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USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Venue of the Meeting

The Workshop will take place at: Vienna International Centre (VIC)
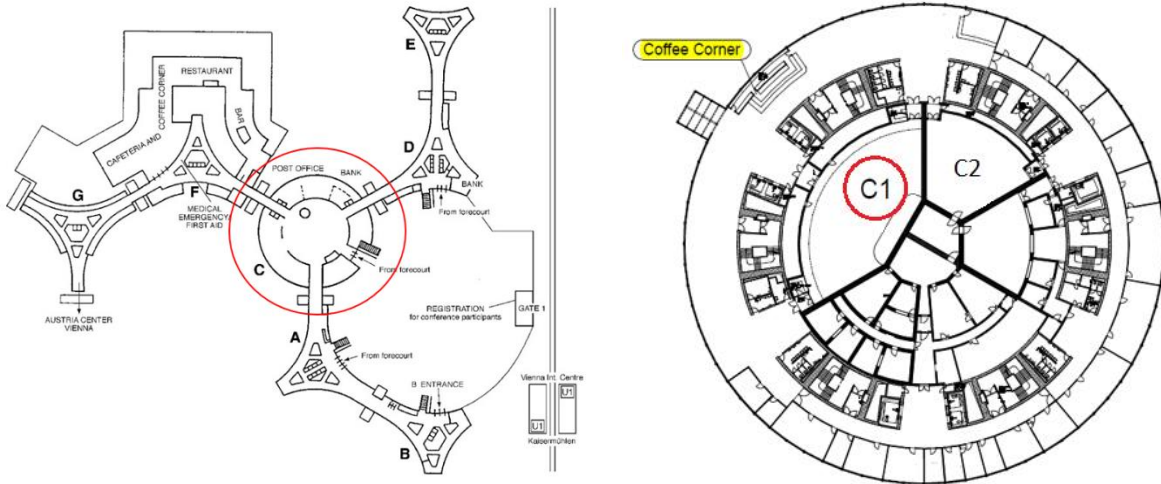
Conference Room 1 (CR-1), C-building, 2nd Floor

Address: Wagramer Strasse 5

1220, Vienna, Austria

Webpage (including how to reach the VIC): https://www.unov.org/unov/en/vic.html

For security reasons, conference/grounds passes are necessary for admittance to the VIC. Conference badges will be issued at the United Nations Security and Safety Section **Pass Office at Gate 1** of the VIC.

The Pass Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 16:00. Meeting participants should arrive at the VIC at least one hour before the start of the meeting on the first day (8:00 for the 9:00 start), in order to allow for sufficient time for registration and issuance of grounds passes. Participants should provide an appropriate form of state-issued photo identification at the entrance, such as a passport.

2. Local Organizer in Vienna, Austria

The local organizer of the Meeting is the **United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).**

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3. Accommodation

Participants are requested to arrange their own hotel bookings. A list of suitable hotels in Vienna can be found at: https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2022/un-international-meeting-gnss_lodging.html

4. Arrival/Departure to/from Vienna

Vienna International Airport (German: Flughafen Wien-Schwechat, IATA: VIE, ICAO: LOWW) is the international airport of Vienna, the capital of Austria, located in Schwechat, 18 km (11 mi) southeast of central Vienna

5. Transportation from/to the Vienna International Airport (VIE)

- *Vienna Airport Lines (Bus)*

The Vienna Airport Lines operates on an hourly basis, seven days a week from 7:00 - 18:00 from the airport to the VIC. The VIC bus station is located on Wagramer Strasse right in front of Gate 1. The trip lasts approximately 40 minutes depending on the destination. A single ticket costs 9 EUR (9 USD), roundtrip ticket is 15 EUR (15 USD). Tickets can be bought from the driver. The Vienna Airport Lines also serves other locations in Vienna on a 24/7 basis, should you wish to go to your hotel first. For a detailed bus schedule, please consult the following website: https://www.viennaairportlines.at/en/

- *City Airport Train (CAT)*

The City Airport Train links the airport to the 'Wien Mitte' terminal in the city centre. The CAT runs daily in a 30-minute interval from the airport starting at 06:08, with the last one leaving 'Wien Mitte' at 23:07. The trip takes about 16 minutes. The passenger fare is 11 EUR (11 USD) for a single ticket and 19 EUR (19 USD) for a roundtrip ticket. Tickets can be purchased online, from machines and over the counter at both the airport and 'Wien Mitte' terminals. There is also a possibility to check-in at the train terminal when travelling with certain airlines. For further information regarding the CAT, please visit the following webpage: https://www.cityairporttrain.com/en/home

- *Public City Train (S7)*

The public city train (German: Schnellbahn or S-Bahn, lit. "Fast-train") line #7 (S7) links the airport to several stations in Vienna from where participants can use the subway network to reach their hotel or other locations. S-Bahn trains leave the airport for the city centre every 30 minutes and the trip lasts approximately 25 minutes. The trains operate from 4:19 through midnight and tickets can be purchased online, from machines and over the counter at both the airport and designated subway stations. The passenger fare is 4.80 EUR (5 USD) for a single ticket and 9.60 EUR (10 USD) for a roundtrip ticket. Further information regarding the S-Bahn can be obtained at: https://www.vor.at/en/

- *Taxi*

Several companies offer their services to the city centre from the arrivals hall at the airport. One-way fares start at 25 EUR (26 USD), however has to be reserved to get the special airport tariff. Please refer to the following link for a list of taxi companies: https://www.flughafentaxi-wien.at/en/. Always check the prices as with regular taxis fares can go up to 60 - 70 EUR (62 – 72 USD)

6. Visa

Participants who require a visa must contact the relevant diplomatic or consular authorities of the Republic of Austria and apply for a **Schengen short-stay visa (Type C)**.

