

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Informal briefing from the Secretariat on follow up to the decision to hold the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC74), Lyon (France), 7 - 11 March 2022

12:30-15:30 (Geneva time), 14 December 2021

AIDE-MEMOIRE

1. Welcome by the Secretary-General and the SC Chair

The Secretary-General, Ivonne Higuero, and the Chair of the Standing Committee (SC Chair), represented by Carolina Caceres, welcomed all Members and alternate Members of the Standing Committee and also welcomed the potential host country, France, as an observer. The Secretary-General explained that the purpose of the informal briefing was to ensure that the SC Chair has a clear understanding of the views of Members and alternate Members, prior to deciding on the time and place of the meeting as per the Rules of Procedure of the Committee. She emphasized that, since the decision to hold SC74 in France was made in September, the Secretariat has worked very closely with France to ensure that logistical and other preparations for any face-to-face meeting in France were completed. This included a Secretariat delegation visiting the proposed venue in France in mid-October and weekly teleconferences since then. She drew attention to the background risk assessment document (SC2021 Inf. 1, <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/2020-2021/Inf/E-SC2021-Inf-01.pdf>) explaining the background to the briefing, the prospects for a face-to-face meeting in March 2022 and the options for an online meeting if a face-to-face meeting is not possible.

2. Presentation by France of its offer to host SC74

Sylvie Lemmet (French Ambassador for the Environment) announced France's wish to hold SC74 in the city of Lyon between 7 and 11 March 2022 and emphasized the large amount of preparatory work already undertaken. She stressed the full commitment of the French authorities and those of the local authorities in the Metropolis of Lyon to hold a successful meeting. She said that France would draw on its experience of hosting and successfully organizing the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille, France in September 2021. France then made a PowerPoint presentation which is found in Annex 2 (English/French only) to the present aide-memoire.

3. Presentation by the Secretary-General: Background risk assessment document (SC2021 Inf. 1)

The Secretary-General presented information document SC2021 Inf. 1: (<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/2020-2021/Inf/E-SC2021-Inf-01.pdf>) *74th meeting of the Standing Committee: Risk assessment of a face-to-face meeting*. She highlighted the survey of Members and alternate Members undertaken between 11 November and 8 December 2021 which indicated that a quorum could be achieved for face-to-face meeting under current circumstances. With regard to arrangements for an online meeting if a face-to-face meeting could not be held, she said that the Secretariat has drawn on the lessons learnt from organizing the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee (SC73), the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee (AC31) and the 25th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC25) and of the experiences of other multilateral environmental agreements who the Secretariat has consulted.

4. Discussion

Indonesia favoured a face-to-face meeting but suggested that the host country could offer some flexibility concerning any eventual need for quarantine and the cost of any required COVID testing. France noted that a test centre was located near the meeting venue and consideration was being given to providing testing facilities at the venue. France was open to considering other support, depending on what quarantine and testing

requirements applied at the time of the meeting. In view of current national 'COVID pass' requirements, France stressed the desirability for participants to have had a third, booster vaccination and noted that currently face masks would be required in the meeting facility.

Belgium, Israel Japan, Kuwait and Namibia expressed their support for a face-to-face meeting. Morocco and New Zealand also favoured a face-to-face meeting but were currently unsure if they would be able to travel in March.

Israel, Japan and Namibia asked if a hybrid meeting might be considered. France responded that they had not currently budgeted for this scenario and the technical requirements would be very different from a face-to-face meeting. The Secretariat suggested that a hybrid option could be considered in limited circumstances, such as when a whole region risked being unrepresented if they were not able to attend the meeting due to COVID-related restrictions.

Japan was concerned if meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) were also re-scheduled for March 2022. The Secretariat advised that it had already made its counterparts in CBD aware of the dates envisioned for SC74.

Canada and Morocco expressed concern about the feasibility of an online meeting with such a long meeting agenda and New Zealand agreed, adding that consideration should be given to the need for equitable timing for online meetings to ensure that it was not always the same Parties who needed to join at unsocial hours.

