

**35<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Hybrid Board Meeting & Events**  
**19 – 20 May 2022**  
**Geneva, Switzerland**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE**

We are pleased to provide updated information on the 35<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Hybrid Board Meeting to be held on 19-20 May 2022, and related meetings and events.

Please note that the Board Meeting will be held in person and in virtual mode, making it a **Hybrid Board Meeting**.

For the events below marked as “hybrid”, please use the links listed below the session in the **Summary of Events** to register your participation (**only if you will be joining remotely**).

**REGISTRATION**

If you have not done so already, please confirm your participation to the 35<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting by sending an email to [boardaffairs@stoptb.org](mailto:boardaffairs@stoptb.org) as soon as possible, and kindly indicate whether you will attend in-person or virtually.

Please ensure that the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat is aware of your arrival and departure details. Please notify the Secretariat of any changes to your details as soon as they are known. Flight details can be shared with [boardaffairs@stoptb.org](mailto:boardaffairs@stoptb.org).

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

**17 - 18 May 2022**

**STP Community & Civil Society Delegations  
Strategic Planning Retreat (in person)**

*Global Health Campus*

**Wednesday, 18 May 2022**

15.30-16.30

**Pre-Board Briefings Working Group on New TB Vaccines  
(virtual)**

*Register in advance for this meeting:*

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOuvqDMuGNblqr2kaAG97jqT\\_5qYv\\_2Z](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcOuvqDMuGNblqr2kaAG97jqT_5qYv_2Z)

**Thursday, 19 May 2022**

10.00-13.00

**Registration**

*Global Health Campus, Forum*

10.30-11.30

**Launch of report: Digital Real-time  
Tuberculosis Surveillance System (hybrid) (optional)**

*Global Health Campus, Forum*

*To attend virtually, please register in advance:*

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-2spzMsHdHVWUeCQcytdOFYTPG\\_5l1j](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-2spzMsHdHVWUeCQcytdOFYTPG_5l1j)

11.45-12.50	Lunch (optional)	Global Health Campus, Jacaranda
13.00-18.30	<b>35th Board Meeting (hybrid)</b> <i>To attend virtually, please register in advance:</i> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd--vqTsuHtSzkXB5ekL2HwssLP2S2WL-">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd--vqTsuHtSzkXB5ekL2HwssLP2S2WL-</a>	Global Health Campus, Forum
19.30-22.00	<b>Board Dinner (in person)</b>	Restaurant Creux-de-Genthod

## Friday, 20 May 2022

10.00-11.30	<b>High Level Round Table on Africa TB Response (hybrid)</b>	Global Health Campus, Forum
11.45-12.50	<b>Lunch (optional) and Launch of updated TB Language Guide “Words Matter”</b>	Global Health Campus, Jacaranda
13.00-18.30	<b>35th Board Meeting (hybrid)</b> <i>To attend virtually, please register in advance:</i> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd--vqTsuHtSzkXB5ekL2HwssLP2S2WL-">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd--vqTsuHtSzkXB5ekL2HwssLP2S2WL-</a>	Global Health Campus, Forum

## STOP TB PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING VENUE

### The Forum (Level 1)

Global Health Campus  
 40, Chemin du Pommier  
 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex (Canton of Geneva)  
 Switzerland  
 Tel : +41 058 791 17 00  
 Map: <https://bit.ly/2Tg2LOA>

**IF YOU HAVE A COVID CERTIFICATE OR A  
 NEGATIVE COVID TEST  
 PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU TO  
 SHOW TO SECURITY AT THE ENTRANCE**

## COVID REGULATIONS

Switzerland lifted all COVID19 restrictions; however, this is subject to change with very little notice. You can find all Swiss COVID19 measures and ordinances [here](#). All entry restrictions (related to COVID19) are scheduled to be lifted on 2nd May; however, we recommend that you [monitor this regularly](#), especially prior to your flight, in case there is any changes made.

**All people entering the Global Health Campus (Stop TB Office and Board Meeting location) must provide proof of vaccination or recovery, or negative PCR or antigen test (excluding home tests).**

Please note that antigen testing will be provided by professionals at the reception of the Global Health Campus for participants that need one.

The use of masks will be required in meeting rooms.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Global Health Campus is served by buses 5, F, 22 and 28. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. is available on the site of the [Transports publics genevois](#).

Participants staying at hotels in the canton of Geneva can benefit from a free Geneva transport card.

Participants not staying at hotels in the canton of Geneva will be able to purchase their tickets from ticket machines located at most stops and/or on the bus. More information on how to get around in Geneva: <https://www.helloswitzerland.ch/magazine/-/getting-around-geneva>

By taxi/Uber: It takes about fifteen minutes to get to the Global Health Campus from the airport or from the railway station. The numbers most frequently used for calling taxis are:

+41 (0) 22 3 202 202; online booking via <http://www.taxis.ch>

+41 (0) 22 33 141 33; <http://www.taxi-phone.ch>

+41 (0) 22 320 20 20; <http://www.geneve-taxi.ch>

Uber is also available in Geneva using the Uber app on your smartphone. We recommend that you download the app in advance of your arrival in Switzerland, if you wish to use it.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Geneva has several hotel options. The hotels listed here were picked based on a direct bus connection to the Global Health Campus. The rates below are examples for single occupancy that includes taxes, Wi-fi and breakfast.

