

63rd meeting of the Standing Committee (SC63) Gland, Switzerland 3-7 June 2024

Information for Participants

Documents

Meeting documents are available on the **Convention's website** in the three official languages.

Please note that the Convention conducts paperless meetings, and paper copies of documents will not be distributed during the meeting.

Visas

For information on visa requirements for Switzerland and the Schengen area, please visit: link.

Please check your need for a Swiss visa or a transit visa for any stopovers en route to Switzerland. Visa processing may take up to four weeks, it is therefore recommended contacting your nearest Swiss Embassy as early as possible.

Medical insurance

Participants are requested to ensure that their medical and accident insurance covers their travel and stay in Switzerland.

The Secretariat will provide **sponsored** participants requiring a Schengen Visa with insurance for emergency medical treatment and accidents. This insurance does not cover pre-existing treatment for medical conditions.

Accommodation

Participants are invited to secure their accommodation in Gland or the neighbouring town of Nyon as soon as possible, as there may be heightened demand due to other events taking place that week in the area.

Preferred prices are available at various hotels; please mention your attendance at an IUCN/Convention on Wetlands meeting when booking.

Nyon

Hotel Des Alpes *** T. +41 22 994 30 00 Email: info@alpes-nyon.ch	Hotel Le Rive **** Tel: + 41 22 552 20 80 Email: info@hotel-le-rive.ch
Ambassador Boutique Hotel **** T. +41 22 994 48 48	Hotel de l'Ange T. +41 22 361 55 09

	Email: info@hoteldelange.ch
Base Nyon ****	B&B Hotel Nyon
T. +41 22 361 36 36	T: +41 22 512 17 77
Email: hello@basenyon.com	Email: bb 7610@hotelbb.com

Gland

Hotel Glanis ***	<u>Hotel de la Plage</u>
Tel: +41 22 354 16 20	T. +41 22 364 10 35
Email: hotelglanis@bluewin.ch	Email: info@hoteldelaplage.ch

For more hotels, please see:

Booking.com MySwitzerland Kayak

Travel in Switzerland

Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel and covering associated costs.

From Geneva Airport to your hotel

<u>Train service</u> connects Geneva Airport to Nyon and Gland.

Upon arrival at the airport, follow signs to "Gare CFF/SBB" in the Arrival Hall, and proceed to the railway station's ticket hall.

You can purchase a one-way ticket to Nyon for CHF 15.40 (2nd class) using Swiss francs or a credit/debit card from a ticket machine.

Direct trains to Nyon depart at 18 and 48 minutes past every hour, taking 25 minutes to reach Nyon.

Timetables are displayed above the escalators to the train platforms. Ensure you board a train stopping in Nyon. Timetables are available here.

From Nyon to the Secretariat headquarters in Gland

<u>Train</u>

The journey from Nyon to Gland is a four-minute, one-stop train ride. Trains depart Nyon (direction Lausanne) in the mornings at 06 and 36 minutes past every hour. In the evenings, trains leave Gland for Nyon (direction Genève) at 21 and 51 minutes past the hour. Timetables are available here. The Secretariat headquarters are in the Conservation Centre shared with IUCN at Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland. It is 10 minute walk from the Gland railway station.

Bus

Alternatively, you can take the Bus 811 from Nyon train station to Gland "Mont-Blanc sud". Timetables and itinerary are available here. It is a 9 minutes walk from the bus stop to the Secretariat headquarters.

Carte Explore

You can request the Carte Explore from your hotel for the duration of your stay. It entitles you to free travel by bus or train in all Mobilis zones in the Nyon district, covering Gland area.

Taxi services

Taxi Alliance T. +41 79 206 83 59 AMG Taxi T. +41 22 364 05 05 ABC Taxi T. +41 22 361 45 45

Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Conservation Centre's cafeteria. A dedicated area will be reserved for the meeting participants. Additionally, Nyon offers various <u>dining options</u>.

Currency and exchange

The currency used in Switzerland is Swiss francs (CHF). Exchange services are not available during weekends in Nyon or Gland. Sponsored participants will receive a daily substance allowance (DSA) on the first day of the meeting with a Swiss Bankers Credit Card.

Weather

You may wish to check the weather in Switzerland before your trip on: www.meteoswiss.ch.

Electric plugs and adapters

In Switzerland, the electrical current is 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. Participants are advised to bring an adapters and converters for charging their electronic devices. The types of sockets used in Switzerland are illustrated below.





The Secretariat wishes you a pleasant trip to Switzerland and looks forward to seeing you in the Conservation Centre.

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