Israel asked about the financial risks of a later cancellation of a face-to-face meeting. The Secretary-General noted that unspent funds from 2021 would need to be transferred to the 2022 budget to cover additional costs for the meeting, but that the financial risks for the Secretariat of a late cancellation were limited, as hotel reservations and train tickets could normally be cancelled or refunded without charge. France said that they were aware that they would bear most of the financial risks in the event of any late cancellation of a face-to-face meeting.

5. Conclusions of the SC Chair

The SC Chair concluded that there was unanimous support for proceeding with plans for a face-to-face meeting in Lyon in March 2022. She stressed the strong need for ongoing review of the situation in the coming weeks and the importance of a further review of the prospects for the face-to-face meeting around 1 February 2022 as proposed by the Secretariat in information document SC2021 Inf. 1. She said that if it proves necessary to revert to an online meeting, a shorter and more focused agenda would be needed, and consideration would be given to equitable timing for online sessions. She asked the Secretariat and France to review the possibilities for a hybrid meeting in case the need arose.

6. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked all Members and alternate Members for their participation and France for their generous offer to host SC74. The Secretary-General echoed these thanks and noted that the host country agreement with France was fully negotiated and ready for signature and that registration for the meeting will also open in the coming days. In the circumstances, she appealed to all participants to register early for the meeting. The Secretary-General also announced the appointment of Mr David Morgan as the new Chief of the Science Unit given the retirement of Mr Tom De Meulenaer and that Ms Thea Carroll would be the Officer-in-Charge of the Governing Bodies Unit.

Participant list

| Member/Alternate | |
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| AFRICA | |
| Congo | ABSENT |
| Ethiopia | Daniel Pawlos Anshebo Kumera Wakjira Gameda |
| Morocco | Hayat Mesbah |
| Namibia | Fillemon Iifo Elly Hamunyela |
| Kenya (alternate) | Solomon Kyalo |
| Senegal (alternate) | Abba Sonko Doudou Sow |
| ASIA | |
| China (SC Vice Chair) | FAN Enyuan JI Wei LIAO Jing PING Xiaoge TIAN Shan WANG Jiayu XING Yingchun YAN Yiru ZHAO Zhipeng ZENG Yan |
| Indonesia | Fifin Nopiansyah Awidya Santikajaya. Tika Dewi Atikah Eka Rahmawati |
| Kuwait | Shereefa Al-Salem |
| Republic of Korea (alternate) | Seulki Lee Tae-Kwon Noh Hyerin Yoon |
| Nicaragua (alternate) | René Salvador Castellón |
| Japan (alternate) | Hitoshi Kozaki Akira Osawa Mariko Watanabe |
| CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN | |
| Bahamas | Deandra Delancey-Milfort |
| Honduras | José Julián Suazo Cervantes |
| Peru | Jessica Gálvez-Durand Besnard |
| EUROPE | |
| Belgium | Elke Malfait Miet.Van Looy |
| Israel | Simon Nemtsov Yatir Shamir Ben Rosenberg |
| Poland | Karol Wolnicki Wojciech Piwowarski |
| Russian Federation | ABSENT |
| Georgia (alternate) | Teona Karchava |
| Ireland (alternate) | Orlando Verrecchia |

| NORTH AMERICA | |
|---|---------------------|
| Canada (SC Chair) | Carolina Caceres |
| | Cecilia Loughheed |
| | Marie-Eve Paquet |
| United States of America (alternate) | Pamela Scruggs |
| OCEANIA | |
| New Zealand | Sarah Bagnall |
| Australia (alternate) | Harriet Simes |
| | Rhedyn Ollerenshaw |
| | Susan Cooper |
| DEPOSITARY | |
| Switzerland | Mathias Lörtscher |
| | Robert Baumann |
| | Martin Krebs |
| NEXT HOST COUNTRY | |
| Panama | Carmen Medina |
| HOST COUNTRY FOR SC74 - OBSERVER | |
| France | Jean-Patrick Le Duc |
| | Sylvie Lemmet |
| | Marc Strauss |



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SUD EST DE LA FRANCE SOUTH EAST FRANCE



