



57th meeting of the Standing Committee Gland, Switzerland, 25 – 28 June 2019

Information for Participants

The Meeting

The 57th meeting of the Standing Committee will take place from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June 2019, at the Ramsar Secretariat headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

SC57 will be preceded on Monday 24 June by meetings of the Committee's sub-groups and working groups. Membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Ramsar website at <https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members>.

Documents:

Meeting documents will be available on the Ramsar web site in English, in due course at: <https://www.ramsar.org/event/57th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>. Please note that Ramsar is a paperless Convention, so paper copies of documents will not be distributed during the meeting. Participants are requested to kindly bring their own set of documents.

Travel

Visas:

Please check if you need a visa for Switzerland, or a transit visa for any country where you might have to stop or change planes en route to Switzerland.

For information on visa requirements for Switzerland, go to:

https://www.bfm.admin.ch//bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html. Switzerland is part of the Schengen area and information on entry into the Schengen area can also be found on this website. **Please note that it can take up to four weeks to obtain a visa**, so please contact your nearest Swiss representation early enough.

If you need an official invitation letter, please let us know.

Medical/accident insurance:

The Ramsar Secretariat will provide sponsored participants who require a Schengen visa with insurance covering emergency medical treatment and accident. This insurance does not cover treatment for pre-existing medical conditions prior to your arrival in Switzerland. Other participants are requested to make sure that their medical and accident insurance covers their travel and stay in Switzerland.

Arrival airport:

The airport closest to the Secretariat Headquarters is the **Geneva Cointrin Airport (GVA)**. It is connected to Geneva City and the towns of Nyon and Gland by regular [train service](#).

From Geneva Airport to your hotel:

A direct train service links Geneva Airport with Nyon. On arrival at the airport, go through Customs and into the Arrivals Hall. Turn left and walk down to the end of the Hall following the signs “Gare CFF/SBB”. Continue through the revolving doors into the ticket hall of the railway station.

You can buy your one-way ticket at the ticket machine (see image below) with Swiss francs or a credit card, or at a counter. As of January 2019, a one way, 2nd class ticket costs CHF 15.20.



You will see the time tables showing the times of the trains and escalators leading down to the platforms. Make sure that you take a train that stops in Nyon. Direct trains for Nyon (without changing at the Geneva Cornavin station) run at 20 and 50 minutes past every hour, arriving in Nyon 23 minutes later.

Timetables are available at: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/timetable.html>

From Nyon to the Ramsar Secretariat/IUCN Headquarters in Gland:

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements to travel to Gland and back. Please note that participants are expected to cover the costs of transport to the Secretariat and back.

- **Taxi:** It is suggested that participants share taxis from Nyon to Gland and back. The Ramsar Secretariat has a special arrangement with AMG Taxi – Tel: +41 22 364 05 05; a trip from Nyon-Gland or Gland-Nyon costs approx. CHF25.
- **Taxi to Geneva airport:** Juan Parra Tel: +41 22 364 10 00. A trip from Gland to Geneva airport costs approx. CHF100.
- **Train:** From Nyon to Gland (and back) is a four-minute train ride. Trains leave Nyon (direction Lausanne) in the mornings at 05 and 35 minutes past every hour. In the evenings, trains leave Gland to Nyon (direction Genève) at 20 and 50 minutes past the hour.

IUCN-Ramsar HQ:

The Secretariat’s office (in the [Conservation Centre Gland](#) shared with IUCN at Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland) is an approximately 10 minutes’ [walk](#) from Gland railway station.

Accommodation

We have booked rooms in the hotel [l’Hostellerie 16ème Siècle](#) for **sponsored participants** and blocked rooms in the [Hotel des Alpes](#) for **non-sponsored participants** in the neighbouring town of Nyon, a short distance by [train](#) from the Secretariat, and approximately 25 km from Geneva (see “train” section).

