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SECOND MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE - 3 (WCC-3)

GENEVA, Switzerland, 3-5 SEPTEMBER 2008

INFORMATION NOTE

Date and Place

The meeting will take place in the WMO Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 to 5 September 2008, and will be conducted in English only (no interpretation is provided). The meeting will be held in Salle B (ground floor).

Entry requirements

The participants are kindly requested to inquire about entry visas from the respective Consulate or Embassy of Switzerland.

Many participants need official invitation to be sent to the Swiss Embassy in their country. The request should be made in advance and should mention the contact details of the Embassy that should receive the invitation letter, as well as personal data such as date of birth and passport number.

Opening/Closure

The meeting will open on Wednesday 3 September at 09h30 and will end on 5 September 2008.

Documents for the Meeting

It is hoped to distribute most of the documents to participants prior to the meeting. Any further documents will be made available at the time of the meeting.

Accommodation and public transport system

It is suggested that participants select their own lodgings. The following internet site may be consulted for this purpose: http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch

Participants of UN-sponsored meetings are usually given preferential rates. Kindly mention this when making a hotel reservation.

Free passes to public transport system are provided by most hotels to their residents.

Currency

The currency of Switzerland is the Swiss Franc. Euros are also accepted in most commercial establishments. For the exchange rate, please get the latest information from your own country/bank.

Most restaurants and bigger shopping centres accept credit cards (Visa, Master ++) but the smaller shops and the transportation system expect you to pay cash. (Tax is already included).

Telephone - Telefax

The general telephone number of the WMO Secretariat is: (+41 22) 730 81 11.

Telefax messages may be addressed to participants through the WMO Secretariat. The telefax number of the Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, Climate and Water Department is: (+41 22) 730 80 42.

Local weather

Information on the climate of Geneva for September is below:

Mean minimum temperature	10.3°C
Mean maximum temperature	+20.8°C
Mean total precipitation (mm)	70