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49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG)
6 - 10 July 2026

Information for delegates

Registration

All Codex Members and Observers planning to attend CAC49 are required to register through the CVENT registration system.

Codex Contact Points (CCPs) are requested to register the members of their delegation. Where individual delegates complete their own registration, CCPs are kindly requested to confirm the official composition of their delegation by email to codex@fao.org.

Please note that all registrations are subject to approval by the Codex Secretariat.

Where required, letters in support of visa applications for Member Country delegates may also be requested through the CVENT system.

Badges

Participants are requested to use the main CICG entrance located in Rue de Varembé 17, CH – 1202 Geneva. Dedicated staff assisting with badge distribution will be located on the ground floor in Espace Jeanne Hersch.

The registration desk will be open:

- Sunday, 5 July: 10:00 - 18:00
- Monday, 6 July: from 8:00

Registered participants may collect their badges by presenting a valid passport or identity card at the reception point. Badge collection may take several minutes, particularly during large events such as sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Participants are therefore strongly advised to arrive at least 30 minutes before each session.

Building passes must be worn at all times to access the meeting. Lost passes should be reported immediately to the conference facilities staff.

WI-FI Coverage

CICG provides free Wi-Fi access throughout the building.

Username: CICG_26
Password: Conf2026

Participants are reminded to bring an appropriate adaptor to enable you to connect your laptop computer to Swiss power sockets.



Cloakroom

A cloakroom is available at the entrance to the Espace Jeanne Hersch (ground floor), on your left-hand side beneath the escalators.

Meditation room

A multi faith meditation room is located in the foyer infirmary (Floor -1).

First aid - Medical Emergencies

For normal medical requirements, please go to the Infirmary Floor -1.

The infirmary will be open during the Codex Alimentarius Commission working hours. For medical emergencies dial 9112 from all in-house telephone or +41 22 791 91 12 from your mobile.

Catering facilities

- **Self service cafeteria** (Espace Violeta Parra, First floor): 12:00–14:30
- **Café le 6ème Continent** (Ground floor): 07:30–19:00

Payments are accepted in Swiss Francs (CHF). Credit cards, ATM cards and contactless payments are widely accepted.

Protecting your valuables

A word of caution. Geneva is a very safe city, however, please be aware of pickpockets, especially on public transportation.

Once delegates have checked into their hotel, it is advisable to leave important documents such as passports in the hotel safe and to carry a photocopy.

Identity cards, valuables, and anything else not needed in the city are best left at the hotel or place of residence while delegates are sightseeing, shopping, or dining out.

Delegates are reminded not to leave briefcases, laptops or any valuable items unattended in conference rooms.

Emergency contacts

- Dial 117 for the police
- Dial 118 for the fire department
- Dial 144 for the ambulance
- During the 49th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, a nurse will be onsite in the CICG.

When in Geneva...

Currency

The local currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF), however numerous shops accept Euros (€) and Dollars ($). Average exchange rates: 1 US dollar~ 0.78 CHF. 1 Euro ~ 0.91 CHF.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation. As Geneva hosts many international events, availability may be limited; early booking is strongly recommended.
The hotel rates detailed in the QR code below are WHO negotiated rates. When booking, delegates should indicate that they are participating in a WHO meeting. Availability is limited.

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Getting around

Anyone staying in approved accommodation in Geneva is entitled to a free transport card for the duration of your stay.

Bus: The “Transport Public Genevois” (TPG) is the transport operator (bus and tram) for Geneva. Plans and schedules are available on the TPG website, and at bus stops. This allows you to use the whole public transportation system of Geneva for the length of your stay for free and includes buses, trams, trains, and yellow taxi-boats.

Getting to the CICG from the airport: take Bus 5 in the direction of Thônex-Vallard (10 stops). Get off at the Vermont stop. See access map to the CICG:

Getting to the CICG from the train station: You will need on average 10 minutes to get from the main train station: Gare Cornavin to the CICG with one of the following options:

- Bus 5: direction Aéroport (airport) and get off at Vermont (4 stops away)
- Bus 8: direction OMS and get off at Motta IUT (5 stops away)
- Tram 13 & 15: direction Nations and get off at the stop Sismondi (5 stops away)
- On foot: Around 20 minutes

Getting to the CICG from the city: You have several possibilities to reach the CICG from the Jet d’eau:

- Bus 8: 15 minutes, departing from Métropole and getting off at the stop Motta
- On foot: About 45 minutes
- By taxi: Around 10 minutes (depending on traffic)

Taxi: They are easily available but comparatively expensive.

For more information on transport in Geneva, please visit the Tourist Information Centre’s website, section “How to get around?”.

Uber is available in Geneva, so make sure to download the application beforehand.