A Metropolis of 1,4 millions inhabitants, the third Metropolis of France



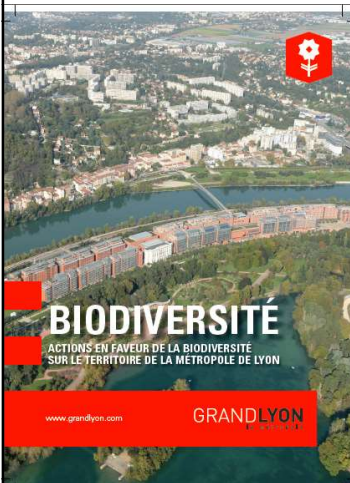
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Falco peregrinus

BIODIVERSITE BIODIVERSITY

Vaulx en velin 1765 species of plants and animals



Iphiclides podalirius



Centaurée de Lyon

Cyanus lugdunensis



Epipactis rhodanensis



Burhinus oedicnemus



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ARRIVER FACILEMENT ACCESSIBLE

UN AEROPORT INTERNATIONAL

Aéroport Lyon Saint Exupéry

99 destinations internationales dont **59** villes Européennes

25 minutes de trajet entre l'aéroport et Lyon en tramway express



BIEN CONNECTE A L'AEROPORT PARIS CHARLES DE GAULLE

10 Trains direct TGV Roissy-Lyon 2H00
Paris airport-Lyon in 2 hours (10 direct trains daily)

BIEN CONNECTE A L'AEROPORT DE GENEVE

13 Trains direct trains Genève Lyon 1H50
Geneva -Lyon in 1 hour 50 mins (13 direct trains daily)

3 gares TGV

Lyon-Paris: 1h55 (23 A/R par jour en semaine)



