**8TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT**

**26 - 28 October 2021**

**General Information**

*Updated information as of 14 September 2021*

**DATES AND VENUE**

- **Date:** 26 to 28 October 2021
- **Venue:** UNESCO Headquarters (*Room I – Fontenoy building*)
  Metro station: Ségur or Cambronne (metro lines 10 or 6)
  *(See street plan on page 4)*

**COP8 FORMALITIES, REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND RECEPTION SERVICE**

- Taking into consideration the ongoing pandemic and the requests made by States Parties facing travel and structural obstacles, the eighth session of the Conference of Parties (COP8) will be organized in a hybrid format, bearing in mind that *in-person meeting is COP practice*. The COP8 will be organized in *Room I* in full compliance with the health and sanitary measures required by COVID-19.

- State Parties are strongly recommended to liaise with their Permanent Delegations.

- A maximum of three representatives per State Party is accepted to participate in COP8: One Minister (or designated representative), as well as two other appointed delegates including one from the National Anti-Doping Organization are encouraged to participate in COP8.

- Two respective registration links, and registration is mandatory in all cases below:

  **I. In-person participation and registration:**
  
  - With respect to UNESCO security measures, all participants will be required to pass through the security check at the entrance (125 Avenue de Suffren).
  - In line with the host country measures, UNESCO applies the “pass sanitaire (health pass)”. Information on this document is available at the following link: [https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19](https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19). The “pass sanitaire” will be mandatory for all external participants in order to be authorized to proceed to Room I. Passes can be digital (*EU Digital COVID Certificate*, French mobile phone application “TousAntiCovid”) or in a paper form. A QR code will be scanned on entry into the venue.
  - All participants, States Parties and other invitees, not yet registered are also requested to register online prior to the meetings, and to do so by 1st October 2021 at the following link (as indicated in the ADG/SHS invitation (Ref.: SHS/SPR/21/059, dated 24 June 2021): [https://forms.office.com/r/CTNgurngRM](https://forms.office.com/r/CTNgurngRM)
  - Confirmation of registration will be monitored at the Conference Desk located at the entrance (125 Avenue de Suffren) on **Tuesday 26 October from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** and on **Wednesday 27 October from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Upon registration, participants will receive a badge that they are invited
to wear throughout the meeting to facilitate identification and contacts with other participants and the members of the Secretariat.

- Sanitary measures, such as social distancing, use of hydroalcoholic gel and wearing a mask in the UNESCO premise are compulsory.

We wish to emphasize that this link above is only reserved for the in-person participation.

**Important note:** States Parties that already registered their in-person participants (at the link indicated above and in the ADG/SHS invitation, Ref.: SHS/SPR/21/059, dated 24 June 2021; https://forms.office.com/r/CTNgurnqRM) and wish to change to participate virtually, the Secretariat would be grateful if you could please inform us this change at antidopingteam@unesco.org.

II. Virtual participation and registration:

- States Parties that cannot participate in person at the COP8 due to health conditions related to the pandemic and vaccine requirements, may participate virtually. In this view, the Secretariat kindly invites participants to register their request by 1st October 2021 at the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/Cpg8veuGJZ.

  Please note that this link is only reserved for the virtual participation and registration is mandatory.

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**WORKING HOURS**

- Opening of the 8th session of the COP (26 October 2021): 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Paris time.
- Forum (26 October 2021): 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., Paris time.
- Information session (26 October 2021): 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Paris time.
- Working hours for all meetings will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Paris time. Participants will be notified of any change to this schedule.

**WORKING LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION**

- The 8th session of the COP will be conducted in the six official languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Accordingly, all working documents, as well as simultaneous interpretation, will be available online in these six languages.

**WORKING DOCUMENTS**

- As far as possible, all working documents will be available in the six official languages of the Organization before the meetings at the following address: https://en.unesco.org/themes/sport-and-anti-doping/cop8.

  Please note that for environmental and ecological reasons, working documents will not be distributed to participants in hard copy. We invite you to consult the documents online. The Secretariat alone is authorized to distribute documents during the meetings.

- Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be able to type, translate or reproduce documents other than those that have a direct bearing on the meeting.

**ON-SITE FACILITIES**

- A bank with ATM and medical center can be found at the meeting venue.
A restaurant and a self/cafeteria are located within UNESCO Headquarters. There are a number of restaurants and cafés within walking distance of UNESCO.

**ENTRY FORMALITIES FOR FRANCE**

- For citizens of the European Union, a valid passport or identity card is required to enter French territory.
- For citizens of other countries, please contact your nearest French embassy or consulate for detailed information.
- In reason of the changing situation regarding covid, please see the following link, which describes France's current entry condition and other possible travel issues: [https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19](https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19) We encourage you to stay updated on the current situation when travelling.

**ARRIVAL**

- Participants travelling by air can reach the city by:
  - **Taxi**: from Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (50–60€) and from Orly Airport (30–40€)
  - **Shuttle bus**: from Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (around 13,70€) and from Orly Airport (9,50€)
  - **Train (RER)**: (around 12€)
- Participants are advised to consult their travel agency or airline for all information concerning customs regulations on entering France.

**CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE**

- The national currency is Euro (€). In September 2021, one US dollar was equal to 0.85 €. *(This rate is subject to fluctuation and may be modified without prior warning.)*

**ACCOMMODATION**

- On the next page is a selection of hotels close to UNESCO. **Participants are invited to contact the hotel of their choice directly.** Prices are quoted in Euros and fluctuations are possible. In order to benefit from a preferential rate, if applicable, the reference UNESCO should be given. **Under no condition can the Secretariat be responsible for hotel reservations.**
# List of Hotels Near UNESCO

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