A list of countries subject to visa can be found on the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior (Visaliste (Englisch)):

https://www.bmi.gv.at/202/Fremdenpolizei_und_Grenzkontrolle/Visumpflichtige_Laender/start.aspx

In countries where Austria does not have diplomatic or consular representation, visa applications can be submitted to the consular authority of a State party to the Schengen Agreement acting on behalf of Austria in the country concerned.

https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/

Downloadable forms, as well as information on the application process and the necessary documentation are available at:

https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entrance-and-residence/visa/

Additional useful information can be obtained at:

https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/

7. Currency

The currency used in Austria is the Euro (Code: EUR, Symbol: €)

As of 14 October 2022 (European Central Bank):
https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/euro_reference_exchange_rates/html/eurofxref-graph-usd.en.html)
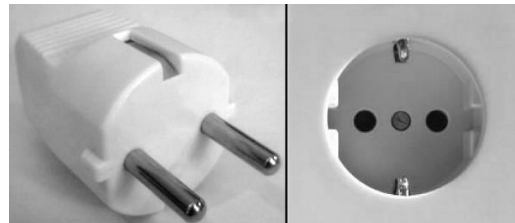
> 1 USD = 1.032 EUR
> 1 EUR = 0.969 USD

Major credit cards (Master Card, Visa, etc…) are accepted at hotels, restaurants and shops in Austria.

8. Power Supply

230-volt, 50 Hz power supply is used in Austria for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets for two-pin plugs (Type C and F).

Source: wikipedia.org

9. Time and Weather

The time zone in Vienna is UTC+01:00 (CET - Central European Time).

The climate of Vienna is oceanic from the west and continental from the east (transitional climate). The winters are rather mild compared to other parts of Austria. This is reflected in lower rainfall and longer dry periods.

The meeting will be held during winter season (December), when temperatures in Vienna range from 16 °C (61 °F) to -5 °C (23 °F), in average 5 °C. December can also be a rainy month as has shown last year's December with 19 days of rain and total precipitation of 51mm (average: 48mm). Therefore, it is highly recommended to consider bringing along warm clothing and an umbrella or rain jacket. (Source: zamg.ac.at)

10. COVID-19

For current information on entering Austria from abroad, and under which circumstances to register online (Pre-Travel-Clearance), please refer to:

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/en/themen/coronavirus_in_oesterreich/pre-travel-clearance.html

The COVID-19-Einreiseverordnung 2022 (COVID-19 Entry Regulation 2022) regulates **entry from states and territories with a very high epidemiological risk** into Austria. The states and territories concerned are listed in Appendix 1 of the regulation, but **none are listed at the current moment. There are no restrictions on entry from other states and territories.**

Due to the dynamic nature of the pandemic, participants are advised to regularly check these regulations for any possible changes. On that occasion, please be reminded that adequate overall health insurance is the participant's personal responsibility.

11. Communication

The international dialling code for Austria is: (+43).

Local service providers operate on the 5G (and below) network standard.

WiFi hotspots are available on the UN premises as well as in most places in Vienna.

12. Meal requirements

The VIC cafeteria and restaurant provide a variety of dishes, including vegetarian and vegan ones. This is also common in all hotels and restaurants throughout Vienna.

13. Safety and Security

As of November 2022, the current security level in Vienna is assessed at minimal.

Pick-pocketing and petty theft occur in major tourist centres, on public transport and in surrounding areas. Participant's belongings should be protected at all times. It is advisable not to use ATMs after dark and only carry minimum cash as required. Parking in garages and well-lit areas is recommended. Violent crime is rare and unlikely to affect visitors to Austria.

Regionally, terrorism remains a security concern, but there are no known threats specifically to the United Nations or United Nations personnel in the country. Exercising vigilance and basic security awareness is always recommended.

Public transportation and road networks are generally safe and efficient. Austria is connected by air to major European and world capitals and by frequent high-speed railways to all major cities and cross border connections.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire department: 122	Police: 133	Ambulance: 144

14. The Vienna International Centre (VIC)

The VIC, designed by Austrian architect Johann Staber, was built between 1973 and 1979 just north of the river Danube. The initial idea of setting up an international organization in Vienna came from the Chancellor of Austria Dr. Bruno Kreisky.

Six Y-shaped office towers surround a cylindrical conference building for a total floor area of 230,000 square metres. The highest tower ("A Building") stands 127 metres tall, enclosing 28 floors. These office towers were among the first modern skyscrapers to be built in Austria.

About 5,000 people work at the VIC, which also offers catering, shopping facilities, and a post office (postal code 1400 Wien). Two banks (Bank Austria, Bawag PSK and United Nations Federal Credit Union offices), travel agents and other commercial services have offices on the premises.

The VIC is an extraterritorial area, exempt from the jurisdiction of local law. (Source: wikipedia.org)

- ***United Nations Information Services (UNIS)***

Visitors Service Vienna offers guided tours of the Vienna International Centre for individual visitors in English and German every weekday Monday-Friday. Regular tour times are usually 11:00, 14:00 and 15:30:

https://unis.unvienna.org/unis/en/visitors_service/index.html

15. About Vienna

Vienna (/viˈɛnə/ vee-EN-ə; German: Wien [viːn]) is the capital, largest city, and one of nine states of Austria. Vienna is Austria's most populous city and its primate city, with about two million inhabitants (2.9 million within the metropolitan area, nearly one third of the country's population), and its cultural, economic, and political centre. It is the 6th-largest city proper by population in the European Union and the largest of all cities on the Danube River. (Source: wikipedia.org)

For sightseeing, please visit the official website of the city of Vienna: https://www.wien.info/en

From top, left to right: Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna City Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Austrian Parliament Building, and Vienna State Opera