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SE LOGER

ACCOMMODATION

18,773 chambres/Rooms

Hotel 5*: 654 chambres

Hotels 4*: 4 323 chambres

Hotel 3*: 5 440 chambres



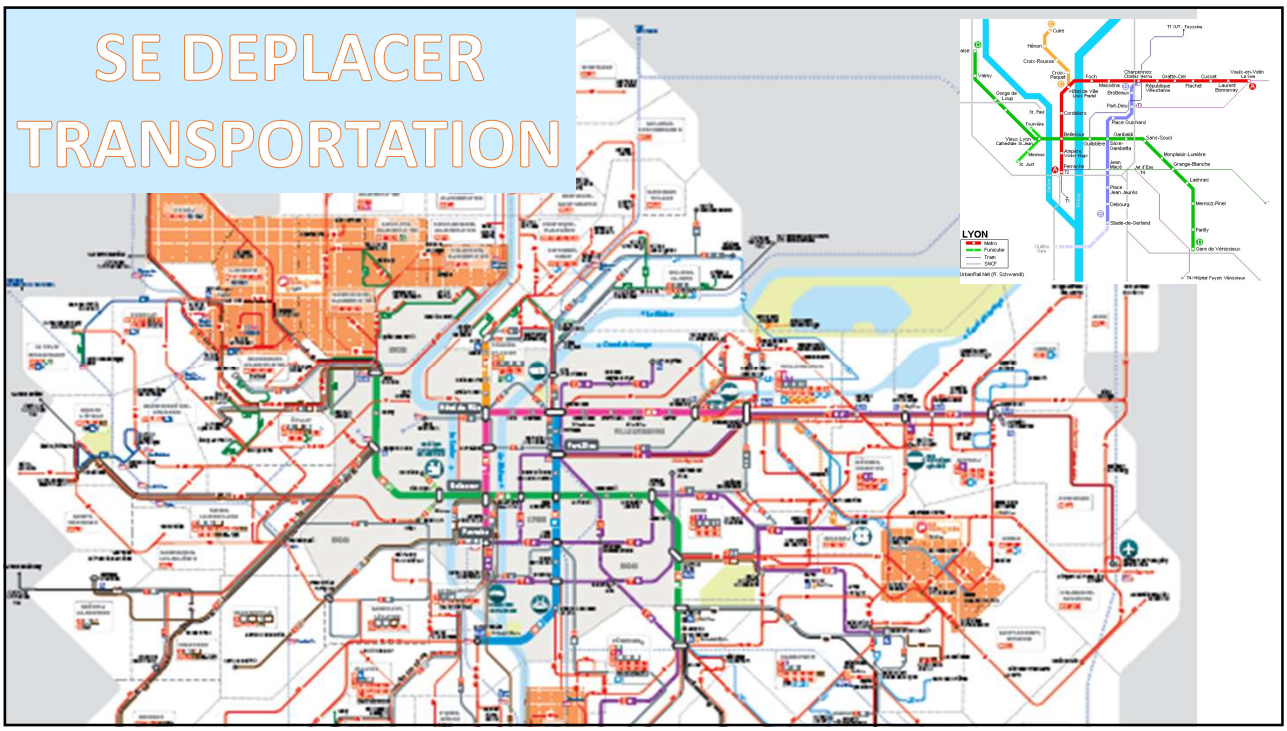
SE RESTAURER

DINING

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restaurants



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SE DETENDRE
RELAXATION

POSSIBLE MAIS PAS APPROPRIE POUR CETTE REUNION
POSSIBLE BUT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS MEETING



TO DATE
TOUTES LES
BOITES DE NUIT
SONT FERMEES
ALL NIGHT CLUBS
ARE CLOSED



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**COMITE PERMANENT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HIPPODROME DE LA SOIE VAULX EN VELIN
SILK RACECOURSE VAULX EN VELIN**

**PAS DE COURSES DURANT LA
REUNION
NO RACES DURING THE MEETING**

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**UNE COOPERATION
A COOPERATION**

**MINISTERE DE LA TRANSITION
ÉCOLOGIQUE ET SOLIDAIRE**

METROPOLE DU GRAND LYON



Liberté • Égalité • Fraternité
RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

MINISTÈRE
DE LA TRANSITION
ÉCOLOGIQUE
ET SOLIDAIRE

GRANDLYON
la métropole

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**ACCES FACILE
EASY ACCESS**

Transport en commun

Tram T3 – Station Vaulx-en-Velin La Soie

Métro A – Station Vaulx-en-Velin La Soie

Rhôneexpress – Station Vaulx-en-Velin La Soie

Bus 52, 67 et 83 – Arrêt Carré de Soie

16, 68 et 100, C8 et C15 – Arrêt Vaulx-en-Velin La Soie

LYON

- Metro
- Funicular
- Tram
- SNCF

UrbanRail.Net (R. Schwandl)

