

Information for Participants

The seventh Conference of the Parties by UNEP/CMS and the Second Meeting of the Parties by UNEP/AEWA will take place in the *International Congress Centre Bundeshaus* in Görresstrasse Number 15, Entrance 2A, 53113 Bonn, Germany. It is a conference venue with special historical significance. It's where The *Bundestag* or German parliament used to meet until it moved to the new capital Berlin in the summer of 1999.

Venue

International Congress Centre **Bundeshaus**
Görresstrasse Number 15, Entrance 2A
53113 Bonn, Germany

Registration and Identification Badges

For the Scientific Council:

Registration will commence on
Friday, 13 September 2002 from **16:00 to 18:00 p.m.** and will continue on
Saturday, 14 September 2002 from **8:00 to 9:30 a.m.**

For CMS COP 7

Registration will commence on
Tuesday, 17 September 2002 from **8:30 a.m. to 18:00 p.m.** and will continue on
Wednesday, 18 September 2002 from **8:30 a.m. to 18:00 a.m.**, until
Thursday, 19 September 2002 from **8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

For AEWA MOP 2

During the CMS COP 7 registration dates as mentioned above or on:
Tuesday, 24 September 2002 from **8.30 a.m. to 18.00 a.m.** and
Wednesday, 25 September 2002 from **8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.**

Based on the received and fully completed pre-registration forms from participants, badges will be handed over at the registration desk. For security reasons, the display of name badges is necessary for admittance to the *International Congress Centre Bundeshaus* as well as to the conference premises. Participants are reminded to bring and present their own personal identification (passport or other official document) when entering the *International Congress Centre Bundeshaus*.

Information pertaining to room allocations for the plenary, working groups and any other side-meetings will be available at the meeting. **Participants are reminded that they should wear their badges at all times during the meeting.**

Public Transport

With the badge you will also be allowed to use public transport in Bonn, for the time of the conference.

Documents

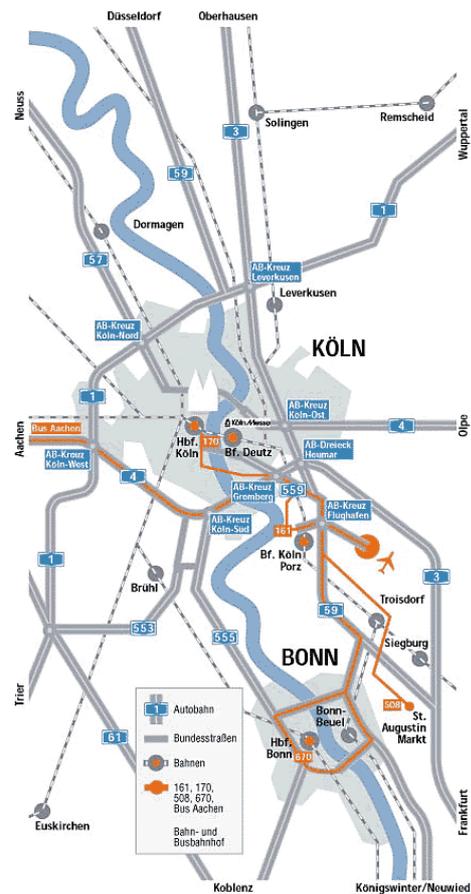
Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their copies of the documents, as they will only be available in Bonn in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

Access to Bonn

There are good connections to Bonn from the three international airports Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt.

Cologne/Bonn airport

The *Cologne/Bonn airport* is 20 km from downtown. There is a shuttle service (No. 670) leaving every 20 minutes from the airport to Bonn main station. It takes approx. 30 minutes. The cost is € 4,80. Tickets can be bought on the bus, from the driver, or from a vending machine (accepting only €). The bus-stop (**line 670**) is sign posted in front of the airport building.



Rates are as follows:

Bus:	One way trip
Köln/Bonn to Bonn Downtown (30 min. to main train station and main bus stop)	€ 4,80
Taxis:	
Köln/Bonn to Bonn Downtown	approx. €35 to €40

Düsseldorf airport

The train journey from Düsseldorf Airport to Bonn main station is approx. 1 hour 10 min and costs between €12,40 and €20,60, depending on the type of train you choose to travel with.

Frankfurt airport

The train journey from Frankfurt airport to Bonn main station is approx. 1 hour 45 min and costs between €25,40 and €32,60, depending on the type of train you choose to travel with.

