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# WFUNA'S TRAINING AT THE UN: PROGRAM INFO GUIDE

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UNITED NATIONS, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

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## **WFUNA'S TRAINING AT THE UNITED NATIONS**

### **VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

WFUNA is committed to engaging students in the work of the United Nations. Our program is a training and educational experience that partners with universities and educational institutions and promotes the effective participation of youth in the UN's work with briefings from the various UN agencies and civil society partners. WFUNA's training is a week-long course held in Geneva, New York and Vienna.

### **INFO GUIDE CONTENTS**

This info guide includes information on what to expect and bring to the various sessions, things to do, and how to get around in Vienna. You will find a general itinerary for all training sessions. Please note that all speakers are tentatively confirmed and should an impromptu meeting or situation arise, WFUNA cannot guarantee the presence of any UN speaker or mission staff.

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## I. CONTACTS

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## II. REQUIRED MATERIALS

For the training sessions, you are only required to bring paper and stationary in order to take notes. Computers or reference material apart from this guide might be useful to conduct research into discussed topics but are not mandatory.

## III. BACKGROUND READING

Please note that you will be tested on the content of the reading list. An understanding of the topics included in the reading list will be essential to understand and participate actively in all the sessions.

### **The United Nations Office at Vienna**

<http://www.unvienna.org/unov/index.html>

### **International Atomic Energy Agency**

IAE Work: <https://www.iaea.org/ourwork>

IAE Bulletin, By Yukiya Amano, Director General, IAE: *Combating climate change: how nuclear science and technology are making a difference*

<https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/publications/magazines/bulletin/bull56-2/5620101.pdf>

IAE Bulletin, By Yukiya Amano, Director General of IAE: *Decommissioning and remediation: enhancing safety of the public and the environment*

<https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/publications/magazines/bulletin/bull57-1/5710101-foreword.pdf>

### **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**

About OPEC: [http://www.opec.org/opec\\_web/en/about\\_us/24.htm](http://www.opec.org/opec_web/en/about_us/24.htm)

OPEC and non-OPEC oil-producing countries re-affirm commitment to unity, full cohesion and market stability through the Declaration of Cooperation (DoC)

[https://www.opec.org/opec\\_web/en/press\\_room/7280.htm](https://www.opec.org/opec_web/en/press_room/7280.htm)

### **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**

What they do: <https://www.unido.org/about-us/who-we-are>

UNIDO Priorities: <https://www.unido.org/our-priorities>

## IV. VENUE INFO

### Getting from the Airport to the City Center

By Train: After entering the Arrivals hall from the baggage claim area, turn right for the City Airport Train, which goes directly to the city center, or left for the ÖBB to Vienna. Go down to level 1 and follow the signs.

Taxi: The taxi stand is in front of the Arrivals hall. Please use the left-hand exit.

### Getting around in Vienna

Vienna has a well-developed public transport network. Buses, trains, trams and underground lines will take you almost anywhere in the city in no time at all. Vienna public transport Wiener Linien operates five underground lines, 29 tram and 90 bus lines, of which 24 are night lines. Night lines only operate between 0.30 am and 5 am. On weekends and public holidays the Vienna underground remains at the service of its passengers all night.

<http://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/tab.do?tabId=0>

Validated tickets can be used for all public transport in the core zone. Tickets are available at ticket machines at most underground stations or at points of advance sale. Tobacconists also sell tickets. You may also purchase a ticket on board the bus or tram at an increased rate of EUR 2.30 per ticket.

Buy tickets online: Wiener Linien Online Shop

<https://shop.wienerlinien.at/index.php/>

### Getting to the Vienna International Center

When arrived in the City Centre with the **CAT (City Airport Train)** at **Landstraße** station, take the underground line **U4** direction **Nußdorf** for one step until **Schwedenplatz** and then take the **underground line U1** in the **direction of Leopoldau** until you reach **Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre** and then follow the signs to **Gate 1 of the VIC**, the main entrance. The VIC is also easy to reach by car via the A22 motorway or from the city centre via the Reichsbrücke. Buses may park in the side street off Wagramer Strasse and in the car park beside Gate 2. The VIC is accessible to people with disabilities.