Non-sponsored participants are requested to book their accommodation directly. Information on hotels near the Secretariat is here-below. Non-sponsored participants are advised to book their accommodation soonest as they may run the risk of having to find a room in another, more expensive hotel, in Nyon or in Geneva.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Preferred Hotel – Hotel Des Alpes in Nyon

www.alpes-nyon.ch/site/en

Tel +41 (0)22 994 30 00

Email: info@alpes-nyon.ch

A mid-sized hotel five minutes' walk from Nyon railway station.

Rates: Single rooms with shower and toilet are at CHF155.00 (Double room for single occupancy at CHF 165.00). Double rooms for two people are at CHF200.00 /220.00 depending on the room-type. It offers free WiFi. Prices include breakfast and taxes.

Hotel de Rive in Nyon

www.hotel-le-rive.ch

Tel: + 41 22 552 20 80

Email: info@hotel-le-rive.ch

A mid-sized hotel in front of the pier in Nyon with stunning views of Lake Geneva and the Alps, located about ten minutes from the Nyon railway station by foot (note that there is a steep hill). It offers free WiFi and has a restaurant.

Rates: CHF 198.00 for a single room and CHF 258.00 for a double room. Prices include breakfast and taxes.

Hotel Glanis in Gland

www.hotelglanis.com

Tel: +41 22 364 10 02

Email: hotelglanis@bluewin.ch

Glanis is a mid-sized hotel conveniently located across the street from the Gland railway station and only at 10 minutes walking distance from the Ramsar Secretariat's offices. It offers free WiFi, room service until 22:00 and 24-hour front desk service. The hotel has a restaurant.

Rates: CHF 160.00 to 180.00 for a single room depending on the room type. Prices include breakfast and taxes.

TO BENEFIT FROM PREFERRED PRICES AT THE ABOVE HOTELS, PLEASE CONTACT HOTELS DIRECTLY AND MENTION THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING A RAMSAR (IUCN) MEETING.

For more hotels, please see:

www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/nyon.html

www.booking.com/city/ch/nyon.en.html

www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation

Further Information

Meals:

Lunch will be provided for in the IUCN/Ramsar cafeteria. For **sponsored participants**, each participant is requested to use the voucher they are given to enjoy a soup, main dish (vegetarian option available), dessert and drink. A row of tables will be reserved for this meeting. Please note that the IUCN/Ramsar cafeteria requires **cash only** and do not accept any cards (credit or debit). You will be free to make your own dinner arrangements each evening using your DSA. There are numerous [restaurants](#) in Nyon, too.

Currency and exchange service:

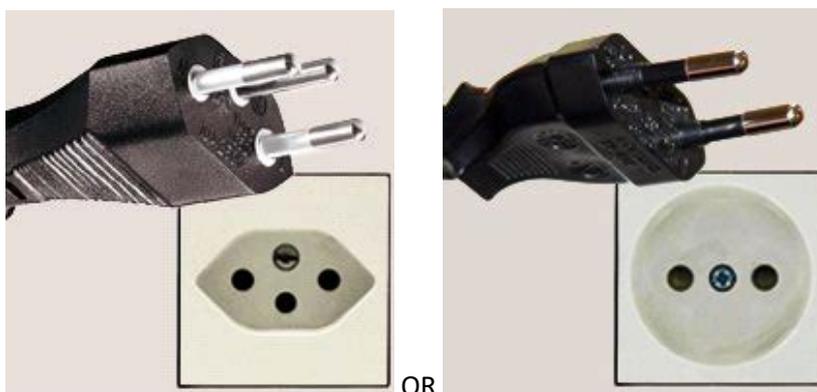
The currency used in Switzerland is *Swiss francs* (CHF). **Sponsored participants** will be paid a Daily Substance Allowance on the first day of the meeting. They are, however, advised to ensure they have cash with them or to change money at the airport. Exchange services **are not** available during weekends in Nyon or Gland.

Weather:

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

Electric plugs and adapters:

Please note that in Switzerland the electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. Participants are advised to bring an adapter and/or converter to charge their electric appliances. The types of sockets used in Switzerland are illustrated below:



We wish you a pleasant trip to Switzerland and look forward to seeing you in Gland.

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