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Date	Org	Activity	City	Contact
9-20 Apr	OHCHR	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families / 28th session	Geneva	
9-20 Apr	OHCHR	Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards / 10th session	Geneva	
16 Apr	UNECE / GMI	Global Methane Forum: UNECE Coal Mine Methane Seminar The four-hour-long thought-provoking seminar will open with presentations and close with a panel discussion focusing on opportunities to reduce emissions at each step along the coal value chain from upstream extraction, through transportation and consumption. It aims to approach the issue of methane in the coal industry from various perspectives, and explore a potential for reducing emissions along the whole life cycle of coal and power production. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48373	Beanfield / Enercare Center, Toronto, Canada	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
16-17 Apr	UNECE	Workshop on Reporting and Communicating Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47905	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
16-20 Apr	UNCTAD	E-Commerce Week 2018: Development Dimension of Digital Platforms	Geneva	Catherine.huissoud@unctad.org Tel. +41 (0)22 917 55 49 Mob. +41 (0)79 502 43 11
18 Apr	WHO	Malaria Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, London, Dr Tedros attending More info: https://www.chogm2018.org.uk/	London	Saira Stewart Mob:+ 41 795006538 stewarts@who.int
18-19 Apr	UNECE / Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland	International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation” The International Ministerial Conference is aimed at increasing the focus of policy on fostering the role of inland water transport, encouraging countries to maximize the potential of inland waterways and addressing the challenges of sustainable development of mobility with reference to inland water transport. For this purpose, the Ministers will be invited to sign the Ministerial Declaration to endorse the objectives for the next period and propose strategic actions. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47874	Wroclaw, Poland	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
18-19 Apr	UNECE	Second Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47533	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
18-20 April		Expert Meeting on E-commerce and the Digital Economy	Geneva	Catherine Huissoud +41 22 917 55 49 +41 79 502 43 11
18-20 Apr	UNECE	33rd Task Force of the ICP Modelling & Mapping meeting and Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48002	Bern, Switzerland	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org

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18-20 Apr	UNECE	Forest Resource Assessment 2020 Regional Workshop for North America, Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48388	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
19 Apr	UNECE / UNCTAD / ITC	Fostering Effective Trade Logistics in a Digital World Since the beginning of the 1990s, the buying and selling of products and services online, has grown exponentially. As a result, today, most of those with an Internet connection in the developed world, and increasingly in developing countries, would not think twice about conducting and completing personal transactions online. According to www.statista.com , retail e-commerce sales worldwide reached USD 2,304 billion last year, a more than 70% increase since 2014. It is also projected that online sales will almost double in 2021. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48361	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
19 Apr	WHO	Vaccines: Virtual Press Briefing (VPC): 19 April at 4 pm Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization To discuss the findings and recommendations of the meeting taking place from 17-18 April Dr Alejandro Cravioto, Chair SAGE Dr Joachim Hombach, Executive Secretary SA Dr Martin FRIEDE, Director a.i., Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals	Geneva	Fadéla Chaib + 41 22 791 3228 + 41 794755556 chaibf@who.int
19 Apr 19	WTO	Committee on Rules of Origin	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
19-20 Apr	WHO	Universal Health Coverage Third Annual UHC Financing Forum: Greater Equity for Better Health and Financial Protection http://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2017/10/20/third-annual-universal-health-coverage-financing-forum , DG attending	Washington, DC	Fadéla Chaib + 41 22 791 3228 + 41 794755556 chaibf@who.int
19-20 Apr	WMO	South Asian Climate Outlook Forum with monsoon outlook	Pune, India	Clare Nullis cnullis@wmo.int 41797091397
20 Apr	UN	Chinese Language Day		
20 Apr	OHCHR	The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families releases Concluding Observations	Geneva	Julia Gronnevet, jgronnevet@ohchr.org
20 Apr	UNECE	Coordination meeting with international organizations on statistics for SDGs http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47906	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org

20 Apr	UNECE	Block-chain for Trade Facilitation Block-chain is an important technological development, which allows the creation of "original" electronic documents that cannot be copied and whose origin can be guaranteed - without using a trusted third party. It is a transformative technology. Until now, it has been mainly associated with cryptocurrencies (electronic money based on Block-chain technology) but it has also been piloted and implemented in other sectors including in supply-chain management, land registration and the delivery of food aid. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48269	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
20 Apr	WTO	Committee on Import Licensing	Geneva	Jessica Hermosa, +41 (0)22-739 62 13
22 Apr	UN	International Mother Earth Day (A/RES/63/278)		
22 Apr – 11 May	UNECE	International Workshop: Economic Empowerment of Women The <i>Economic Empowerment of Women</i> training program aims at building capacity and provides support, guidance and managerial tools to women entrepreneurs. The participants will be exposed to the various aspects of planning, development, and management of small businesses. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48333	Haifa, Israel	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
23 Apr	UN	World Book and Copyright Day (UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 3.18)		
23 Apr	UN	English Language Day		
23 Apr	UN	Spanish Language Day		
23 Apr	WTO	Council on Customs Valuation	Geneva	Fernando Puchol, +41 (0)22-739 61 75
23Apr	WTO	Committee on Safeguards	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
23 Apr	WTO	Committee on Trade and Development – Session on Aid for Trade	Geneva	Cécile de Gardelle, +41 (0)22-739 55 62
23 Apr – 11 May	OHCHR	95th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Geneva	Julia Gronnevet, jgronnevet@ohchr.org
23 Apr	UNECE / IEC / IECEX / Croatian Standards Institute	2018 IECEX International Conference The Conference builds on the ongoing work of UNECE to prevent, prepare for and adequately respond to risks that may affect lives, livelihood and the environment. Specifically, UNECE has been working since 2008 in close cooperation with IEC and IECEX to increase convergence among international regulatory frameworks in the sector of environments with an explosive atmosphere. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48031	Split, Croatia	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org