**GARE PRINCIPALE
MAIN TRAIN STATION**

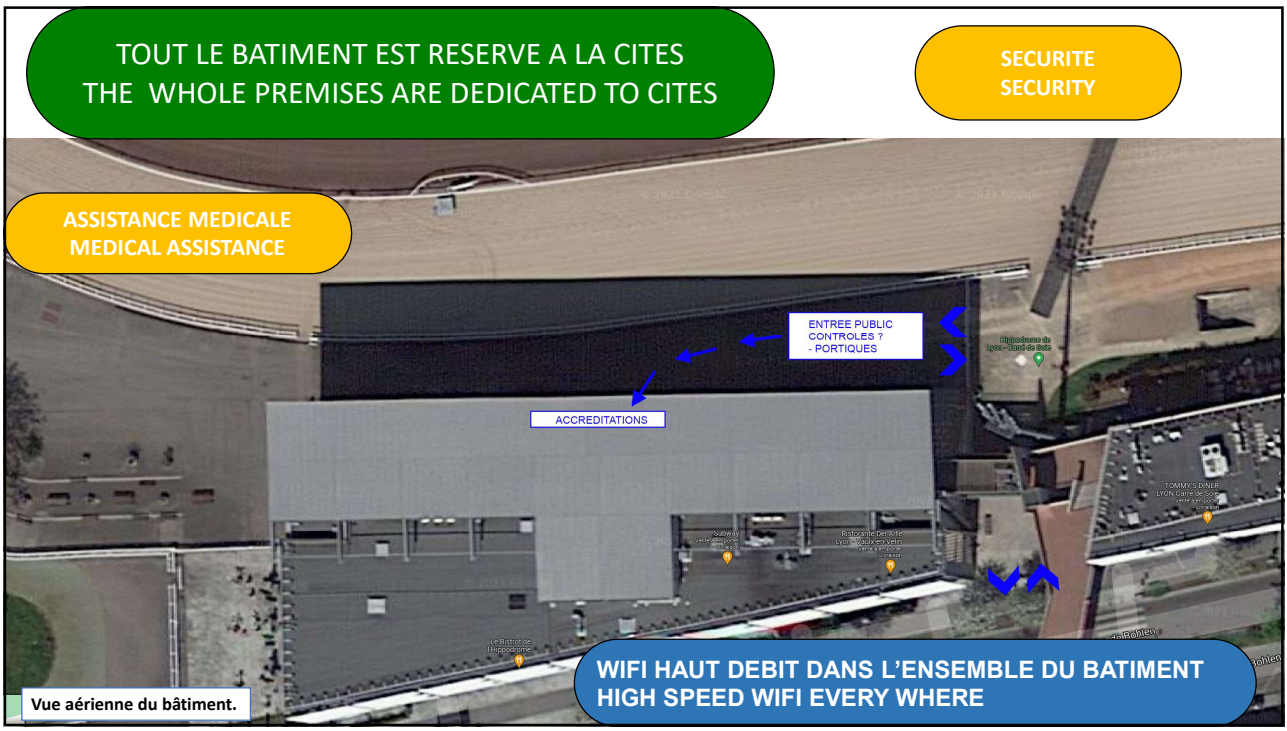
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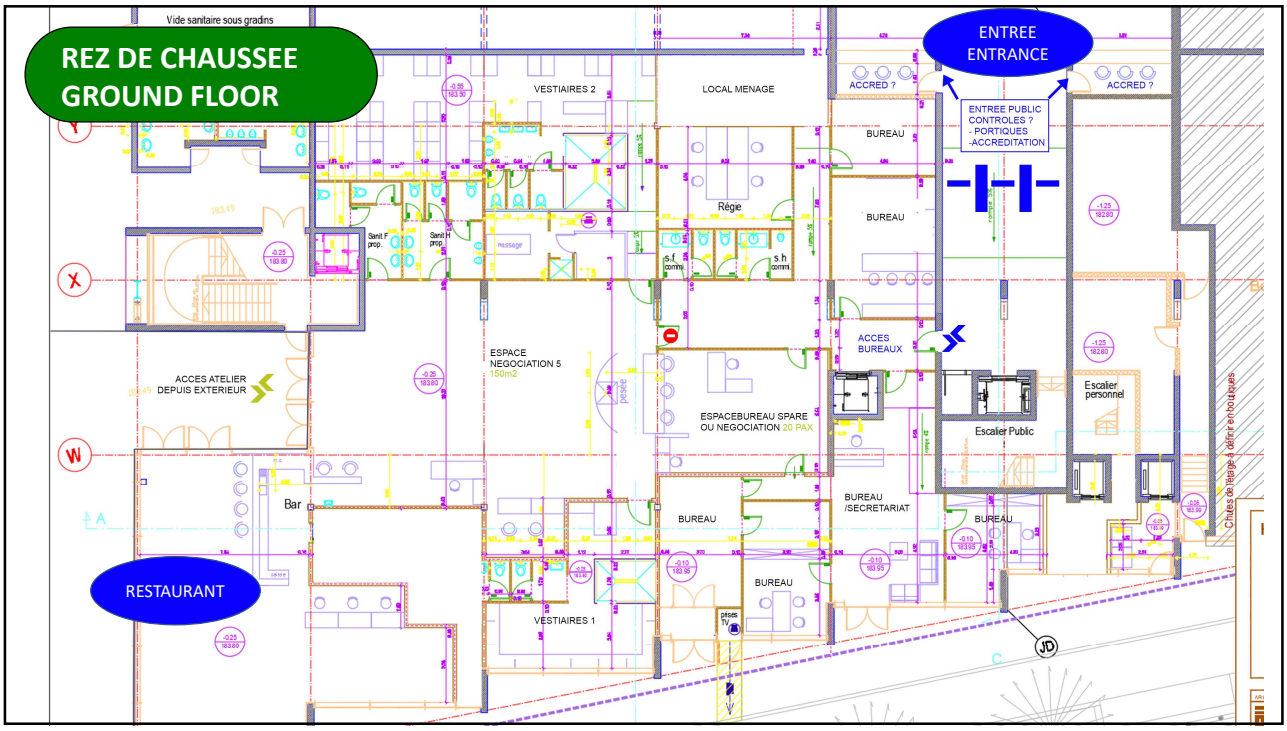
