

CITIES IN GLOBAL AGENDAS

Promoting the role of cities in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda
17 October, Bern, Switzerland

MIGRATION AND CITIES

Inception workshop of the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme on Migration and Cities
18 October, Bern, Switzerland

Bern, October 2017

Note on Logistics and Administration

Bern, the capital city of Switzerland, is built around a crook in the Aare River. It traces its origins back to the 12th century, with medieval architecture preserved in the Altstadt (Old Town). The Swiss Parliament and diplomats meet in the Neo-Renaissance Bundeshaus (Federal Palace). The Französische Kirche (French Church) and the nearby medieval tower known as the Zytglogge both date to the 13th century.



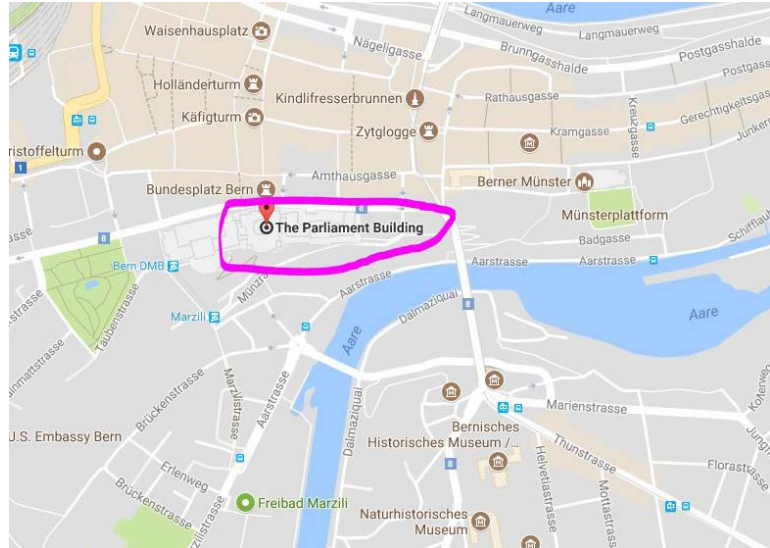
ACCESS TO BUILDINGS FOR MEETINGS

Below you will find the addresses of the meeting rooms. Please bring an ID to enter the buildings. If you are not a resident of Switzerland, bring your passport to enter the Federal Palace on 17 Oct.

Tuesday 17 October 2017

Federal Palace of Switzerland,
Bundesplatz 3, 3005 Bern,
Switzerland

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Wednesday 18 Oct 2017

Swiss Agency for Development and
Cooperation (SDC), Freiburgstrasse
130, 3003 Bern, Switzerland

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT / How to get to venues

- For 17 Oct 2017, the venue (Federal Palace) is about 10 minutes walking from Bern main station. The closest public transport stop is “Bundesplatz” with bus 10 or 19, of “Zytglogge” by tram.
- For 18 Oct 2017, the venue is not in the center of the city. The closest public transport station is “Europaplatz”, reachable by train or Tram 7 (direction Bümpliz) or 8 (direction Brünnen), 10 minutes from Bern main station.

Find all information about public transport in Bern in the following websites:

- <http://www.bern.ch/en/topics/mobility-and-transportation/bus-train-postbus-tram>
- <https://www.bernmobil.ch/file/Abos-und-Tickets/Libero-Tarifverbund/Zonenplaene/Liniennetz-Bern-2017.pdf>

ROUTES FROM THE AIRPORT TO BERN BY TRAIN

Zürich airport – Bern:

1. every 18 minutes past the hour (Direction Geneva Airport) / Duration: 1h10mn
2. every 40 minutes past the hour (Direction Brigg) / Duration: 1h18mn

Geneva airport – Bern:

1. every 02 minutes past the hour (Direction Luzern) / Duration: 1h54mn
2. every 32 minutes past the hour (Direction St. Gallen) / Duration: 1h54mn

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All information in this website: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/entree-sejour-suisse/dispositions-visas-formulaire-demande.html>

LUNCH / REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments (water, coffee) will be provided at the events. On 18 October 2017 a lunch will be provided for participants at SDC office.

CURRENCY BANKING

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the airport and at various foreign currency bureaus around the city. The bank exchange rate is currently about 1 CHF =0.87 EUR, 1chf = 1.02 USD.

CLIMATE

In October, the weather in Bern is a little cool, expect an average of 8 °C (46.4 °F) in the mornings, and average 13 °C in the afternoons. Overnight temperatures are generally cool with an average low of 5 °C. Rain is possible.

SECURITY

In general, Switzerland is a safe country. If needed, contact the police authorities calling 112 or 117. For more information, visit:
<https://www.be.ch/portal/fr/veroeffentlichungen/publikationen.assetref/dam/documents/POM/Police/fr/Prevention/was-jetzt-hilfe-und-beratung-bei-gewalt-eng.pdf>

HOTELS SUGGESTIONS

Hotel City am Bahnhof

Bubenbergplatz 7
CH-3011 Bern
+41 (0)31 311 53 77
<http://fassbindhotels.ch/de/hotel/city-am-bahnhof-bern/>

Hotel Ambassador

Seftigenstrasse 99
CH-3007 Bern
+41 (0)31 370 99 99
<http://fassbindhotels.ch/hotel/ambassador-spa-bern/>

Best Western HOTEL Bern

Zeughausgasse 9

CH-3011 Bern

+41 (0)31 329 22 22

+41 (0)31 329 22 26

<https://www.hotel-bern.ch/de/kontakt/kontaktformular.html>

SORELL HOTEL ADOR

Laupenstrasse 15

CH-3001 Bern

+41 (0)31 388 01 11

<https://sorellhotels.com/de/ador/kontakt>

National Bern

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<https://www.nationalbern.ch/>

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For further information, please visit <http://bit.ly/SDC-CA-Oct2017-Meetings>

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