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23 Apr	UNECE	UN/CEFACT Conference on Single Window: From Border-Crossing Supporting Documents to legally significant data exchange UN/CEFACT has developed a number of trade facilitation recommendations on Single Window over the past 15 years. The underlying principle of a Single Window, as outlined in Recommendation 33 is to consolidate through a single-entry point, all the regulatory information which is required for merchandise which is crossing the border. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48080	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
23-27 Apr	UNECE	31st UN/CEFACT Forum Priorities at the Forum are: Advancing current projects and domain activities; Ongoing maintenance tasks (such as UN/EDIFACT Data Maintenance Requests); Formulating and approving a series of new projects to be conducted within the framework of the approved programme of work; Continuing liaison and cooperation activities with external organizations (governmental as well as industry and standards consortia); and Advancing UN/CEFACT's current and forthcoming technical framework. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47405	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
23-27 Apr	UNECE	UNECE Resource Management Week 2018 http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47092	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
23-27 Apr	WIPO	Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications Thirty-Ninth Session http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=46435 Webcast: http://www.wipo.int/webcasting/en/?event=SC/39#demand	Geneva	Samar Shamoon (samar.shamoon@wipo.int) Tel: +4179-3324949 Edward Harris Edward.harris@wipo.int Tel: +4179-7772899
24 Apr	WTO	Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
24 Apr	WTO	Committee on Trade and Development	Geneva	Cécile de Gardelle, +41 (0)22-739 55 62

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24 Apr	UNECE	UN/CEFACT Conference on "Internet of Things (IoT)" Over the past years, Internet of Things (IoT) technology has been increasingly in the news with many articles and usage. IoT appears to be an important new development which will allow integration of Internet based technologies into every sphere of life including the area of Trade Facilitation Objective This Conference seeks to establish some clarity and a collective understanding of the potential of IoT technology for supporting trade and trade facilitation as well as the other business and government activities where the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) has projects. http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48078	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
24 Apr	WHO	Launch of WHO public consultation on trans fats guidelines It is a launch of a public consultation on the draft WHO guidelines on saturated and trans fat Virtual Press conference	Geneva	Paul Garwood Mob: +41-796037294 Email: garwoodp@who.int
24-25 Apr	WHO	Pledging conference Syria The second Brussels conference on "Supporting the future of Syria and the region" WHO will be represented	Brussels	Tarik Jasarevic Mob: +41 793 676 214 Tel: +41 22 791 5099 E-mail: jasarevict@who.int
24-27 Apr	UNECE	(WP.29/GRE) Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (79th session) http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46872	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
24-30 Apr	WHO	World Immunization Week 24-30 April 2018 More information here: http://www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week/2018/en/	Worldwide	Hasan Hayatee hasanh@who.int Tel: +41 22 791 21 03 Mob: +41 79 500 6532
25 Apr	WHO	World Malaria Day More information here: http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2018/en/	Worldwide	Saira Stewart Mob:+ 41 795006538 stewarts@who.int
25 Apr	WTO	Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
25 Apr	WTO	Working Group on Trade and Transfer of Technology	Geneva	Ivy Zhang, +41 (0)22-739 52 20
26 Apr	UN	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (A/RES/71/125)		
26 Apr	UN	World Intellectual Property Day [WIPO]		
26 Apr	UNECE	Twentieth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46367	Geneva	Tel.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org

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26 Apr	UNECE	Third Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative (U4SSC) As part of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) are organizing the Third Meeting of the U4SSC Initiative that will be kindly hosted by the City of Malaga on 26 April 2018 in Malaga, Spain http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48087	Malaga, Spain	el.: +41 (0) 22 917 27 27 jean.rodriquez@unece.org
26 Apr	WIPO	World Intellectual Property Day Theme: Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/	Geneva	Samar Shamoon (samar.shamoon@wipo.int) Tel: +4179-3324949 Edward Harris Edward.harris@wipo.int Tel: +4179-7772899
26 Apr	WTO	Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
26 Apr	WTO	Committee on Market Access	Geneva	Fernando Puchol, +41 (0)22-739 61 75
27 Apr	WTO	Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
27 Apr	WTO	Dispute Settlement Body	Geneva	Dan Pruzin, +41 (0)22-739 63 95
30 Apr	UN	"Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon (A/RES/54/115)		
30 Apr	WHO	Air pollution, WHO is launching updates to its latest estimates on levels of both ambient (outdoor) and household air pollution. WHO will launch revised estimates of the burden of disease from both types of air pollution. Virtual press conference 15h Monday 30 April (TBC)	Geneva	Nada Osseiran Tel: +4122 7914475 Mob: +4179 4451624 Email: osseirann@who.int
30 Apr	WTO	Background information briefing on the WTO	Geneva	Fernando Puchol, +41 (0)22-739 61 75