Public Transports Map: <http://www.unvienna.org/images/wienerLinien.jpg>



### Security at the United Nations office at Vienna.

For access to the United Nations office at Vienna, please bring your Passport with you (students cards or driving license is not considered as valid ID). Also, please complete and print the Conference Registration Form attached to this information package.

It is strongly advised that visitors do not carry metal objects in their bags, rucksacks, briefcases etc. as these objects will trigger the alarm as they pass through the metal-detector resulting in delays in accessing the building. Unruly behavior will be reported to the police and visits may be cancelled at short notice. Please also note that the dress code at the UN requires that visitors to the buildings do not wear shorts.



## V. GENERAL INFO

### Dress Code

Dress code for all training sessions is smart/business casual. Please do not wear jeans for any of the training days. Casual dress is fine for all the extracurricular activities. Also bring comfortable shoes for the weekend activities.

### Weather

Average temperatures in summer 25°C (77°F) and in winter 2°C (36°F).

### Electricity

Voltage 220 / 240 volts

### Languages

Official language: German

Other languages spoken: English, French

### Security Checks and Safety

For briefing sessions, participants will have to go through security. Please leave large bags and backpacks in your hotel room.

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Vienna is generally a safe city but requires your attention concerning your personal belongings. **Keep bags closed and within view at all times**, even in public transportation.

The roads and streets can be narrow: pay attention to the traffic, which can be dense in the city center, as well as to the trams that will not stop for you on the zebra crossings. When crossing the road, be careful be on a zebra crossing and wait for the green light for pedestrians to appear on the other side of the road.

#### **Austrian emergency contacts**

Ambulance: + 144

Police: +113

Firemen: +122

International Number for emergency: +112

#### **Opening hours**

Most shops in Vienna open Monday to Friday between 6am and 9am and close around 18.00pm although many may choose to close earlier.

Don't save up your shopping until Sunday, since almost all of the shops are closed and you will be limited to just a handful of small, expensive gift stores in hotel receptions.

#### **Banking**

We recommend currency exchange take place at the airport prior to flying out from China or at arrival in Vienna. There are ATMs available in the city center.

#### **Exchange Offices: Open: 8am-5pm (Monday to Friday).**

Regus Wien	Interchange (Austria) GmbH	The Change Group
Vienna Stock Exchange,	Stephansplatz 9,	Wechselstuben GmbH
Schottenring 16,	1010 Wien, Austria	Neuer Markt 2,
1010 Wien, Austria		1010 Wien, Austria

#### **Meals**

Opening hours: 9.00pm - 18.00pm

Most stores do not stay open past 5.00pm on weekdays, until 18.00 on Saturdays and are closed on Sundays.

#### **Tipping**

Prices in hotels, restaurants, taxi fares, etc. do not include fees in the total bill. The waiters/waitress will expect around 10% tips.

#### **Wifi**

The City of Vienna has set up free Wifi internet access which is available in almost all parts of town.

## **VI. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES**

#### **Vienna City Card:**

More than 210 discounts at museums and sights, theatres and concerts, in shops, cafés, restaurants, the 'Heurige' wine tavern, and free travel on Vienna's public

transport system for 48 or 72 hours - with the benefit card for just €21.90 / €24.90. The ÖAMTC and its 17 partner clubs tested sixteen European city cards for the first time in 2012: with a successful first place for the Vienna Card!

More information: <http://ow.ly/Lj6O300mytc>

### Coffeehouses in the Old City

You can find dozens of traditional cafés in Vienna's Old City. Here you will encounter Viennese coffee house culture in its most original form.