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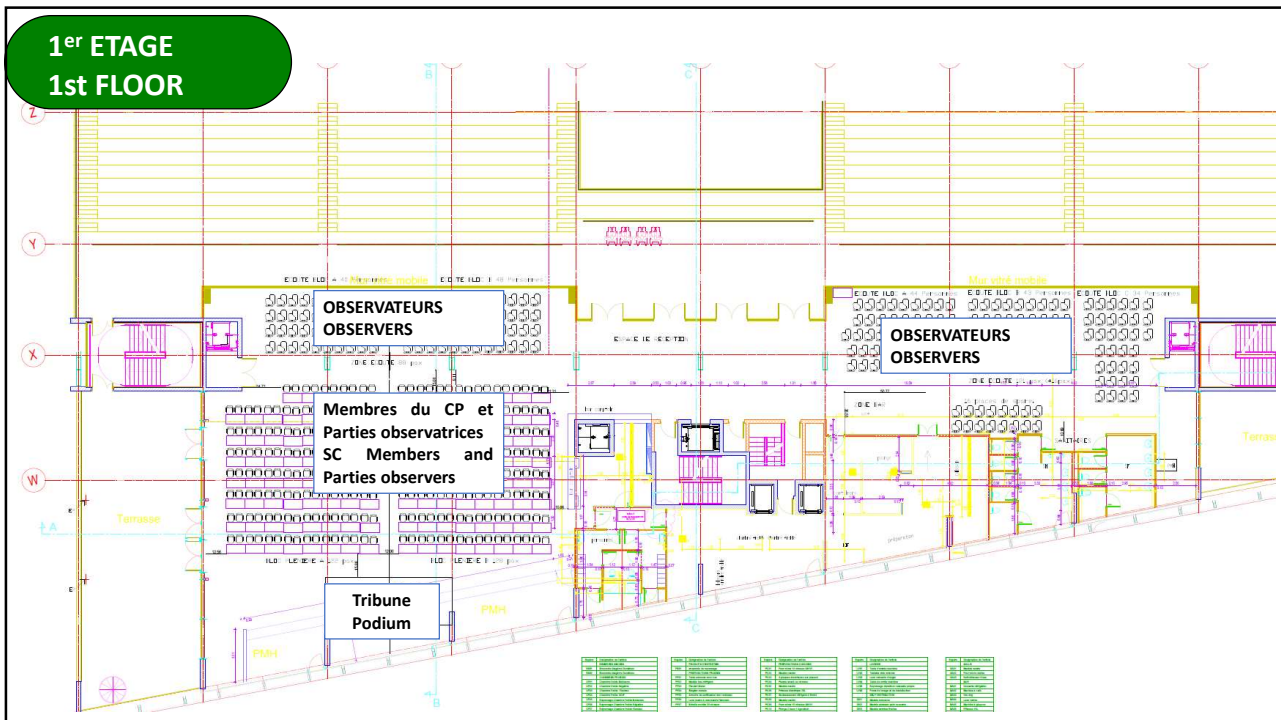
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SALLE DE REUNION EN PLENIERE

