Information for Participants in the 2020 CAP Workshop in Geneva, Switzerland

The 2020 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop, 29-30 September, is hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). A CAP Train the Trainers session is all day on 28 September. The CAP Workshop and the CAP training session will be in the ITU Headquarters, Rue de Varembé 2, 1202 Genève, Switzerland.

Anyone interested in emergency alerting is welcome and there is no charge to participate.

Switzerland Entry Requirements
Travelers to Switzerland must check their specific entry requirements which vary by nationality. This site provides information on entry into Switzerland, recognised travel documents and visa requirements by country. If you do need a visa, be sure to apply for the visa as early as possible.

Lodging Convenient to the Workshop Venue
There are many lodging options convenient to the workshop venue. In addition to a range of hotels, there are bed & breakfast and other lodgings.

Transportation to Workshop Venue
Public transportation, including buses and trams, is excellent in Geneva. The closest stations to ITU Headquarters are: Varembé (127 meters, 2 min walk), Sismondi (168 meters, 3 min walk), and Nations (197 meters, 3 min walk).

Money, Electricity, and Internet Access
Currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The electrical current in Switzerland is 230V, 50Hz. Swiss sockets are recessed and hexagon-shaped (pictured right). They usually accept the Euro plug. Wireless Internet access is available in the Workshop venue.

Participants Must Inform the Program Committee
Persons attending the events must inform the Program Committee by e-mail to Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com. A final List of Participants will be posted at the workshop website.

Press Coverage
Members of the Press are expected to so identify and to indicate their affiliations on their name badges. Materials posted on the workshop website are freely accessible and things said or presented during the Workshop can be used as background, but the Press is to obtain permission from the source before publishing attributed quotes.

Technical Meeting in English without Interpretation, Credentials Not Required
The CAP Workshop events are technical meetings conducted in English without interpretation. They are meetings among experts who participate by virtue of their expertise and interest, rather than as official delegates. Accordingly, credentials are not required, although to facilitate discussions participants are asked to identify their organizational affiliations.

Presentations and Topics of Discussion
An information flyer provides an overview of the events, including presentations and discussion topics. The CAP Implementation Workshop agenda is organized by the Program Committee, representing the host and the five co-sponsors: IAEM (Beth Armstrong), IFRC (Jessica Ports Robbins), OASIS (Elysa Jones), ITU (Maritza Delgado), and WMO (Miriam Andrioli). Materials for the Workshop are posted on the workshop website.

CAP "Train the Trainers" session
On 28 September, in the same venue (the ITU Headquarters Building), a CAP Train the Trainers session will be held. The training will cover: the basics of CAP and how it serves interoperability; getting and displaying CAP alerts from alerting authorities and aggregators; making and validating CAP; and, disseminating CAP via traditional methods, the Internet, and new media. Lessons can be downloaded from here in English. Prior to this training, participants are encouraged to complete the online CAP Basics course.