

Priority Criteria

At peak times, priority is given to delegations from Least Developed Countries or representing Indigenous Peoples.

Support Service

If you wish to take full advantage of our support service (information, international public law, etc.), please feel free to notify us in advance of your requests or proposals, including the organization of meetings.

Rooms

The Welcome Centre provides rooms with 2, 3, or 4 beds, as well as a dormitory. Consequently, depending on the level of the demand, delegates may be given a room of their own, or they may have to share it with other delegates.

Complementary Information

We receive your calls from **Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.** Our information site is also at your disposal on the Internet:

www.mandint.org



Mandat International is the foundation managing the Welcome Centre. It aims to :

- Promote international dialogue and cooperation.
- Welcome, inform and facilitate the participation in international conferences.
- Support and host delegates coming from developing countries.

By helping delegates in their day to day work and reducing their accommodation costs, we hope to establish more equity in the relations between the North and the South, and to turn Geneva into a true democratic forum that is accessible to all.

HOW TO REACH THE WELCOME CENTRE

- **From the Airport:** about CHF 30.- and 10 minutes by taxi from the airport to the Welcome Centre.
- **By bus:** take **bus «V»** (direction: Versoix) at the Cornavin railway station, at the UN («Nations»), or in front of the ICRC (Red Cross). Get off at the **stop «Valavran»** (ask the driver) and follow the signs that indicate «Mandat International».
- **By car:** from the UN, take the road «Ferney» in the direction of Grand-Saconnex. Turn right towards Collex, drive straight on after the roundabout, then turn right in the direction of Genthod. About 150 metres after the bus stop «Valavran», turn left into the road William Rappard. The Centre is located at the end of the path, after the forest (follow the signs to «Mandat International»).
- **To the conferences:** a free shuttle is provided between the Welcome Centre and the conference places.



Welcome Centre for Non-Governmental Organizations and Delegations in Valavran



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WELCOME CENTRE

The **Welcome Centre for Non-Governmental Organizations and Delegations** is located 13 minutes by bus from the United Nations (UN). **We are not a hotel but a place to meet other delegates and to share experiences.** We are dedicated to support the participation in international conferences.

Services



- **Reduced accommodation costs.**



- **To advise, inform, and guide delegates** in their procedures: current conferences, accreditation, etc.



- **Meeting room** with beamer, flip chart, etc.



- **An efficient work infrastructure:** computer room, Internet access, WiFi, photocopier, etc.



- **A documentation centre** with over 10'000 reference documents useful for attending conferences: treaties, UN publications, conventions, year-books, indexes, data bases, etc.



- **A website** with many useful resources : www.mandint.org



- **Networking** and link with the other delegates.



- **Support in international public law.**

- **Budget meals.**

- Hosting of **meetings, seminars and exhibitions.**

- **Cultural activities.**



- **Transport to the UN.**



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accommodation costs

Night + breakfast (CHF):

- **25.–** for delegates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs).
- **30.–** for delegates from other developing or in transition countries.
- **35.–** for delegates from industrialised countries.

Reduced tariffs for longer stays.

Also provided:

- Work infrastructure.
- WiFi access.
- Transports to conference sites.

Dinner: 12.– CHF

Taxi fare between the airport and the Welcome Centre: ~30.– CHF

Telecommunications and photocopies at cost price.



Fees & services subject to changes.

The accommodation costs paid by delegates cover only part of the expenses of the Welcome Centre. The different services provided rely largely on voluntary work and on external contributions in particular from the SDC, the Canton and City of Geneva and the commune of Bellevue.

Reservations

By e-mail (admin@mandint.org) or by fax, indicating the following details:

- **name** and **gender** of the delegate(s).
- **dates** of arrival and departure.
- name and details of the **organization**.
- name of the **conference** attended.