8th IAA Planetary Defense Conference

Hybrid conference: Webcast on UN TV, links available on the conference webpages

2 VENUES for the MAIN CONFERENCE: 3 – 6 April 2023 Vienna International Centre

7 April 2023 Austrian Academy of Science

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All registered participants must obtain VIC conference/ground pass to enter VIC and the conference room, which is located in the main building (C-Building, on the 4th Floor).

Conference badges will be issued at the United Nations Security and Safety Section Pass Office of the VIC, opened from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The Pass Office is located at the GATE 1 of the VIC.

When arriving to VIC (Metro station Kaisermühlen-VIC), Gate 1, please use VISITOR's ENTRANCE (up the stairs to the right) and first proceed through Security Check. The Pass Office is after the Security check.

At the Pass Office, participants should present an appropriate form of state-issued photo identification, such as a passport, to obtain the badge. Please note that badges are not transferable for the use of other persons. Meeting participants should arrive at the VIC at least one hour before the start of the meeting on the first day to allow for sufficient time for registration and issuance of grounds passes.

Pre-printing of individual badges will also be arranged for registered participants. In this case, registered participants will receive an email notification (from UN Conference Registration) and would be able to upload their pictures to the system. The photos should be JPG format and the passport size.
Venue of the Meetings

- **3 - 6 April 2023: Vienna International Centre (VIC)**

  **ENTRANCE to VIC:** GATE 1, Visitor’s ENTRANCE (to the right)
  **Address:** Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna
  **Metro:** Line U1 (Red), Station: Kaisermühlen/VIC
  **Venue:** Main building of the VIC (round building) – C-BUILDING
             4th FLOOR

  **Conference room:** Board Room D


**VIC, C-Building, Main entrance (round building):**

7 April, Friday 2023:

**Venue:** Austrian Academy of Science
8th IAA Planetary Defense Conference
3 - 7 April 2023, Vienna, Austria

Room: Festsaal
Address: Doktor-Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna
Metro: Line U1 (Red), Station: Schwedenplatz

Start: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Webpage: https://www.oeaw.ac.at/

Pre-conference event: 2 April Public & Media event:
https://www.oeaw.ac.at/detail/veranstaltung/achtung-impakt, 4.30-8.00 p.m. at the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Other venues:

- 5 April, IMAX Movie at Cineplexx Donau Zentrum, 8.15-10.30 p.m.
  Wagramerstraße 79, 1220 Wien, Line U1 (Red), Station: Kagran

- 6 April, Conference Banquet at Wiener Rathauskeller, 7.00 p.m.
  Rathausplatz 1, 1010 Wien, Line U1 and D Strassenbahn, or Line U3 (Orange),
  Station: Volksgarten

Vienna International Centre

- **Exhibit:** C- Building, Rotunda (Round main hall, ground floor)

- **Coffee corners,** C-Building: 4th floor and 7th floor

- **CAFETERIA, F-Building:**

  OPENING HOURS: Lunch Time: Mon-Thu 11:30-14:30

- **Restaurant:** Mon-Thu 11:30-14:30

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS
1. **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.

2. **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 purchased 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/](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 'Wien Mitte' when travelling with certain airlines. For further information regarding the CAT, please visit the following webpage: [https://www.cityairporttrain.com/en/home](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 center 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/](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 an airport taxi has to be requested to get the special airport tariff. Please refer to the following link for a list of taxi companies: [https://www.flughafentaxi-wien.at/en/](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)

- **Uber**

Uber service can be booked through the Uber app 24/7. One-way fares between Vienna International Airport and the VIC start at 30 EUR (31 USD). However, pricing is connected to the current demand for Uber. Fares are fixed through the app upon requesting the service. Please note that the Uber-pick-up point is located outside the departure area, which is one floor above the arrival area of the airport.

3. **Safety and Security**

**Emergency Telephone Numbers**

| Fire department: | 122 | Police: | 133 | Ambulance: | 144 |

4. **COVID-19**

**Health advice hotline 1450**

More information (no restrictions currently).

[https://www.sozialministerium.at/en.html](https://www.sozialministerium.at/en.html)

5. **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

6. **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).

7. 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 4,000 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.

- 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

8. About Vienna

Vienna (/viˈena/ vee-EN-a; 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