- Coffea Central

Herrengasse/Strauchgasse, 1010 Wien

[www.cafecentral-wien.at](http://www.cafecentral-wien.at) +43 1 533 37 6324

- Demel K. & K. Hofzuckerbäckerei Saint Peter's Cathedral

Kohlmarkt 14 , 1010 Wien [www.demel.at](http://www.demel.at) +43 1 535 17 17 0

### Schönbrunn Palace

Schönbrunn Palace (Schloss Schönbrunn)

Schönbrunner Schlosstraße, 1130 Wien

[www.schoenbrunn.at](http://www.schoenbrunn.at) +43 1 811 13 239



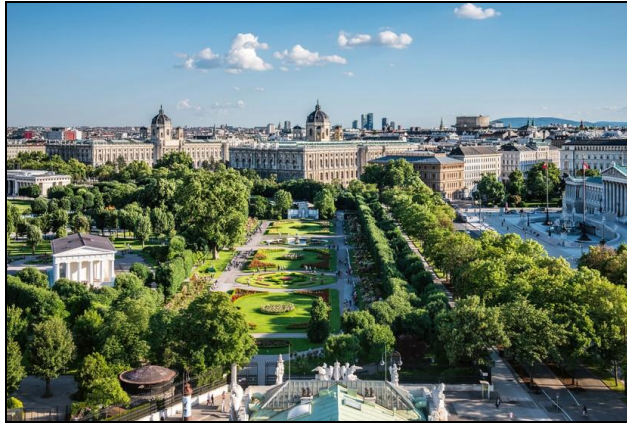
Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the imperial family, is one of Europe's most impressive Baroque palace complexes. The land had been in the possession of the Habsburgs since 1569, when the wife of Emperor Ferdinand II had a summer residence built there in 1642, which she called "Schönbrunn". The palace and garden complex built here from 1696, after the Turkish occupation, was redesigned from the ground up by Maria Theresia after 1743. For most of the year, the Habsburgs resided in the countless chambers that a large imperial family needed in addition to the formal state rooms.

Spend an entire day at Schönbrunn: visit the show rooms with a "Grand Tour with Audio Guide," admire the splendid Bergl Rooms, and stroll through the "Labyrinth."

Opening times: Daily 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



### Vienna's Ringstrasse



Vienna's Ringstrasse is 5.3 kilometers long. Long enough to provide space for numerous monumental buildings, which were built during the period of Historicism in the 1860s to 1890s. Today, the buildings that stand there – from the Vienna State Opera to the Museum of Fine Arts – are among the most important sights in the city of Vienna. The construction of Vienna's Ringstrasse was a masterpiece in terms of urban planning. Building works lasted for more than half a century. Today the Ringstrasse is the most beautiful boulevard in the world. Master builders such as Theophil von Hansen, Karl Freiherr von Hasenauer, Gottfried Semper, Heinrich von Ferstel, and Friedrich von Schmidt shaped the image of the Ringstrasse. At the end of the 19th century, following the time of the Ringstrasse architecture, came Viennese Art Nouveau, which turned away from the ostentatious pomp and splendor.

### The Giant Ferris Wheel and its Square

Ferris Wheel Square

Riesenradplatz, Prater, 1020 Wien

[www.riesenradplatz.at](http://www.riesenradplatz.at) +43 1 908 11 16 – 3000

Opening Times: May to September Daily 9 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.



The Giant Ferris Wheel is open year round and is one of the most frequented attractions in the Danube metropolis. Ferris Wheel Square was redesigned in



2008. Now this entrance to the Prater amusement park is a nostalgic theme world reminiscent of the Prater in the year 1900.

The traditional city inn "Eisvogel" has returned to the Prater and offers award-winning Viennese cuisine. After its inaugural opening in 1805, the inn and its tasteful, sophisticated offering gradually rose to become a Viennese institution. Even today, the kitchen chefs hold fast to the qualities of yesteryear. Thus the menu is missing neither the classic Vienna schnitzel nor the imaginatively served yeast dumpling. The local foods are creatively dished up with a decent portion of "Viennese charm".

