Typical temperatures in Geneva in mid-April average from 7 to 15°C.

### 3. Power outlets:

Electricity in Switzerland comes with 230V at 50Hz (although some hotels might offer 110V two-pin sockets for electric razors). The plugs in use are the two-pin Europlug CEE 7/16, and the three-pin Swiss SEV 1011 (Type J).



CEE 7/16



SEV 1011

Power plugs with two pins (CEE 7/16) can fit both CEE 7/16 and SEV 1011 sockets. In particular, travel adapters with a CEE 7/16 male end can power laptop computers, even if the laptop has a three-pin cable.

#### **4. Time zone:**

Switzerland is in the Central European Time zone (UTC+1 in winter).

#### **5. Money:**

Switzerland uses the Swiss Franc (CHF). Euros may occasionally be accepted, and can be used in most vending machines, including those of the Geneva public transports.

Indicative rates (as of February 3, 2013)<sup>1</sup> for one Swiss Franc (1 CHF): EUR 0.820; USD 1.110; JPY 112.018; GBP 0.681; CAD 1.232.

Credit cards are widely accepted. The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa and Mastercard.

#### **6. Banking:**

The closest bank office is that of the Union de Banques Suisses (UBS) located at 17, chemin Louis-Dunant. It is open from 8:30 to 16:30 during the week. There are Automatic Teller Machines outside of the bank building.

#### **7. Tipping:**

Prices at hotels, restaurants and taxis are calculated to include taxes and service fees. Therefore, tips are at the client's discretion but are often around 5% or 10% of the check.

#### **8. Emergency numbers:**

Emergency numbers can be reached free of charge from any payphone or from any mobile phone.

The most useful emergency number is the inter-service European emergency number: **112**

Specific services can be reached at the following numbers:

- 144: Medical emergencies
- 118: Fire brigade
- 117: Police

#### **9. Tourism:**

Known both as the “smallest of big cities”, or the “city of peace”, Geneva, among other things, is home to the European headquarters of the United Nations. The quayside of Lake Geneva, the parks, the old alleyways and smart boutiques are an invitation to a leisurely stroll. For more information on tourism opportunities, please visit: <http://www.ville-geneve.ch/welcome-geneva/>.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com).