Hotel Intercontinental (approximately CHF 420/night)

7-9, Chemin du Petit Saconnex

1209 Geneva

Tel : (+41) 22.919.39.39

[www.intercontinental.com/geneva](http://www.intercontinental.com/geneva)

5 minutes bus ride (nr 5) from the Global Health Campus

Hotel Le Montbrillant (approximately CHF 440/night)

2, Rue de Montbrillant

1201 Geneva

Tel : (+41) 22.733.77.84

[www.montbrillant.ch](http://www.montbrillant.ch)

15 minutes bus ride (nr 5) from the Global Health Campus

Hotel NH City (approximately CHF 200/night)

42, Avenue Wendt

1203 Geneva

Tel : (+41) 22.544.74.74

<https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotels/geneva>

15 minutes bus ride (nr 5+11) from the Global Health Campus

Hotel Ibis Centre Nations (approximately CHF 230/night)

Rue du Grand Pré, 33-35

1202 Geneva

Tel : 00 41 22 919 20 30

<http://ibis-geneve-centre-nations.hotels-geneva.org/en/>

10 minutes bus ride (nr 8+5) from the Global Health Campus

## GENEVA AND GETTING AROUND

Transportation from the international airport:

### Genève-Cointrin International Airport

For any matters (information or urgent messages) please call the airport customer service number: + 41 22 717 71, or visit their [website](#). The airport is located 4 km (2.5 mi) northwest of the Geneva city centre.

Free wireless Internet is available in the airport. There are three possible ways to connect to GVA Free Wi-Fi: authentication by SMS, boarding pass authentication and authentication by passport/ID card.

### **Transportation from the Airport**

There is a railway station with trains to Geneva-Cornavin station (central station), and other cities in Switzerland.

There are local buses (5, 5+, 10, 23, 28, 57) that stop at the airport and connect to the rest of the city and neighbouring French villages.

Outside the arrival area there is also the possibility to use taxis, as well as Uber.

## **VISA**

Since 12 December 2008, Switzerland applies the [Schengen Agreement regulations](#) concerning visas.

Estimated Visa procedures may take up to 21 days depending on nationality and where you are applying from. Participants are therefore advised to apply for a visa well in advance of their departure date. It is the responsibility of each participant to request a Visa on time and to submit all the requested documents in a timely manner.

If you need a letter of invitation, please contact [boardaffairs@stoptb.org](mailto:boardaffairs@stoptb.org)

## **INSURANCE**

Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

## **SAFETY**

Geneva is considered a safe city. Nevertheless, pickpocketing may occur in crowded and/or tourist areas such as bus and the train station. Accordingly, it is always advisable for women to keep purses or bags close to their sides and men to store wallets in front instead of rear pockets.

It is recommended to have photocopies, as well as scanned copies online, of all important documents (i.e., passport, visa, travel insurance, driver's license). Photocopies and scans can be helpful should you lose any of these documents.

In Switzerland it is safe to drink water from the tap, unless otherwise expressly stated.

### **Emergency numbers:**

Police: 117

Fire service: 118

Ambulance: 144

## **CURRENCY**

Swiss Franc (CHF) is the currency used in Switzerland. 1 USD dollar is 0.96 Swiss Franc (as of April 2022).

Credit cards are widely accepted, and most banks have ATMs. Nevertheless, some local shops may require a minimum value in order to accept credit card payment. Please note that American Express is not widely accepted in Switzerland. Currency exchange counters are available in the airport arrivals area, and around the city (Cornavin Central Station). Exchange currency only at authorized currency changers or banks, and be sure to obtain a receipt.

## COMMUNICATION

The telephone country code for Switzerland is +41. The area code for Geneva is 22.

## POWER



Switzerland uses a Type J power plug. This plug is similar to the widely diffused Type C (two-wire plug) except that it has the addition of a grounding pin. Type J plugs have three 4 mm round pins, measuring 19 mm in length. The centres of the line and neutral prongs are spaced 19 mm apart and they have 10 mm long insulated sleeves.

## LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Stop TB Board. All presentations and discussions will be in English.

Geneva is a French speaking city, with English widely spoken and understood.

## WEATHER AND TIME

In May, the weather in Geneva is mild and the temperatures are often around 20°C during daytime. Wind can be quite frequent as well, and there are noticeable changes in temperature.

Geneva time is UTC/GMT+2 hours.

## VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

A VAT rate of 7.7% applies to most goods and services. VAT is included in the price shown.

A reduced rate of 2.5% applies to certain everyday consumer goods such as foodstuffs, non-alcoholic beverages, books, newspapers, magazines and medicines.

Overnight stays in hotels (incl. breakfast) are taxed at a special rate of 3.7%.

## TIPPING

Tipping is not mandatory in Switzerland. Most services include a “service” charge in the bill, which means that there is no obligation for you to tip an additional amount. Gratuities may be offered at your discretion based on your satisfaction with the service provided.

## SMOKING & ALCOHOL

Since 1 May 2010, smoking has been forbidden in Switzerland in enclosed areas when they are open to the public or serve as a workplace for more than one person. Hence it is forbidden to smoke in restaurants, public buildings and offices. Smoking is also forbidden on public transport. Smoking is permitted in separate smoking rooms, outdoors and in private homes. All conference rooms and public areas in the Board Meeting venue are thus strictly no-smoking zones.

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## DOCUMENTS

The 35<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Hybrid Board Meeting will be a **paperless meeting**. All documents will be made available online at <https://www.stoptb.org/board-meetings/stop-tb-partnership-board-meeting-19-20-may-2022>