

27th Session of the GCOS Steering Committee

Paris, France

From 28 October 14:00 hrs to 31 October 12:30 hrs

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Venue

The meeting will be held at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO in Room VII on level -1.



Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
7, place de Fontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP
France

The registration and badge distribution for this meeting will be at the main entrance at 7, place Fontenoy. Please note that badges will not be available at the back entrance on Avenue Suffren.

2. Opening/Closure

The 27th Session of the GCOS Steering Committee will start on **Monday 28 October 2019 at 14:00 hrs** and end on **Thursday 31 October at 12:30 hrs**.

All-day sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will run from 09 00 hrs – 17 00 hrs

3. Arriving in Paris and public transport information

Paris is a central hub of Europe. It can be reached by flights from many parts of the world and has six major train stations.

[Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport](#) is the largest international airport in France, located north of Paris. The airport website also gives the quickest and most economic route to go to/from the airport. You will find taxis at the exit to the baggage reclaim area of the arrival terminal. Fixed fares are around 50 euros.

[Paris Orly Airport](#) is located 13 km south of Paris. The airport is linked to Paris by freeways, Air France buses, RATP buses (called OrlyBus) and the Orlyval automatic metro service, which connects to the Antony (Paris RER) station. For more information see the website. You will find taxis at the exit to the baggage reclaim area of the arrival terminal. Fixed fares are around 30 euros.

The [Paris Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens](#) (RATP) website has a [leaflet](#) on 'how to get to the airports'.

Paris has six major train stations ([Paris by train](#)) in the city centre, each serving different regions of France and Europe. Trip Advisor gives a nice overview of all the stations in Paris and where they serve. Paris Gare du Nord also hosts Eurostar, which can get you from London to Paris in around 2 and a half hours.

4. Suggested Hotels in Paris

Hotel	Single	Double	Breakfast	Tax/day
Hotel Aida Eiffel Secur*** 34 Boulevard Garibaldi - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 43.06.01.85 reservation@paris-hotel-eiffel-segur.com	109€	119€	10€	Included
Hotel Eiffel Seine *** 3, bd de Grenelle - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 45.78.14.81 Email contact@eiffelseine.com	170€ (Classic) 190€ (Club) 210€ (superior)	185€ (Classic) 105€ (Club) 225€ (Superior)	Included	Included
Hotel Fondary** Avenue Fondary - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 45.75.14.75 lefondary@wanadoo.fr	109€	119€	Included	Included
Le Bailli de Suffren *** Avenue de Suffren - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 56.58.64.64 Email contact@lebailliparis.com	139€	139€	Included	Included
Le Marquis Inwoodhotel**** 15, rue Dupleix – 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 43.06.31.50 lemarquis@inwood-hotels.com	189€ (Classic) 249 (Executive)	206€ (Classic) 266€ (Executive)	Included	Included
Hotel le Walt**** 37, av. De la Motte Picquet – 75007 PARIS Tel (33-1) 45.51.55.83 lewalt@inwood-hotels.com	189€ (Classic) 249 (Executive)	206€ (Classic) 266€ (Executive)	Included	Included
Hotel Duquesne Eiffel*** 23 Avenue Duquesne - 75007 PARIS Tel (33-1) 44.42.09.09 contact@hde.com	145€ (Standard) 165€ Confort 185€ (Superior)	165€ (Standard) 185€ (Confort) 205€ (Superior)	Included	Included
Hotel Derby Garibaldi*** 92 Boulevard Garibaldi - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 47.83.20.10 hotel.baldi@wanadoo.fr	100€ (Standard)	110€ (Standard) 125€ (Superior) 125€ (Twin 2 beds)	12€	1€
Hotel Villa Saxe Eiffel**** 9 Villa de Saxe - 75007 PARIS Tel (33-1) 47 83 86 90 hotel@villa-saxe-eiffel.com	399€ (Classic) 439€ (Superior) 479€ (Deluxe) 599€ (Junior Suite)		Included	Included
Holiday Inn Paris-Montparnasse Pasteur 10, rue Gager Gabillot/Paul Barruel - 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 44.19.29.29 reservations@hiparis-montparnasse.com	149€	159€	Included	1.5€
Hotel Beaugrenelle Tour Eiffel*** 19, rue Viala – 75015 PARIS Tel (33-1) 45.77.40.78 info@hotelbeaugrenelle.com	102€	112€	Included	Included

5. Passports and visa

Please check if you need a visa before travelling to France as visas are not available at border crossings or at Paris airports: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>. France-Visas is a single portal with all the information you need to guide you through the process and help you every step of the way (preparing the application, entering details, submitting and tracking the application).

All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure.

6. Useful information

Climate: The average daytime temperature in Paris in October is 15/16°. Nights average 7/8°. The average overall temperature is 15/16° factoring in night and day.

Currency: Euros (€). Visa, Master Card, Diners and American Express are widely accepted.

Electrical supply: The voltage in France is 220 to 240 Volts.

Health: No vaccinations are required to travel to France. It is suggested that you hold personal medical insurance for the duration of your trip. EU passport holders have access to the French social security system, which reimburses up to 70% of medical costs.

Security: Like all major cities in the world, Paris is not free of petty crime, such as pick pocketing, especially in major tourist areas. Visitors are advised to exercise caution and ensure that all valuables including tickets, passports and documents, are kept in a safe place at all times.

Time zone: GMT +1 hour

Water: Tap water in Paris is safe to drink.

7. Tourism in Paris

As the capital city of France, Paris has endured as an important city for more than 2,000 years. Often called by nicknames like the "city of love" and "city of light," Paris is today one of the world's leading centers for business, fashion, entertainment, art and culture. Just the mere mention of Paris conjures up images of the city's world famous landmarks, museums and cathedrals.

Discover the most beautiful tourist destinations in Paris on the official website of the Convention and Visitors Bureau ([Paris info](#)). Find all the practical and cultural information to help plan your holidays.