Main station to Bundeshaus

From the main train station in Bonn, the International Congress Centre (*Bundeshaus*) can be reached by Underground (U-Bahn), lines 16, 63 and 66, travelling approx. 10 minutes in the direction of *Bad Godesberg*, *Bad Honnef* and *Königswinter*. Get off the tram at the “*Heussallee/Museumsmeile*”. There is a signpost indicating the way to the *Bundeshaus* along the street “*Heussallee*” in the direction of the Rhine. The second street on the left at the end of *Heussallee* is “*Görresstrasse*”, where the International Congress Centre *Bundeshaus* is situated.



The first ticket for the Underground can be bought in advance in the Underground precinct at the main railway station and from vending machines at the stops or in the trams. A one-way fare to the Congress Centre costs €1,90.

For further information on how to get from the airport to other destinations within Bonn by public transport consult the following site:

<http://www.airport-cgn.de/index_e.html>

see: Navigator

- Car rental
- Train and Bus

↳ Busses from the airport

City: Köln: Stop: airport

Destination: City: Bonn,

Stop: Name of Busstop of Hotel/ or
“BUNDESHAUS” or “Hauptbahnhof” (main train
station)

Services to Delegates

There will be a business centre for the Delegates that will provide Internet-PC and, on a commercial basis, photocopying, fax telephones.

Restaurant/Catering

Within the Conference Center there is a restaurant and snack bar which will be open during conference times.

Pigeon Holes

Delegates who wish to leave messages for other participants are requested to use the pigeon holes located at the document Distribution Counter located in the Conference centre’s main foyer.

Bonn Information Desk

In the lobby of the conference Centre will be an Info-Counter for information about the city of Bonn and the region, information about public transport, tours and event tickets.

Hotel Information

The company Tourismus & Congress GmbH, Bonn will take care of hotel reservations. Please use the attached form “Hotel reservation” (Annex I) indicating the title of the meeting “CMS/AEWA Meetings, Bonn”: Special requirements should be mentioned, such as placing delegations in the same accommodation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. For further details please phone: + 49-(0)180-500 33 65, + 49-(0)228-910 410 or fax: + 49-(0)228-910 41 77 or e-mail:congress@tcbonn.de. The final reservation should be made in writing by fax or e-mail. Also see: www.bonn-region.de.

Visas

Early contact with the consular authorities of the Government of Germany is strongly advised to allow sufficient time for a visa to be issued, as appropriate, before departure for Bonn. To facilitate the issuance of a visa, a copy of this notification should be attached to the visa request. Latest information on visa procedure including a list of relevant German missions are available on the website of the German Foreign Office www.auswaertiges-amt.de. under: Welcome to Germany : Entry requirements: Visa regulations

Side Events/Workshops

On 20 and 21 September there will be a GROMS training workshop organised by the Center of Development research, University of Bonn. Please find detailed information on the attached leaflet.

Currency

The official currency is the EURO (€). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the United States dollar stands at approximately €1,13 for one United States dollar.

Bank / Credit Cards:

A branch of the Sparkasse Bonn is at the Hermann Ehlers Strasse Number 20, which is the extension of Heussallee. The opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30-13:00h

They exchange all usual Travellers Cheques. The cash dispenser can be used around the clock, and accepts the following cards: EC Card, Eurocard/MasterCard and Visa.

The participants will also find a large number of banks throughout the city that accept all the usual credit cards.

Time Zone

Bonn is UTC (GMT) + 2 hours.

Official Language

The official language in Germany is German. However, English is widely spoken in hotels and restaurants.

Safety

Bonn is a safe city. However normal travel precautions should be taken for personal security and safety of valuables.

Weather

The month of September is late summer, early autumn season. The weather varies from rainy to sunny and it might get windy at times. Temperatures fluctuate between 15 to 22 °C during daytime.

Electricity

230 volts, 50 Hertz.

Social events

There will be a Dinner-Reception on Friday 20 September on invitation of the German Government and the City of Bonn.

Notes for the disabled

There is full access for wheel chairs via elevator to the conference centre.

Medical Services

There will be medical facilities within the conference area adequate for first aid.

Emergency

Phone numbers in cases of emergency

Police	110
Fireworkers, Ambulance	112

Shopping

Shops usually open between 8 and 10 a.m. and close around 7 p.m., downtown around 8 p.m. There are some petrol stations where you can buy most basic things 24hrs a day.

To avoid any inconvenience, check whether they accept credit cards, if you want to make payment by this.