### **St. Stephen's Cathedral**

St. Stephen's Cathedral (Stephansdom)

Stephansplatz, 1010 Wien

[www.stephanskirche.at](http://www.stephanskirche.at) +43 1 515 52 3054

Monday - Saturday, 06:00 - 22:00

Sunday, 07:00 - 22:00



St. Stephen's Cathedral is the symbol of Vienna. Construction commenced in the 12th century. Today, it is one of the most important Gothic structures in Austria.

St. Stephen's Cathedral is 107.2 meters long and 34.2 meters wide. It has four towers. The tallest of these is the south tower at 136.44 meters. The tower room, from which there is a gigantic view across Vienna, is reached via 343 steps. A total of 13 bells hang here. However, the best-known bell of St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Pummerin, is located in the 68.3 meter-tall north tower. It is the second-biggest free-swinging chimed church bell in Europe. On the roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, colorful roof tiles were laid to create the Royal and Imperial double-headed eagle and the coat of arms of the city of Vienna. The interior of St. Stephen's Cathedral was changed again and again over the centuries, right through to the Baroque period.

### **Belvedere**

Belvedere Palace (Schloss Belvedere)

Prinz-Eugen-Straße 27 , 1030 Wien

[www.belvedere.at](http://www.belvedere.at) +43 1 79 5570

Opening times: Daily 10.00-18.00



See Gustav Klimt's legendary painting "The Kiss" as well as major works by Schiele and Kokoschka for yourself. You'll be delighted by the magnificent baroque palace complex and its extensive gardens. Prince Eugene of Savoy (1663-1736), successful general and art connoisseur, had Belvedere garden palace built by Johann Lukas von Hildebrandt as his summer residence – at the time it was still outside the gates of the city.

This baroque architectural jewel consists of two palaces (Upper and Lower Belvedere), which today house Austrian art from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Upper Belvedere - world's largest Klimt collection

At the heart of the collections at the Belvedere are the works of Gustav Klimt with his golden paintings "The Kiss" and "Judith". The masterpieces by Schiele and Kokoschka as well as works of French Impressionism and highlights of the Vienna Biedermeier era (Waldmüller, Amerling, Fendi) that you will see here are every bit as impressive as the paintings of Makart, Boeckl, Wotruba, Hausner, Hundertwasser and others.

### **Leopold Museum**

Leopold Museum

Museumsplatz 1 ,1070 Wien

[www.leopoldmuseum.org](http://www.leopoldmuseum.org) +43 1 525 70 0

Opening times: Daily 10.00-18.00

Hundreds of masterworks of Austrian modern art collected by the passionate art lover Dr. Rudolf Leopold are shown in the Leopold Museum at MuseumsQuartier near the Imperial Palace.

The Leopold Museum is a unique treasure-trove of Viennese art nouveau, the Vienna Workshop and of the Expressionist period. As the most-visited museum in the most fashionable cultural place in the city, the MuseumsQuartier, it houses the most important and largest Egon Schiele collection in the world as well as masterpieces by the founder of the Vienna Secession movement, Gustav Klimt. In addition, the Leopold Museum is also showing exhibits of the Vienna Workshop from Josef Hofmann to Koloman Moser, which are considered to be unique artworks of international design history.

### **Kunst Haus Wien**

Museum Hundertwasser

Untere Weißgerberstraße 13 , 1030 Wien

[www.kunsthausewien.com](http://www.kunsthausewien.com)

Opening Times: Daily, 10:00 - 18:00

The museum designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser houses the world's only permanent exhibition of the visionary artist and is dedicated to the discipline of contemporary photography.

The museum designed by the artist and "green visionary" Friedensreich Hundertwasser is located in the 3rd district and was opened in 1991. Not far away is the Hundertwasserhaus, a residential house with a colorfully decorated façade, which has become a real crowd-puller. In 2015, the Kunst Haus Wien repositioned itself as a "green museum" with a focus - entirely in the spirit of Hundertwasser - on current environmental topics and opened additional exhibition spaces: "Galerie" and "Garage" serve as places of discourse for young artists.