

**SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE
Twenty-fourth meeting (resumed)**

**SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION
Third meeting (resumed)**

**OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY
FRAMEWORK**

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Geneva, Switzerland, 14-29 March 2022

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

Guidelines for in-person participants and frequently asked questions

The meetings will take place at the “Centre International des Conférences de Genève” (CICG) located at 17 Rue Varembé, Geneva.

Procedure on arrival and registration

On arrival, delegates are first requested to proceed to the “Varembé Conference center (CCV) building located at 9 Rue Varembé, Geneva (across the street from the CICG) to complete a self-administered COVID test. Each delegate will be provided with one self-test kit to conduct the first test. Health workers will be available to assist if needed. A mask (face covering) will also be provided if needed.

Please note that first arrival COVID test facility will operate on the same hours as registration:

- 12 March 2022, from 2 to 6 p.m.
- 13-19 March 2022, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 21-29 March 2022, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If your test result is negative:

You will be directed to the CICG building, where at the entrance you will be required to present:

- 1- Photo ID
- 2- Priority Pass
- 3- COVID test in hand
- 4- Vaccine certificate (either Swiss/EU Certificate, or other certificate issued by your national health authority).

You will then be directed to the registration counter, where you will obtain your conference badge, self-test kits for the duration of the meetings and masks. The first delegate to register from each delegation will receive the secondary access passes for the entire delegation. Each delegation would take charge of distributing the secondary access passes to other members of the delegation for the duration of the meeting.

If your test result is positive

You will be asked to isolate for five days and to inform the Secretariat at covid@cbd.int . You will be able to register on the sixth day if you obtain a negative test result.

Daily access procedure after obtaining your badges

Prior to proceeding to the venue, please take the self-administered test at your hotel. **Retain the completed test strip, since you will need to present it on entry to the venue.**

Please consult the YouTube link to learn more about how to self-conduct the covid test:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=n-uDe1oLkC8&feature=share>

To access the venue daily, you will be required to present the following at the CIGG entrance:

- 1- A negative test result;
- 2- Conference badge;
- 3- Secondary access pass.

Please note that the negative test will be retained at the entrance, and in turn, you will be provided with a coloured sticker that will be affixed to your badge. The colour of the sticker will change daily.

Delegates will be required to wear a face covering and observe social distancing in all indoor areas of the venue.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What to do in case I test positive?

- Please inform the Secretariat immediately by e-mail at covid@cbd.int .
- You will be required to isolate for a minimum of five days and remain in quarantine until successfully obtaining a negative test result.
- If you were in contact with anyone in the previous days that was not wearing a mask, for a period longer than 15 minutes, please inform them.

2. Where to call in case of medical emergency?

- For non-urgent medical questions, please call +41 22 427 88 00, (operational 24 hours daily).
- For emergency, please call 144

Please see also: <https://www.ge.ch/contacter-lignes-information-covid-19>

3. Where can I get a PCR test?

Please note that a PRC COVID test is available for individual with symptoms or who came in contact with someone who tested positive. The cost of the test will be covered by the Swiss Cantonal Authority, and it is free of charge for delegates, upon presentation of the Conference Badge.

Suggested locations:

- Pharmacie de Montbrillant:
 - Phone: +41 22 733 40 40
 - Rue du Vidollet 1, 3003 Geneva (750m, 8 min. walking distance from the CIGG)
 - Remarks: no appointment needed to test only a few people; If a bigger group wants to get tested at once, an appointment is needed (phone); participants need to bring their ID / Passport.

- Pharmacie Faust:
 - Phone: +41 22 700 14 14
 - Rue de Vermont 14, 3003 Geneva (500m, 5 min. walking distance from the CICG)
 - Remarks: appointment needed. The following link can be used:
<https://pharmonline.ch/fr/pharmacies/292-Faust-pharmacie/> (*German, French, Italian*); participants need to bring their ID / Passport

- Pharmacie Sun Store Les Cygnes
 - Phone : +41 58 878 53 80
 - Rue de Lausanne 20, 3003 Geneva (100m, 1 min. walking distance from the train station)
 - Remarks: appointment needed. The following link can be used:
<https://www.sunstore.ch/de/info-covid19> (*German, French, Italian*); participants need to bring their ID / Passport

In case of an extraordinary situation, a high-capacity testing centre is located at the Geneva Airport. Additional testing facilities are listed here: <https://www.ge.ch/en/covid-19-get-tested>

4. Can I connect remotely to the meeting in case of isolation?

All registered delegates will receive login credentials to access the meeting as *Viewer*. If by being in isolation, your government will have no delegation at the venue, you may request to change your viewer role to speaker role by sending a request to covid@cbd.int.