PLENARY ROOM

ZONE MEMBRES DU CP ET PARTIES OBSERVATRICES
MEMBERS SC AND PARTIES OBSERVERS AREA

250 PLACES AVEC TABLES ET MICROS
250 SEATS WITH TABLES AND MICROS

ZONE DES OBSERVATEURS OIG
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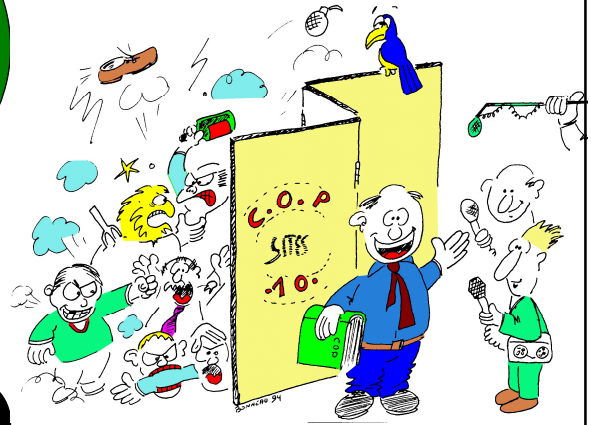
225 chaises avec tablettes, très grands écrans
225 seats with arm desks, hudge screens



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**UNE AMBIANCE DE TRAVAIL
DETENDUE**

**A RELAXED WORKING
ATMOSPHERE**

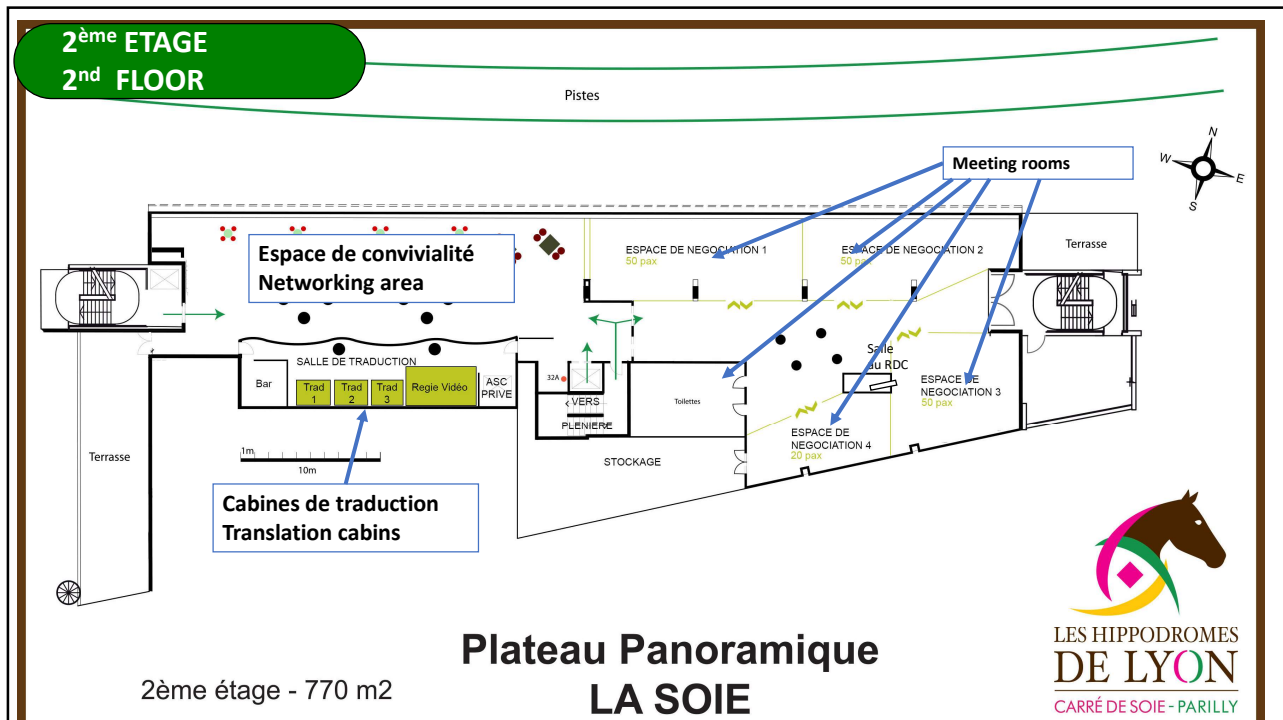


**LUMIERE NATURELLE
NATURAL LIGHTING**

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RESTAURATION POUR LES PARTICIPANTS CATERING FOR PARTICIPANTS

RESTAURANT simple et rapide, ambiance Bistrot
MENU Végétarien, non végétarien et vegan

Pour les petits creux ou manger sur le pouce, un ou deux « corners » proposeront des sandwiches, thé et café

Foodtrucks en bas des tribunes

Les prestataires offrant des produits issus de l'agriculture raisonnée ou de proximité seront privilégiés.

A PROXIMITE
Nombreux restaurants avec cuisine internationale (Italie, grec, chinois, japonais, mexicains,

RESTAURANT quick and simple, Bistrot atmosphere
Vegetarian, non vegetarian and vegan MENU

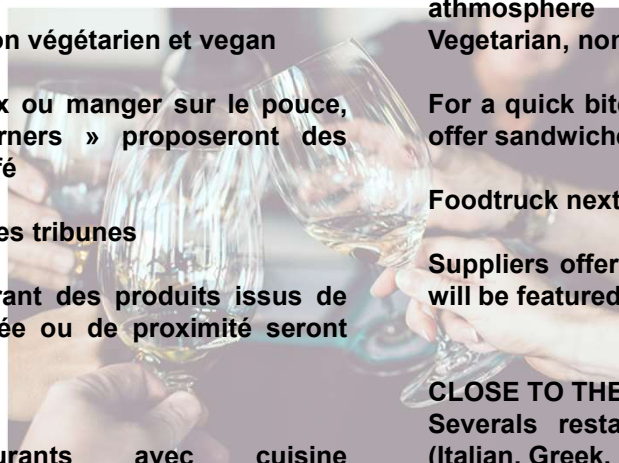
For a quick bite, one or two « corners » will offer sandwiches, tea or coffee /

Foodtruck next to the race track

Suppliers offering organic or local products will be featured

CLOSE TO THE VENUE

Several restaurants international cuisine (Italian, Greek, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican,



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**WELCOME BY
A MINISTER**

**ACCUEIL PAR
UNE MINISTRE**

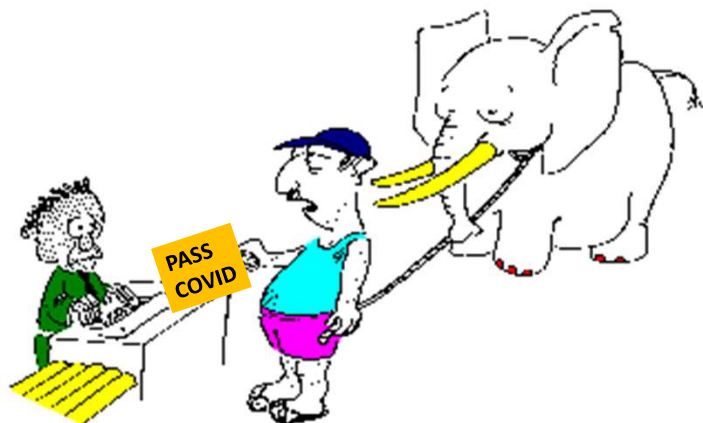


**UNE RECEPTION
POUR LES
PARTICIPANTS**



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COVID



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| ENTREE EN FRANCE ENTRY INTO FRANCE | | | | AUJOUR D'HUI TO DATE | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| With Pass COVID or evidence of vaccin | | | | No COVID Pass or evidence of vaccin | | | |
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| EU | no | no | no | EU | no | yes | no |
| Green | no | yes | no | Green | no | yes | no |
| Orange | no | yes | no | Orange | yes | yes | Yes (7 days) |
| Red | no | yes | no | Red | yes | yes | Yes (10 days) |
| Deep red | yes | yes | Yes (10 days) | Deep red | yes | yes | Yes (10 days) |

Participation au CP est un motif impérieux/ Participation at SC is considered a compelling

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ENTRANCE TO
THE MEETING

AUJOUR D'HUI
AS OF TODAY

COVID PASS
Ou preuve de vaccination
or evidence of vaccination

OU TEST PCR ou ANTIGENIQUE
OR PCR or ANTIGENIC TEST

A TEST LABORATORY 5 mn walk (or may be on site)

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WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU

NOUS VOUS
ATTENDONS
AVEC
IMPATIENCE



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